

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (16th January, 2022)
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Thought on Synodality: "Whenever we attempt to read the signs of the times it is helpful to listen to young people and the elderly. Both represent a source of hope for every people. The elderly bring with them memory and the wisdom of experience, which warns us not to foolishly repeat our past mistakes. Young people call us to renewed and expansive hope, for they represent new directions for humanity and open us up to the future, lest we cling to a nostalgia for structures and customs which are no longer life-giving in today's world.
Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, 108)
Please pray for our parish and diocese as we begin the Synodal Process during the next few weeks

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| Saturday 15th January St. Ita (virgin) | St. Patrick's | 11.00am Funeral Mass: Annie O'Neill (Sheskinshule) 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Peter Leo McCullagh (4 th Anniversary) |
| Sunday 16th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] | Our Lady of Wayside | 11.30am Mass |
| Tuesday 18th January | St. Patrick's | 9.30am Mass |
| Wednesday 19th January | St. Patrick's | 2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration |
| Thursday 20th January St. Fabian (pope and martyr) and St. Sebastian (martyr) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) | St. Patrick's | 7.30pm Mass: Eileen Carson (10 th Anniversary) |
| Saturday 22nd January St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Rosella McCrory (1 st Anniversary) |
| Sunday 23rd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] | St. Patrick's | 11.30am Mass: Bernard McLaughlin (5 th Anniversary) |

Weekly Collection: £1,185 *Thank you for your generosity*

Baptism Dates for February

Saturday 5th February at 3.00pm (Greencastle) Sunday 6th February at 12.30pm (Broughderg)
 Sunday 13th February at 12.30pm (Greencastle)

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Annie O'Neill (Sheskinshule)** who died this week and for the souls of **Gerry McCrory (5^{2nd})**, **Peter Leo McCullagh (4th)** and **Eileen Carson (10th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11.00am to 3.00pm
Tel: (028) 8164 8203 **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com
All bookings to be done through the Parish Office please

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:

With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we need you now. Every child deserves to have a happy, loving and safe home where they'll feel cared for, valued and supported.
 It's always the right time for fostering.
 Call us on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
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Next Week's Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 • Psalm 18:8-10, 15, R/ • John 6:63 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 • Lectionary 1:841 **Sunday [Year C]** • **Weekday [Year 1]**

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| Saturday 15th January | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm | Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South |
| Sunday 16th January | Our Lady of Wayside | 11.30am | Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy |
| Saturday 22nd January | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm | Sheskinshule, Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy |
| Sunday 23rd January | St. Patrick's | 11.30am | Teebane East, Aughascribba, Muninamale, Aughminacroy, Alworries, Coneyglen |
| Saturday 29th January | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm | Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South |
| Sunday 30th January | Our Lady of Wayside | 11.30am | Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy |

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Weekly Zoom Meeting: Thursday evenings at 6.30pm for Hymns, Prayers of thanksgiving, Scripture and Prayers of intercession. Meeting credentials are as follows remain the same every week:
Meeting ID: 753 1929 5586 **Passcode:** PRAYER1

Catholic Schools Week – Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full: Sunday 23rd to Sunday 30th January
 During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. To launch it in our diocese, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Thursday 20th January at 10.00am via the webcam at steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html
There is a national resource pack with ideas to help schools and parishes celebrate this week, it is available online at catholicschools.ie/catholicschoolsweek2022/L

Holy Trinity College – Virtual Open Evening: Primary 6 and 7 pupils and parents are invited to join with them Thursday 20th January at 7.00pm (it can be accessed via the holytrinitycollege.org or Facebook
 Appointments to visit can be booked via the Holy Trinity College Facebook page
To learn more call (028) 8676 2420 Friday 21st January between 10.00am and 12.00pm

Children in Crossfire Advent Appeal: It would be much appreciated if you could kindly return your donations for this year's Advent Appeal focussing on the suffering children in Ethiopia.
Please bring your Donation Envelopes along with your Parish Envelopes and leave in the usual places, thanks

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 17th January – St. Anthony (abbot) 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.

Thursday 20th January – St. Fabian (pope and martyr) Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250.
St. Sebastian (martyr) May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

Friday 21st January – St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) Patron saint of those seeking chastity and purity. She is also the patron saint of young girls and girl scouts.

Saturday 22nd January – St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

- The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
- The hour of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the signs that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
- Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?