

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "More than ever before in our history, we need a new kind of personal and social fuel. Not fear, but love. Not prejudice, but openness. Not supremacy, but service. Not inferiority, but equality. Not resentment, but reconciliation. Not isolation, but connection. Not the spirit of hostility, but the holy Spirit of hospitality." *Brian McLaren*

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon</b> Wedding Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: John and Mae Coyle (6 <sup>th</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Nellie O'Brien (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**There will be NO MASS from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Adoration will continue Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jimmy Daly (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Parish Anniversary Notices:** Any further anniversary notices for the next two weekend's masses (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August) should be left with the mass celebrant before the mass. Any notices left on the parish phone, email and at the Parochial House after this weekend may not be picked up for reading out at mass. *Thank you for your cooperation*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **John (6<sup>th</sup>) and Mae (4<sup>th</sup>) Coyle** and **Nellie O'Brien (4<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur now and all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours.

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £660      **Peter's Pence:** £590      *Thank you or your generosity*

**STEPS (Suicide – Talking – Education – Preventing – Support), Draperstown:** The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our lives. Many of us are facing challenges that can be stressful, overwhelming, and cause strong emotions in adults and children. We have always been community led, so we want to hear your voices.  
*Please complete our survey by visiting forms.gle/RbnrsB5JsVGq2zqL6 before the closing date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12.00pm to help us support you*

**Giving Thanks for Summer**  
 Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Amen*

**The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the Lough Shore:** Open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Several info boards highlight features of particular interest. *Leaflets available at Visitors Centre*  
**Guided Walk Experience:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July with Mass outdoors weather permitting.  
*Further dates for late August and early September will follow*  
 For bookings and further info email info@loughderg.org or call 0(0353) 71 9861518  
 loughderg.org      Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

**Next Week's Readings:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 • Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18, R/ v 16 • Ephesians 4:1-6  
 John 6:1-15 • Lectionary 1:780      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Townland Mass Rota**

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Teebane East, Aughminacrorry, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Formil
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacrorry, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

**Red Cross:** Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.  
*Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011*

**The Deep End – Take a Break:** *Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)*

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**Preparing Our Parishes for the Future:** As we journey through these summer months where for many the pace of life slows down a little we have an opportunity as the Parishes of Greencastle and Badoney Lower to reflect on our future direction and needs.

Over these next few weeks we will share some thoughts from various church sources on the challenges we face. We begin with the new Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Dermot Farrell where the challenges are especially pronounced, he said, "[The Laity] constitute the vast majority of the people of God. Indeed, as St. John Henry Newman, remarked perceptively, 'The Church would seem foolish without them'."

Leadership in the Church is not about telling people what to do, it is about promoting co-responsibility and overcoming the mindset which runs the risk of relegating the baptised to a subordinate role, effectively keeping them on the edges of Church life.

That is what we mean by a synodal Church – a church on the way with each other. The very first place synodality is expressed is at parish level. If it doesn't happen in the parish, it will not happen at all." Food for thought as our parishes face our own challenges in the very near future.

With challenge comes opportunity so let us face them together with trust and confidence in the Lord.  
*Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*