

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year B] (21st November, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "Time is running out. This occasion must not be wasted, lest we have to face God's judgement for our failure to be faithful stewards of the world he has entrusted to our care."
Pope Francis on COP26 to the Catholics of Scotland

Saturday 20th November	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Patricia McFarlane (1 st Anniv.)
Sunday 21st November	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass: Peter McCaffrey (8 th Anniv.)

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There will be NO MASS from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th November
Adoration will continue Wednesday 24th November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 27th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Michael McCullagh (16 th Anniv.)
Sunday 28th November	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass

First Sunday of Advent [Year C]

COLLECTIONS Weekly: £945 • **Retired Priests:** £200 • **Trócaire Emergency Appeal:** £615 *Thank you*

Baptism Dates for December:
 Saturday 4th December at 3.00pm (Greencastle) Sunday 5th December at 12.30pm (Broughderg)
 Sunday 12th December at 12.30pm (Greencastle)

Baptism: We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of **Sáerlaith Jane Conway** who was welcomed into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 14th November in St. Patrick's.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Susanna Myles McCullagh (1st), Patricia McFarlane (1st), Eamon McAleer (2nd), Annie Tracey (9th), Brian O'Neill (22nd), Vincent Toner, Rose McCrory and Michael Gillen (33rd)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society, **Fr. Patsy Mullan, Jimmy Coyle, Laurence McCrory and Francis Cahill.** We also pray for all our deceased loved ones who we remember in November.

Greencastle Parish Seating Arrangements (December 2021)
 Over the course of the past weeks we have been turning our attention to putting in place new arrangements for seating in our churches for mass. It had been our hope that from the first weekend of December we could gradually return to more normal arrangements and plans to that effect were circulated to members of various parish committees for their observations. However, it has become apparent that in the present circumstances with the pandemic, that will not be possible. We will keep those plans in hand for a more appropriate time. In the meantime things stay as they are. Please just check December's Townland rota.
 In early December we will share our Christmas arrangements. In the meantime, though we are all weary, let us together try to do what we can to improve the situation in the wider community regarding transmission and continue as the vast, vast majority have done to wear masks while at church services.
 May God guide all who have decisions to take and strengthen all who may be suffering at this time.
 St. Patrick pray for us. Mary, help of Christians pray for us. *Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

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

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, R/ v 1 • 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 • Lectionary 1:8 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

For the time being the **Townland Mass Rota** will continue until it's deemed safe to return to full church congregations. Thank you for your cooperation and patience through this very difficult period for everyone.

Saturday 20th November	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Sunday 21st November	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Teebane East, Aughhminacrory, Aughascribba Road, Muninamale
Saturday 27th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Sunday 28th November	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South

Album Launch – From the Hearthstone, by Ciara Fox: Thursday 2nd December at 8.00pm in the Strule Arts Centre.
For more details and to book visit struleartscentre.co.uk/show/ciara-fox-album-launch

Owenkillew Credit Union Ltd. – Annual General Meeting: Thursday 25th November at 8.00pm sharp in Greencastle office. Numbers will be very limited as per current Covid-19 guidelines. There will be no draw.
Seats may be booked by calling 07759 540 477 on or before Tuesday 23rd November

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: A terrible hunger crisis is raging across East Africa, driven by escalating climate change, conflict, swarms of desert locusts and Covid. Over 30 million children, women and men are being pushed into starvation. People and their livestock are dying. Without emergency food and aid, many more won't survive. Lives depend on our ability to reach them.

South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and the state of South Kordofan in Sudan especially are being brought to their knees by sparse and delayed average rainfalls which are the result of climate change. A grim third wave of Covid and regional conflict are making matters worse.

Yet, with your help it is not too late to reduce tragic loss of life and ease suffering. The Irish Bishops Conference has agreed for an emergency collection to take place in all parishes throughout the month of November.

Our parish's emergency collection will support Trócaire's work in the countries of East Africa and in nearby countries similarly affected, and rush urgent food, water, and lifesaving aid to people who desperately need your love now.

Please help if you can. Trócaire are rushing emergency food and aid into devastated communities to keep people alive and working with tireless local church groups to do all we can. Please support this appeal by placing an envelope marked 'Trócaire Emergency Appeal' along with your parish envelope and leave it in the usual places.

Many thanks in advance for your support

CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER **St. Patrick's:** Alice Keenan • Anne Donnelly • Brigid Conway
Our Lady of Wayside: Anne McDermott Tish Myles McElduff • Rachel Devine • Shauna McGurk • Niamh Tracey

Greencastle Community Association – Virtual Bazaar: Sunday 28th November
 Many fantastic prizes including a 43" 4K Smart TV with Alexa, oil and meal vouchers and food and drink hampers
Tickets are £20 and available in Centra, Greencastle or by visiting paypal.me/greencastlecommunity
*Many thanks to the bakers and people who supported our recent **Coffee Morning***

Priory Institute – Online Theology Open Evening:
 Thursday 2nd December at 7.00pm (question and answer time available). For more information or to register:
Website: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com • **Email:** prioryinstitute.com • **Tel:** +353 1 404 8124 • **Cost:** €80
Provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures from the comfort of your own home.

Thornhill Ministries – Advent Oasis Mornings: Saturday 27th November and Saturday 11th December, 11.00am to 12.00pm. Led by Fr. Paschal, each gentle hour helps us touch into the mystery of life and God-with-Us.
To register and for Zoom link call 07736 832 458 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Mary's Meals – Double the Love: Thanks to your support, Mary's Meals are now bringing joy to over 2 million children with a daily meal in their place of education. Our Double the Love campaign runs until Monday 31st January, all donations up to a total of £1.6 million will be matched by a generous group of private donors. Every little act of love will go that little bit further during this period to help us reach the next child waiting, so please consider supporting this campaign and praying for its success. There are many ways to get involved including choosing one of our Mary's Meals gift cards or setting a place at our Big Family Christmas table. *Find out more by visiting marysmeals.org.uk*

Charity Walk in An Creagán: Thank you to all who supported this on Saturday 16th October. £1,600 has now been forwarded to Tara Centre, Omagh and £1,600 to Samaritans, Omagh.