



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

**Solemnity of Christ the King [Year A] (22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020)**

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**Thought for the Week:** "Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still 'illiterate' when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly."

*Pope Francis (Fratelli Tutti, Section 64)*

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Formil
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year A]		Michael Gillen (32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Gortin Parish (YT)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Jacinta Haughey (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Mary McCullagh (53 <sup>rd</sup> ), Eddie McCullagh (34 <sup>th</sup> ) (Anniv.)
St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs)		
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration
		<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	YouTube	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	YouTube	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	YouTube	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
First Sunday of Advent [Year B]		

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £1,385 • **Retired Priests:** £485      *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Susanna 'Myles' McCullagh (Sheskinshule)** who died this week. We also pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Charlie McCullagh (Armagh)** and **Bridget Conway** who were enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society and **Jacinta Haughey (2<sup>nd</sup>)**, **Mary McCullagh (53<sup>rd</sup>)**, **Eddie McCullagh (34<sup>th</sup>)**, **Peter McCaffrey (7<sup>th</sup>)**, **Vincent Toner (37<sup>th</sup>)** and **Brian O'Neill (21<sup>st</sup>)** and for all our deceased relatives and friends who we remember this month and all who have died due to Covid-19.      *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord*

**Box of Remembrance:** Instead of the usual Book of Remembrance at the front of each church there will be a box into which you can place the names of your deceased loved one on a piece of paper or envelope. The deceased will be prayed for at all masses during the month of November.      *Please do not place any money in these boxes*

**Return of Parish Envelopes:** Sadly, our churches will be closed for Public Mass from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. During this closedown please continue to return your envelopes to the Parochial House, St. Patrick's Church Sacristy Post Box and Broughderg Post Office.

*Please continue to remember the special collections in your box and the Parish Graveyards Collection*

**Remembrance Walk:** This weekend's Walk and prayer from St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle to Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg and back in memory of our deceased loved ones is postponed until next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm.

**Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom:** Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December, beginning at 8.00pm, a 3-session mini-retreat during Advent that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr. Billy Swan, St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy.

*To take part email thehookoffaith@gmail.com to get the Zoom link • Come and join us to prepare for Christmas*

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1 • Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/ v 4 • 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37 • Lectionary 1:5      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**The Deep End – A Different Sort of King:** *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

*In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love. St. John of the Cross*

**Plenary Indulgences:** Bishop McKeown has asked to bring this link from the Vatican to your attention regarding the November Plenary Indulgences and their conditions during this pandemic:

[vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html](http://vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html)

**Graveyard Collection:** During this month of November we remember and pray for our faithful departed especially those buried in our parish cemeteries. During the summer for the Blessing of the Graves we were unable to have our usual in person collection for the upkeep of our graveyards. Therefore, this month you are encouraged to drop an envelope marked 'Graveyard Collection' in the usual places before or after mass, the mailbox at the St. Patrick's Church Sacristy, the Parochial House or Broughderg Post Office.

*You may also wish to use any unused Parish Envelopes for this purpose and mark it 'Graveyard Collection'*

**Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal:** Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life.

*View the series at [derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday](http://derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday)*

**Lough Derg November Memorial Service for Deceased Pilgrims and Benefactors**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm via live webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo.

To enrol a loved one email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call (00353) 71 9861518

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**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit [barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://barnardos.org.uk/foster)*

**Prayer Resources and Activities for Families in November:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. For the mid-term break there is a 'World Drawing God Day', which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum.

*To view all the available resources, visit [catecheticalcentre.org](http://catecheticalcentre.org)*

**Dún Uladh – First Live-streamed Concert:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 8.30pm with the amazing Brid Harper, Darren Breslin and PJ McDonald. Tickets are available now at [dunuladh.ie](http://dunuladh.ie) and the concert will be streamed via online link.

*For more info call the centre on (028) 8224 2777 or e-mail [info@dunuladh.ie](mailto:info@dunuladh.ie)*

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