



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



Pentecost Sunday [Year A] (31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020)

**Thought for Pentecost:** "More than once we have asked ourselves what the greatest needs of the Church are . . . what is the primary and ultimate need of our beloved and holy Church? We must say it with holy fear because as you know, this concerns the mystery of the Church, her life: this need is the Spirit . . . the Church needs her eternal Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, a glance that is prophetic."

(Pope St. Paul VI (General Audience) [Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1972])

### Liturgy Schedule for the Ninth Week of Ordinary Time [Year A] (31<sup>st</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June)

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Facebook Live	<b>12 noon</b> Regina Coeli and Rosary <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> Pentecost Sunday [Year A]	Facebook Live	<b>11.00am</b> Mass (Missa pro Populo) <b>12 noon</b> Regina Coeli and Rosary <b>5.00pm</b> Pentecost Devotions (Trócaire)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> St. Justin (martyr)	Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: John Bradley (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Facebook Live	<b>5.00pm</b> Adoration <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary <b>6.45pm</b> Reflection and Benediction <b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Fan the Flame Mass (St. Eugene's Cathedral) <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> St. Boniface (bishop and martyr)	Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>5.30pm</b> Parish Announcements <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Facebook Live	<b>12 noon</b> Mass for First Communion Class <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: P Joe Clarke (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity Sunday [Year A]	Facebook Live	<b>11.00am</b> Mass (Missa pro Populo) <b>12 noon</b> Angelus and Rosary

**Weekly Collection:** £732

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Remembering our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kenny Conway (Teebane West)** and **Bernadette Gumley (Cavan Town)** sister of Tom, Geraldine and Frank (Maryville) who were buried this week and the souls of **John Bradley (30<sup>th</sup>)**, **Mary Clarke (56<sup>th</sup>)** and **Brendan McLaughlin (47<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and all who have died due to Covid-19

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will be in touch by phone with those in his care on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June between 11.30am and 1.00pm to pray with them. The Parish Community will pray for the sick and housebound during our 10.00am Mass and 6.00pm Rosary on that day.

**First Communion Class of 2020:** A special mass to mark what should have been the First Communion Day for the P4 Children of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will take place through Facebook Live on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon. Please join with us as a Parish and School Community as we pray in solidarity with the children, teachers and parents and in expectation of a full celebration in the future.

**Anniversary Masses and Names:** As mass continues to be celebrated every day from the Parochial House Oratory it is still possible to request a mass for deceased loved ones. The mass can be offered as the intention for each day apart from Sunday which is Missa pro Populo (Mass for the People of the Parish). You can also continue to have the names of the deceased prayed for at the weekend masses and included in the Parish Bulletin Online / Facebook and in the restricted number of printed copies. Call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 or leave a note at the Parochial House or in the new letterbox on the side door of the Sacristy facing the road.

**Pope Francis' Intention for June (please remember this in your personal prayers)**

**Our Families:** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11 • Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, R/ cf v 30 • 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23 • Lectionary 1:601 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Church Reopening:** To date our reopening of the parish churches seems to have gone smoothly. We can happily announce that Our Lady of the Wayside will also open on Fridays. We continue to thank our volunteers for their time and assistance to make this possible. Please also note that from this weekend wipes will be available for use to clean the candle lighters. Please continue to clean seats before and after using the sanitiser spray provided.

St. Patrick's Church (11.00am – 7.00pm every day)

Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am – 7.00pm every Friday to Monday)

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**Fan the Flame Mass 2020:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June was to be our Fan the Flame Mass at Celtic Park, Derry where we come together to celebrate all of the young people in our diocese who have received the sacrament of Confirmation and who are preparing to move to the next stage of their education. Unfortunately, that will not be possible this year. We do hope that these young people will experience the full Fan the Flame in the future as it is such a joy-filled day for all of us. To mark the end of their primary education Bishop McKeown will celebrate the 10.00am Mass in St. Eugene's Cathedral for them that day via the webcam.

[steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html](http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html) and hopefully also shared through our parish Facebook page

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** The visit of the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, St. John the Baptist.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – St. Justin (martyr) [100-165]** An early Christian apologist, regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of the Logos in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Was martyred, alongside some of his students.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – St. Boniface (bishop and martyr)** Anglo-Saxon missionary who propagated Christianity in the Frankish Empire during the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Patron Saint of Germany, the first archbishop of Mainz and the "Apostle of the Germans".

**Community Coordination Hub:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:

**Freephone** 0808 802 0020 **Text** ACTION to 81025 **Email** [covid19@adviceni.net](mailto:covid19@adviceni.net)

Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

**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 courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*