

PARISH OF GREENCASTLE			PARISH BULLETIN			PARISH OF BADONEY LOWER		
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Liturgy Schedule Greencastle						Liturgy Schedule Badoney Lower		
Sat 20 th August	St Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm - Vigil Mass	Sat 20 th August	St Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm - Vigil Mass	Sun 21 st August	St Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am - Mass
Sun 21 st August	Our Lady of the Wayside Broughderg	11.30am - Mass	Mon 22 nd August	Cormac House, Gortin	10.00am - Mass followed by Adoration until 12.30pm	Fri 26 th August	St Patrick's, Gortin	10.00am - Mass
Mon, 22 nd August	St Patrick's, Greencastle	11.00am - Requiem Mass and Burial of Ashes of Jimmy McCullagh (Iowa, USA)	Sat 27 th August	St Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm - Vigil Mass	Sun 28 th August	St Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am - Mass
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Wed 24 th August	St Patrick's, Greencastle	2.00 - 4.00pm - Adoration						
Thurs 25 th August	St Patrick's, Greencastle	10am - Mass						
		6.00pm - Vigil Mass- Anniversary Elizabeth McCullagh(42nd) and Paul McCullagh(12th)						

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD GREENCASTLE- We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Annie McCullagh(32nd). We also pray for the happy repose of the souls of Frank Coyle, Helena Donnelly, Alice Ferrity and Peter Tuohey recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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DERRY DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS- Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep, and you know how to reach their hearts. Give to the people of the diocese of Derry hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit. Speak to the hearts of the faithful men and women of our diocese, that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people as priests, consecrated religious and consecrated virgins. Awaken in them the courage to answer: "Here I am, Lord. Send me." St. Eugene, pray for us. St. Columba, pray for us. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

IRISH SUMMER SCHEME SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS - Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will run an Irish Summer Scheme for secondary school students in Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd August 2022 from 10am-4pm. This will be a free event. For further information please contact gaeilge@fermanaghomagh.com or phone 028 82247831. Places may be booked online at www.struleartscentre.com.

SHORT CATECHISM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS- Why does the virtue of temperance contribute to respect for health? (Catechism of the Catholic Church Section 2290) The virtue of temperance contributes to respect for health, because it disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK- "Reflect carefully on this, for it is so important that I can hardly lay too much stress on it. Fix your eyes on the Crucified and nothing else will be of much importance to you." Saint Teresa of Avila

SAVE THE DATE - DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Saturday 24th September 2022, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2:00 followed by Mass at 3:00, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel from a variety of pick up points. For further information please contact Fr Patrick Lagan at St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - Ecclesiastes 3:17-20, 28-29 Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11, R/cf. v11 Hebrews 12:18-19 Luke 14:1, 7-14 Lectionary 1:900

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD BADONEY LOWER- We remember and pray for the souls of Seamus Brogan, John Warnock, Anne Marie Mossey and Michael Bradley recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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FINAL APPEAL: Gortin St Patricks and Badoney Ladies are celebrating fifty years of Gaelic games in the parish. The club will be running numerous events and information days to mark this important occasion culminating in the Gala to be held in the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran on the 5th November. As part of this celebration the Club hopes to put together a history of Gaelic games in the parish over the past fifty years. A lot of interesting material has already been received however the club wishes to make a final appeal to anyone who has any material such as old photographs, paper cuttings or any information whatsoever relevant to the history of Gaelic games in the parish.

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
For Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
 It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.
 "...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

National Vocations Office: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director
 Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP Merville at pgoh2111@gmail.com
 or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Prayer for the End of the Virus
 Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.
 Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.
 We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.
Amen

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.
To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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Tel: (028) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

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Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome.
 "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.
 You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:
Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)
'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk – Prayer by Telephone
 For those wishing to request confidential prayer call
 00353 42933 1602 between 9.00am and 9.00pm every day
One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you

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*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?
2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door'. Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. Do you ever find that you have lost your enthusiasm for life and become a bit bored? What can you do to recover some of the enthusiasm you once had?

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The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre. *Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk*

What is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne addresses these and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. *More info, enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways*

Drink Wise, Age Well
Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.
Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm First Confession (Greencastle)	Saturday 9th April at 11.00am Confirmation (Greencastle)
Saturday 14th May at 11.00am First Communion (Greencastle)	Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	

2020	PARISH STATISTICS	2021
(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	10 Boys • 7 Girls [17]
(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls	First Communion	7 Boys • 9 Girls [16]
(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	10 Boys • 6 Girls [16]
0 within parish • 1 outside parish	Weddings	5 within parish • 2 outside parish [7]
8	Deaths and Burials	12

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics
17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.
8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people
The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics
7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?
In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025. The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.
Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s
The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:
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Fr. Shields Camogie Club, Greencastle: An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try camogie for the first time or return to the game they love. We welcome all who want to try at the following training sessions:
Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (seniors) Wednesdays, (post-primary, 7.00pm to 8.00pm (U14s and U16s)
Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.10pm (U6s and U7s) *Support will be given to those who have never played before*
We can assist with online registration, sticks and helmets can be provided during training sessions and matches
Add our club page and message us or come on the nights at the above times
[@frshields.greencastle](https://www.facebook.com/frshields.greencastle) or call Kira on +44 7833 4188 50

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration
12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound
3.00pm – 4.00pm Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 23rd August – St. Eugene (Eoghan) Born in the sixth century and was said to have been taken by Pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he studied at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he. Ade a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co Tyrone. Patron saint of the Diocese of Derry.

Wednesday 24th August – St. Bartholomew His name only appears in the list of Apostles in the Synoptic Gospels. He is probably identified with Nathaniel of Cana, whom Philip brings to the Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

Saturday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387] Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Sunday 28th August – St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [354-430] Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron Saint of theologians.