

Parish of Greencastle Parish of Badoney Lower

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Thought for the Week: “Just as the genealogies break off at the end, because Jesus was not begotten by St. Joseph, but was truly born of the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, so it now can be said of us that our true “genealogy” is faith in Jesus, who gives us a new origin, who brings us to birth “from God.”
Pope Benedict XVI (Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives)

GREENCASTLE

Sat. 30th July	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	7.30pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 31st July	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am Mass
Tues. 2nd August	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	9.30am Mass
Wed. 3rd August	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration
Thurs. 4th August	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Mass followed by Confession
Fri. 5th August	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	7.30pm Mass: Gerard Coyle (11 th Anniv.)
Sat. 6th August	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	5.30pm to 5.40pm Confession 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 7th August	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am Mass

Remembering Our Dead (Greencastle): We pray for **Gerard Coyle (11th)** and **Kathleen O'Hagan (28th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and Housebound Visits – Friday 5th August: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care in Greencastle at the usual times and those in his care in Gortin from 10.30am and Rouskey from 2.15pm.
Both parishes Sick and Housebound will be prayed for at Thursday and Friday morning masses this week

Anniversary Requests (Greencastle): Please forward any anniversary requests for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin for the weekends of the 7th, 14th and 21st August by Wednesday 3rd August as 3 bulletins will be prepared and printed this coming week.
If this is missed please hand names to the priest for inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Present Máirtín O'Connor Trio in Concert: Friday 16th September at 8.30pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Tickets can be purchased at £20 each by calling Bridget on 07710 990 616.
Tickets are limited and selling fast • A fantastic concert guaranteed
Congratulations to Lauren and Mia McCullagh on their respective Ulster Titles in the recent Ulster Fleadh. We wish them Luck in the upcoming All Ireland Fleadh

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

Short Catechism Questions – How do we know that Jesus Christ instituted the 7 sacraments?

Catechism of the Catholic Church (section 1114)

We know that Jesus Christ instituted the seven sacraments through:

- 1 The teaching of the Holy Scriptures
 2. The apostolic tradition
 3. The consensus of the Fathers
- The “Fathers” are the holy theologians of the first millennium.

August Rota (Greencastle)	Greencastle (6.00pm Vigil)	Broughderg (11.30am)
Readers	Liz Coneely	Sean Clarke
Prayers of Faithful	Caillin Joe McDonald	Ciataí Warnock
Eucharistic Ministers	Eugene McCullagh	Josephine Clarke
Altar Society	Team Anne	Mary Bradley

BADONEY LOWER

Sat. 30th July	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm Vigil Mass
Sun. 31st July	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am Mass: Sadie McCullagh (1 st Anniv.)
Mon. 1st August	Cormac House, Gortin	10.00am Mass then Adorations until 12.30pm
Fri. 5th August	St. Patrick's, Gortin	10.00am Mass followed by Confession
Sat. 6th August	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm Vigil Mass followed by Confession
Sun. 7th August	St. Mary's Rouskey	9.30am to 9.50am Confession 10.00am Mass

COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £920 Badoney Lower: £1435.10 *Thank you*

Remembering Our Dead (Badoney Lower): We pray for **Sadie McCullagh** whose First Anniversary Mass is celebrated Sunday 31st July in St. Mary's Rouskey.

Anniversary Requests (Badoney Lower): Anniversaries should be phoned to the Parish Office or left in sacristy before mass for inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful of the Mass.

Thank You Patsy: This weekend our Sacristan in Rouskey Patsy McCrory, retires after 33 years of serving the people and parish. No words can express our thanks adequately for his dedication to the church of St. Mary's, Rouskey which he loves so much. He will help over the next month or so in the transition to the team of 3 who have kindly agreed to take up the task. So Patsy, thank you for giving so much of yourself and your time – please enjoy the extra time to be with Kathleen and the family. In the words of the Irish blessing “May you always have walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire.”

Derry Diocesan Vocations Weekend: Anyone interested in studying for the diocesan priesthood is invited to attend a weekend “Come and See” retreat from 26th to 28th August. “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 priest, sister or brother?
If interested email Fr. Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com or the National Vocations Office at info@vocations.ie

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.

August Rota (Badoney)	Gortin (7.30pm Vigil)	Rouskey (10.00am)
Readers	Josephine Keenan	Mairead McGlinchey
Parish Counters	Team B: Gabriel Treanor	
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Keenan	Teresa McCullagh, Marian O'Hagan
Altar Society	Pauline McGoldrick, Anita McConnell, Edel McConnell, Louise Mossey	Ann McNamee, Susan McAleer

Next Week's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9 • Psalm 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 R/ v 12 • Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 • Luke 12: 32-48 • Lectionary 1:891

Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]

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.

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

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

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:
Tel: (028) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

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*

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

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).

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Friday 4th August – St. John Mary Vianney (1786-1859) Often referred to as the "Curé d'Ars" (the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Patron saint of parish priests.

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

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed'. Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans'. Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

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*

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Call us on (028) 7135 1329

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%

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*

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:

With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we need you now.

Every child deserves to have a happy, loving and safe home where they'll feel cared for, valued and supported.

It's always the right time for fostering.

Call us on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
 #HSCNIFosterCare #FosterForYourCommunity #CouldYouFoster

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 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