

<b>Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry</b> Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2010) The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com    Tel: (028) 8164 8474    Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com			
<b>Thank you for your special and generous support for Trocáire and other agencies who are helping the people of Haiti at this time</b> <b>Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week in Ordinary Time (25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010)</b>			
<b>Saturday Evening</b> Do This In Memory Programme	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11:00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Timothy and St. Titus	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Angela Merici	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: (Malachy Coyle – 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>8:00pm</b> Mass	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Aidan (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. John Bosco is not celebrated)	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11:00am</b> Mass	
<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to <b>£1,300. Please support your parish by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you.</b> Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes. Bishop Hegarty's annual stewardship trust fund will be taken on the weekend of 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> January.			
<b>Remembering Our Dead:</b> We pray for <b>Malachy Coyle, John Francis Fox</b> and <b>Mary Kate McAleer</b> whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
<b>Sick and housebound</b> will be attended <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.</b> Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.			
<b>Dean Maguirc College:</b> Open day for Year 7 pupils on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January. Open night for parents and pupils at 7.30pm, the Principal's address will be in the Assembly Hall at 8.30pm.			
<b>Study Theology From Home:</b> The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Tel: 00353 1404 8124/7 or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com">enquiries@prioryinstitute.com</a> Visit our website <a href="http://www.prioryinstitute.com">www.prioryinstitute.com</a>			
<b>Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:</b>			
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Michael McGuigan	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Kathleen Gillen	
Tuesday 25 <sup>st</sup> January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Caroline Clarke	
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b> Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13-13; Luke 4:21-30 Lectionary I, page 845			
<b>Lotto Numbers:</b> 3, 12, 13, 18 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £20 each) <b>Next Jackpot:</b> £1,550			

<b>Serving Our Faith-Community in Greencastle Parish</b>			
<b>Parish Liturgy for 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Rosemary McCullagh	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Offertory Gifts</b>	The family of Jamie Wilkinson	The family of Lauren O'Neill	
<b>Invitation to Tender:</b> We invite competent people for the cleaning of the church roof and exterior at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. Tender documentation can be obtained from <b>The Parish Buildings and Maintenance Committee</b> c/o Fr. Hasson at the Parochial House. Completed forms are to be returned by 12noon on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February.			
<b>Our Lady of the Wayside 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Committee Meeting:</b> This will be held at the Broughderg Community Centre on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January at 8.30pm.			
<b>Do This in Memory of Me:</b> Our First Holy Communion parish programme will continue at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle on Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January. The following date will be the Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm).			
<p>There will be a Mass to celebrate <b>Catholic Schools' Week</b> in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend and concelebrate. The theme for the week is "Catholic Schools - A Light for Every Generation". Representatives from all primary and post-primary schools in the diocese have to be invited to attend this Mass. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us on (028) 7126 4087 or at <a href="http://www.catecheticalcentre.org">www.catecheticalcentre.org</a></p>			
<b>IHCPT Derry Group 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance:</b> To celebrate 30 years of taking young people with special needs on their annual Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes Group 110 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust (The 'Derry' Group) will be holding a celebration dinner dance in the City Hotel on Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February, music provided by the Odyssey band. The group would like to invite anyone who has travelled with us over the years, young people or group carers, their families and all those who have supported and helped us in any way to join us in what should be a great evening to meet old friends and relive memories of some very special times. Tickets will cost £25 and can be obtained from Stephen Browne at 07912500195.			
<b>Parenting Apart - Free 4 Week Programme:</b> Practical advice and guidance on what children need to know, and what parents can do to meet their children's needs. Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Parents Advice Centre (028) 7137 2006 ( <i>funded by Northern Ireland Family Mediation</i> )			
<p>In January 2009, the legacy <b>Northern Health &amp; Social Services Board</b>, now known as the <b>Public Health Agency</b>, invited tenders for a mapping exercise where the aim was to consult across sectors with organisations working with young men on health and personal development based projects. The study was designed to inform the local delivery of Protect Life Strategy targets. The Protect Life Strategy includes a priority target to: '<i>...enhance the coping skills of young males and encourage them to seek help as an alternative to taking their own lives and to develop and implement appropriate personal development programmes for young males</i>'.  The objectives within this are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that targeted outreach programmes for young males, who may be at risk of suicide and self-harm, are available in local communities and in all Health and Social Services Trusts</li> <li>2. Implement a targeted information and awareness campaign for young males, aimed at breaking down the current male culture of not discussing their problems openly</li> <li>3. Enhance the role of the community/voluntary sector concerning the provision of mentoring support for young people at risk of suicide and self-harm.</li> </ol> <p>The objectives of the mapping exercise are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess the progress in the then NHSSB area (Northern area) against government targets in relation to targeting and engaging young men</li> <li>2. Review the evidence base in relation to the effectiveness of interventions and</li> <li>3. To make recommendations for future work.</li> </ol> <p>One of the key principles of the study, and its outworking, centres on the need to build on and add value where possible to work that is already being undertaken with young men in the study area through the range of existing programmes.</p>			

**Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010):** Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

**Continue to pray for the unity of all Christians (Vatican City – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 (VIS)):**

The theme of the papal catechesis in today's audience was *the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, which is currently being celebrated and which, the Holy Father noted, invites us to pray to the Lord for "the visible unity of all Christians", because unity is "first and foremost a gift of God". He then remarked how the theme chosen for this year's Week - "you are witnesses of these things" - raises two questions: "what are these things?" and: "how can we be witnesses of these things?". The answer to the first question is "the mystery of the Passion and the gift of the Resurrection", said the Pope. "By knowing Christ we know the face of God. ... In Christ, the distant God becomes close". As for the second question, he explained that "we can only be witnesses of Christ, ... by knowing Him personally, ... and truly meeting Him in our life of faith, and thus we can contribute to the novelty of the world, to eternal life". "The modern ecumenical movement has undergone such considerable development in the last century as to become an important element in the life of the Church. ... It not only favours fraternal relations between Churches and ecclesial communities, in response to the commandment to love, ... but also stimulates theological research. Furthermore, it involves the real life of Churches and ecclesial communities, with themes that concern pastoral care and sacramental life". "Since Vatican Council II the Catholic Church has forged fraternal relations with all the Churches of the East and ecclesial communities of the West. In particular, with most of them, she has established bilateral theological dialogue that has been able to find points of convergence, even consensus, on various matters, thus strengthening our bonds of communion. Over the last twelvemonth, the various dialogues have made important progress". Turning then to refer specifically to "the study of a crucial theme in dialogue between Catholic and Orthodox: 'the role of the Bishop of Rome in the communion of the Church in the first millennium'", a study which will subsequently "also extend to the second millennium", the Holy Father recalled how he had asked Catholics to pray "for this delicate dialogue which is so essential for the entire ecumenical movement". The Holy Father likewise referred to such events as "the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, which Catholics and Lutherans celebrated together on 31 October 2009", and "the visit to Rome of Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, ... who held discussions on the situation currently facing the Anglican Communion. The joint commitment to continue dialogue is a positive sign, an expression of how intense the desire for unity is, despite the obstacles that stand in its way", said the Pope. And he went on: "Ecumenical work is not a linear process, the old problems that arose in another age lose their importance, giving way to problems and difficulties of our own time. For this reason we must always be willing to accept a process of purification, through which the Lord makes us capable of unity". The Holy Father concluded by asking people "to pray for the complex question of ecumenism, for the promotion of dialogue, and that the Christians of our time may show the world a shared witness of faithfulness to Christ".

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**Camara – Reuse not Recycle:** Camara is an Irish Charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and then sends them to schools in Africa. Camara will be collecting used computers from a centre near you in January. Did you get a new computer for Christmas? What are you doing with your old one? We are constantly looking for computers and need members of the public, companies and government bodies to donate used computers to us. There is a minimum spec but a good rule of thumb is if the computer is under 10 years old and switches on we should be able to reuse it or some part of it.

Minimum specification is Pentium 3, 256 MB RAM, 600Mhz processor, 10GB hard drive.

Please spread the word among family friends and work colleagues.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am – 6.00pm Crescent Link Retail Park, Carr park, Derry (in front of Directory Board near Next and Marks and Spencer)

It costs £50 to refurbish and send a computer to Africa, Any contribution that you give will help.

Camara are now recruiting 50 people from Ireland to teach ICT skills in Africa for 4 weeks in July or August,

Visit [www.camara.ie](http://www.camara.ie) for more information. We have an information Evening for Camara Africa 2010

Programme in Derry Central Library, 35 Foyle Street, Derry, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

Contact Anne Fitzpatrick on (028) 9033 2470 or email [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie).

**Camara** Belfast, Unit 23-24, Townsend Enterprise Park, Belfast BT13 2ES

**This Week's Calendar of Saints:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January – St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) (1567-1622)** Bishop of Geneva and founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists. Not celebrated this year.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1118-1170)** As Archbishop of Canterbury, came in conflict with King Henry II over Church rights. He was killed in his cathedral on this date.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January – St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)** Were close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a patron in causes of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – St. Angela Merici (1474-1540)** Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January – St. Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)** Was born in Italy. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – St. Aidan or Maedoc (Mague)** was born around 550, probably in Co. Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales, and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his 'Lives' testify to his popularity both in Cavan and in Ferns.

**Blessed Margaret Ball** Was imprisoned for teaching Catholicism, harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. The harsh conditions of Dublin Castle wore down this old lady of gentle birth and she died there in 1584.

**Blessed Francis Taylor** Was born in Swords, Co. Dublin, and was elected Mayor of Dublin in 1595 for his Catholic faith he was put in prison for seven years and died of the hardships suffered there on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1621 at the age of 70.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21:**

1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. When have you had a NOW moment of liberation? When has Bible reading been an experience of liberation for you?
3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have I been, or am I, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you? *John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

**Questions people ask:**

Q. This is the year of Gospel of Luke. What is special about Luke?

A. The opening words that each evangelist quotes from Jesus are a good indication of that writer's special insight and purpose. In Luke the first words we hear from the adult Jesus are about the Spirit anointing him for a mission to the poor and those who are generally regarded as less favoured. He is the evangelist of the Holy Spirit. Luke emphasises compassion and mercy. Among those blessed by God are people regarded as outsiders ... sinners, lepers, Samaritans, women, shepherds, tax collectors.

Watch the verbs in Luke as he tells of the gracious actions of God and the prayerful reactions of people.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

**The Deep End – Your Bottom Dollar:**

Gambling is one of our growing problems. You can bet your bottom dollar on that! It's estimated that in 2008 punters risked losing about €3.6 billion in the nation's 1,093 betting shops. That's €300 million more than the previous year. No recession there! This, alarmingly, doesn't include on-course betting, gambling on the National Lottery, or online. Many people relish risk, crave for chance and feed on fickle fate instead of solid faith. For some people there can be nothing odd with the odds when it comes to risk-taking for money. What, in sober moments, most of us would count as throwing money away gung-ho gamblers see as a prelude to a victory parade.

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21) doesn't deal with chance, though there may be some risk later down the road. It presents us with odds-on certainty: the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah in the person of Jesus. He was prophesied as the one who brings news of freedom to captives and those oppressed because the Spirit of God rests on him (4:18-19). In other words, because God is with Jesus he can enable us to live free of addictions, compulsions and false values. It's a totally upbeat prophecy, and indeed Jesus is totally upbeat about it. Question is: are we?

Do we accept Jesus as he who brings us freedom? Or, do we see him as cramping our style? But there's nothing that's moral and legal that we can't do as a Christian that we could do were we not. You can bet your bottom dollar on that too.

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