

BADONEY LOWER GREENCASTLE PARISH PROPOSAL

Following our meetings with the Pastoral Councils of both parishes we can now move forward with some of our proposals.

These are provisional arrangements which will be trialed until January, 2022 when they will be reviewed.

For the next few weeks the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same.

If and when the new schedule is required its commencement will hopefully be announced a week or two in advance.

The following are proposals for different aspects of parish life.

If there is an area of parish life overlooked please bring it to my attention. Contact me at

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As I mentioned at mass recently some of the final conclusions may not be to the liking of all.

All I ask for is your understanding as we work our way through the new situation.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays

St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am

Tuesdays

St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am
(9.30am in Winter Months)

Wednesdays

St. Mary's, Rouskey at 7.30pm

Thursdays

St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am

Fridays

St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am
St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 7.30pm

VIGIL / SUNDAY MASSES

(if required a commencement date will be announced)

Saturday Vigil

St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 6.00pm
St. Patrick's, Gortin at 7.30pm
(With request for Bingo to either change
to 8.30pm or former time of 9.00pm)

Sunday

St. Mary's, Rouskey at 10.00am
Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg at 11.30am

BAPTISMS

First Saturday of Month

St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 3.00pm

First Sunday of Month

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg at 12.30pm

Second Sunday of Month

St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 12.30pm

Third Saturday of Month

St. Patrick's, Gortin at 3.00pm

Third of Sunday Month

St. Mary's, Rouskey at 12.30pm

Fourth Sunday of Month

St. Patrick's, Gortin at 12.30pm

In Greencastle Parish, while the pandemic and social distancing measures are in place townlands will continue to take their turn for mass.

However, there may not be a broadcast Mass every Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday when it is the turn of the Broughderg townlands.

On these occasions mass can be followed from Gortin Parish YouTube Channel at 7.30pm or the previous evening Vigil Mass from St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 6.00pm.

Weekday Masses may change from time to time or be cancelled for particular weeks, especially around holiday times.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

First Friday of every month beginning at 11.00am and 2.15pm

Greencastle, Broughderg, Rouskey

Second Friday of every month beginning at 11.00am

Gortin Village and surrounding townlands

FUNERALS

Weekdays

Remain at 11.00am with any 10.00am Mass
in either parish being cancelled as at present

Sundays

2.00pm in both parishes

MONTH'S MIND AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Priority given to these when booking, can supersede other anniversaries which may be booked

Wednesdays

St Mary's, Rouskey at 7.30pm

Thursdays

St Patrick's, Gortin and / or Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg at 7.30pm

Fridays

St Patrick's Greencastle 7.30pm

Weekends

Month's Mind and First Anniversary Masses may take place at any of the weekend Masses.

The mass intention will be for the happy repose of the soul of the deceased however, Sunday Readings and Prayers of the Faithful are to be used, Parish Choirs (if there is one for that mass) will sing.

Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass is for all the people of the Parish and not a private Family occasion.

It is also proposed that a Parish Secretary is employed for both parishes.

It is expected that this Secretary will be based in Gortin and will be responsible for taking bookings for both parishes for Baptisms, Month's Minds, Anniversary Masses etc. during (yet to be determined) office hours.

The priest will not take bookings as there will be one Parish Diary in the office.

It is envisaged that over time a single bulletin for both parishes will be produced.

Communication will also continue through parish bulletins, the Facebook page and other means of social media as well as through the Parish websites.

A parish website will be developed for Badoney Lower Parish and a newly designed website will be launched for Greencastle in the near future.

An emergency phone number may be made available for both parishes.

In the event of no priest being sent to replace Fr. Forbes the use of the Parochial House in Gortin will need to be reflected upon.

So, once more I ask you to reflect on these proposals.

In the future both training and faith development will hopefully become available for Pastoral Council Members and parishioners in general.

Please also continue to pray for all involved in this process. God bless you all.

Fr. Edward Gallagher PP