



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year B] (1st April, 2012)

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Liturgy Schedule for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum [Year B] (2nd April, 2012 – 8th April, 2012)

Saturday Evening (31st March) <i>Do This In Memory (week 7)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
<i>Penitential Services followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually</i>	St. Patrick's, Greencastle St. Patrick's, Gortin Sacred Heart, Plumbridge	3.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm
Monday 2nd April In Holy Week	St. Patrick's Sacred Heart Church	7.00am Mass then confessions* <i>Sick will be attended</i> 7.30pm Mass then confessions*
Tuesday 3rd April In Holy Week <i>To help us prepare for our Holy Week Ceremonies, the following practices have been arranged at St. Patrick's</i>	St. Patrick's Altar-servers Readers for Holy Thursday Readers for Good Friday Readers for Holy Sat. Vigil	10.00am Mass then confessions* 6.30pm – 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.30pm
Wednesday 4th April In Holy Week <i>Please support 7.30pm – 8.45pm Choir practice in Greencastle</i>	St. Patrick's Sacred Heart Church	10.00am Mass then confessions* 7.30pm Mass then confessions*
<i>*Several priests are available for individual confession</i>		

Easter Triduum

Thursday 5th April Holy Thursday <i>Please feel welcome to spend some time in personal prayer before the 'Altar of Repose' until the Night Prayer</i>	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 11.45pm Night Prayer
Friday 6th April Good Friday <i>Day of Fast and Abstinence**</i> <i>Beginning and ending at St. Patrick's via Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule View and Maryville</i> <i>Please carefully observe Highway Code</i>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6.00pm Public Way of the Cross
Saturday 7th April Holy Saturday	St. Patrick's	10.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday Evening (7th April) Sunday 8th April The Resurrection of the Lord	St. Patrick's St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00pm The Easter Vigil 9.00am Mass: 'Missa Pro Populo' 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£825**.

Clerical Education and Formation Annual Collection: A further contribution of **£50** was made.

****Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence:** It is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, so that the Church, with uplifted heart, will be ready to celebrate the joys on the Sunday of the Resurrection.

The Good Friday retiring collection after the 3.00pm celebration of the Lord's Passion is in response to an appeal to help "our Christian brothers and sisters of the Holy Land who, along with other inhabitants of vast areas of the Middle East, have long aspired after that peace and tranquillity which are still much under threat".

6.00pm Saturday Vigil <u>Saturday 31st March</u> The family of Tyler Gumley	Offertory Gifts Rota Palm Sunday	9.00am Sunday Morning <u>Sunday 1st April</u> The family of Mairead McGlinchey
Easter Triduum (5th – 8th April)		
<u>Saturday 14th April</u> The family of Caitlin Clarke	Second Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 15th April</u> The family of Lucy-Marie McCrory
<u>Saturday 21st April</u> The family of Joseph Warnock	Third Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 22nd April</u> The family of Emma Maguire
<u>Saturday 28th April</u> The family of Niamh Tracey	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 29th April</u> The family of Ronan Hollywood
<u>Saturday 5th May</u> The family of Kieran Mulholland	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 6th May</u> The family of Ryan Gumley
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to the young people *Confirmed in their faith* by Monsignor Bryan McCanny last Thursday evening (29th March). May you continue to grow and mature individually and as members of our Church faith community in every way throughout your lives. Our new-confirmed are
Ciaran Bradley • Rachael Clarke • Aiden Conway • Alannah Coyle • Megan Coyle • Kira Donnelly
Ryan Gumley • Ronan Hollywood • Emma Maguire • Lucy-Marie McCrory • Emma McElermey
Mairead McGlinchey • Aimee McGuigan • Clodagh McKenna • Corey Morris • Leanne Morris
Erin Mulholland • Louise O'Brien • Laura Tuohey • Rachael Tuohey • Orla Warnock
 Thank you to everyone who contributed to making last Thursday such a blessed experience in our parish

As Holy Week begins we Catholics are encouraged to understand the significance of this most important time in the Church year. One of the best ways to do this is to participate in the liturgies of this week.

On **Holy Thursday** we re-enact the washing of the feet – a vivid reminder of Jesus' command to love one another as he loved us. We also hear again the story of the Last Supper, which has special significance for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Good Friday is the most solemn of days. We listen to the story of the passion and death of Jesus and we are invited to venerate the cross.

The Easter Vigil on **Holy Saturday** night is the highlight of all our Easter celebrations, the night when we remember and retell our story from the very beginning. We keep vigil and move from darkness to light; we mark the beginning of new life in resurrection by lighting a new Paschal candle and blessing fresh baptismal water.

Next Sundays Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9; (Lectionary I, page 417) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: E – I – R – S – W (1 person with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £7,200

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Committee Meeting: Tuesday 3rd April at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's. Tickets are available for the annual buffet and dance in The Shepherd's Rest on Friday 20th April.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale for Trócaire: Wednesday 4th April plus the annual 'Easter Bonnet parade'. *Not to be missed*

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (1st – 6th July): A number of people who need medical support and care will be travelling with us. The pilgrimage is in need of doctors, nurses and some care assistants. Because of safeguarding requirements, we are actively seeking personnel to register with us as soon as possible.
Please contact (028) 7126 0293 for further details

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Three Evening Retreats in Preparation for Easter: 7.30pm – 10.00pm on Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April.
An invitation to spend some time in quiet adoration, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attend Mass

Christ Jesus, to welcome you, we need a heart that is quite simple and filled with trust. And we listen when you tell us: "I give you my peace; do not let your hearts be troubled."
Prayer in March newsletter from Taizé

Trócaire: Please empty your Trócaire boxes and reduce to the smallest denomination. Make returns on Holy Thursday evening in the special envelope that was in the package you received at the beginning of Lent. The humanitarian mission of Trócaire is to contribute to the saving of lives, the alleviation of suffering, and the protection of human dignity. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.

Missionary: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African Continent.

It touched my heart to see a world of so much suffering, all the suffering, sadness and poverty of human existence; but also to see how State and Church work together to help those who suffer. ... It is, I believe, evident that by helping the suffering man becomes more human, the world becomes more human.

Pope Benedict XVI en route back from Africa (Monday 23rd March, 2009)

Some practical suggestions for Lent: There are many ways to keep a good Lent – here are a few: + try to abstain from a particular food or pleasure + do something extra, like attending the Monday evening Reflections in Greencastle or visiting the sick + spend some time reflecting on your own baptism...asking God to renew the gifts you have already received + take part in penitential services and Station of the Cross + whatever you do or give up, do it with joy and moderation.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: Sunday 22nd April. Bishop Lagan will celebrate. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 1116

How to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012):

Call the IEC2012 Booking offices on (01) 2981122 | Book Online on the website at iec2012.ie/registration

Download a paper booking form from the Congress website and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14

Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. **BOOK NOW!**

Date of Easter: At the Council of Nicea in 325 the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday 8th April, 2012 is the feast of Easter.

Special invitation to Young People to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: Young people from 17 to 25 years of age from all across Ireland are invited to celebrate their faith at this summer's International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (from 10-16 June) in an event that is being described as one of the most ambitious youth ministry programmes ever presented in this country. 'Go! Be Church!' is the name of the Youth Programme, where around 2,500 young people will gather and experience a lively and international Church while rediscovering the meaning of communion. Come and participate in this event with workshops, dramas, interactive catechesis, concerts, social activities, games, art, fun and much more! Booking is required and youth can register as individuals or groups on www.iec2012.ie/registration. For more information on the youth programme go to www.iec2012.ie/youth. **Liturgical Music for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 announced:** The musical repertoire for each of the liturgies of the Congress from 10th June to 17th June has now been released. The goal of the music programme for IEC2012 is to encourage the entire assembly to participate as fully as possible in the liturgies of the week. A core choir will lead the music each day with the participation of many others gathered in the RDS and, on the final day, in Croke Park. We hope to involve choirs and singers from all Ireland. It is important for choirs to register for the Congress as soon as possible if you wish to sing in the Congress liturgies as part of the massed choirs. We suggest that you register as a group, giving your choir name as the group name and send an email to our offices. To book for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/registrations or call 01 2981122. To download the music for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/music

20th Anniversary Tour: A very special Fr. Liam Lawton 20th Anniversary Concert will be held at Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, on Wednesday 9th May. Tickets are on sale from the theatre directly or box office at (028) 8224 7831 or (048) 8224 7831. Also online through struleartscentre.co.uk

For more info available from liamlawton.com

International Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee has received a very positive response over the past year to the request by Bishop Hegarty for the promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in all the parishes of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration has already been strengthened or renewed in twelve parishes of the Diocese. Please pray that Eucharistic Adoration will continue to extend throughout the Diocese, as the International Eucharistic Congress draws near, and especially in four more parishes where Adoration is being promoted by members of the Diocesan Committee in the coming months.

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.

John Waters (Lapsed Agnostic)

Medjugorje Irish Centre Grand Prize: Every month for a year we are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 (53030 in Ireland) or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free.

Contact us for details of our 2012 pilgrimages and €280 package deals

Website: med-irishcentre.com **Telephone:** (028) 8224 1888 (NI and UK) // (048) 82241888 (Ireland).

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net


Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach "new generations" that "only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon" can lead to "fraternity and peace in truth." He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo. Phone 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

International Eucharistic Congress				Dublin	Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th June
Sacramental Celebrations					
Sunday 20 th May		St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion		
Feast of the Ascension					
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament					
Sunday 13 th May		St. Patrick's			
Sunday 2 nd September		Our Lady of the Wayside			
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish					
Tuesday 22 nd May	Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October		
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed					
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30 th June and 1 st July)					
Saturday 30 th June		St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 1 st July		Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass		
Friday 2 nd November		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)		
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion					
Saturday 5 th May		Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 20 th May		Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion		
Saturday 9 th June		Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass		
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)): 20 th and 21 st April, 11 th and 12 th May, and 1 st and 2 nd June Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date Couples Planning to Marry in 2012: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.					
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International Eucharistic Congress 2012 – Final Phase of Preparation					
Diocesan Congress taking place at Thornhill, Derry Saturday 14 th – Sunday 15 th April at Thornhill, Derry					
The Congress will take place at the RDS, Dublin from Sunday 10 th to Sunday 17 th June with a daily timetable of activities. Tickets for the final Mass in Croke Park on Sunday 17 th June are now available. 1,600 tickets have been allocated to Derry diocese. Applications forms are available in the sacristy. IEC Online: iec2012.ie E-mail: derrydioceseiec@btinternet.com Contact Fr. Seamus Kelly at Derry Diocese IEC Office, 55, St. Patrick's Street, Draperstown. BT45 7AJ					

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 15: 1-39:

- The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?
- Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?
- We read the Passion story in the light of the Resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.
- For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion, Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Many years ago in school we recited a prayer called 'En Ego'. Any chance you could find it for me?
- A. 'En ego' is the Latin for 'Behold I', the opening words of this prayer.
Behold, my beloved and good Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in your sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech you to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm desire of amendment; while with deep affection and grief of soul I consider within myself and mentally contemplate your five most precious wounds, having before my eyes that which David the prophet, long ago spoke about you, my Lord, 'They have pierced my hands and feet, they have numbered all my bones.'
It is a very appropriate prayer for Holy Week. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

The Deep End – Where Do You Stand?

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion and we may find ourselves asking, 'Where do I stand?' Yes it is the long Gospel but we should try not to miss the journey that this offers us this week.
The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? (Psalm 22). Jesus' sense of loneliness is emphasised in Mark as he is betrayed, rejected, denied, mocked, tortured and then, at the crucial moment, even God is silent. We also see an unlikely hero in the Roman soldier who confesses Jesus' identity. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely.

'Lord how true it is that success and popularity are not really important in life. The only important thing is that some unbelieving centurion, seeing how we live and die could say, 'In truth, this was a son/daughter of God.' (Michael de Verteuil).
Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

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Helping Christians in the Holy Land*Vatican City (Wednesday 25th March, 2009 (VIS))*

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, has sent a letter to the bishops of the world encouraging them to participate in the collection for the Holy Land, which traditionally takes place on Good Friday. In the letter, which also bears the signature of Archbishop Antonio Maria Veglio, then secretary of the same congregation, now president of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples, the two prelates express the Church's "profound concern" for the position of Christians, particularly following the conflict in Gaza. They also underline how Benedict XVI "constantly comforts Christians, and all the inhabitants of the Holy Land, with special words and gestures, coupled with his desire to make a pilgrimage in the historical footsteps of Jesus". "The wounds opened by violence make the problem of emigration more acute, inexorably depriving the Christian minority of its best resources for the future. The Land that was the cradle of Christianity risks ending up without Christians"

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The Congregation for the Oriental Churches interprets the Pope's "loving solicitude" for the ecclesial community in the Holy Land, "again exhorting all Catholics to contribute, also with material resources, to the upkeep of the Holy Sites". The prefect and secretary of the dicastery give assurances that "Churches of the Latin rite and of the various Eastern rites, which benefit from this vital aid, express their recognition with constant prayers for the particular Churches of the whole world". A document drawn up by the Custody of the Holy Land and a note from the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, details the projects undertaken using the 2008 collection. Apart from providing study grants for priests and seminarians from the Holy Land to study in pontifical universities, various restoration projects were carried out in, among other places: Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, Haifa, Magdala, Nazareth and Nablus (the Shechem of antiquity). Funds were also distributed to support parishes, families, schools and universities, and - through the Custody of the Holy Land - to various cultural projects, such as the faculty of biblical sciences and archaeology of the "Studium Biblicum Franciscanum" in Jerusalem.

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has published a special prayer for Benedict XVI's forthcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 8th to 15th May, in the hope that "this visit will be for the Holy Land a moment of renewal and a time of particular grace".