



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Second Sunday of the Easter [Year A] (1st May, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year A] (2 nd May, 2011 – 8 th May, 2011)			
Saturday Evening Vigil (30th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Annie Morris (Month's Mind) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
Sunday 1st May Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside		
Monday 2nd May St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John McCullagh (1 st Anniversary) <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>	
Tuesday 3rd May St. Philip and St. James (Apostles)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Mary Ellen Daly (15 th Anniversary)	
Wednesday 4th May St. Conleth (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Thursday 5th May Blessed Edmund Rice (religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Friday 6th May Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confession 8.00pm Mass: Jimmy McCullagh (Month's Mind)	
Saturday 7th May Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory (Week 9)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Maureen Fox (3 rd Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
Sunday 8th May Third Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside		

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,030**. A contribution of **£120** was made to the annual collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land which was taken up on Good Friday and so far a generous **£1,730** has been raised for the annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection: This will be taken up next weekend (7th and 8th May) after Holy Communion. Please be as generous as you can.

Please support your community by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes. Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith community we pray for **John McCullagh** and **Mary Ellen Daly** whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers **Maureen Morris, John Donaghy** and **Bernadette Slane**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 2nd May. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady:
Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm. Followed by Rosary and Mass.

Precious Life – Bring your voting decision to prayer: The Bishops' Conference has stated that Catholics have a serious duty to choose candidates who will uphold the dignity of every person and their right to life from the first moment of conception. On 5 th May vote for candidates who promise to protect the right to life of unborn children. <i>preciouslife.com</i>		
BADA (An Bruach Derg Community Centre)	Friday Night	Card playing at 8.30pm
Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35; (Lectionary I, page 461) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)		
Lotto Results: E – L – N – O – T (1 winner with 4 letters – £100) Next Jackpot: £4,800		

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
57	<u>Saturday 30th April</u> The family of Grace Conneely	Second Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 1st May</u> The family of Meaghan Clarke
58	<u>Saturday 7th May *</u> The family of Catherine O'Connor	Third Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 8th May</u> The family of Cieran Coyle
59	<u>Saturday 14th May</u> The family of Niall Coyle	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 15th May</u> The family of Caitlin Warnock
60	<u>Saturday 21st May</u> The family of Orla Coyle	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 20th May</u> The family of Daniel McCrory
61	<u>Saturday 28th May</u> The family of Shaun Coyle	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 29th May</u> The family of Leah McGuigan
* Do This In Memory Week 9			
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 30 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.			
The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist
This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:			
Sunday 1st May (Divine Mercy Sunday) – St. Joseph the Worker Not celebrated this year.			
Monday 2nd May – St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church) Athanasius was born in Alexandria in 295. He fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ			
Tuesday 3rd May – St. Philip and St. James (Apostles) In the Gospel of John, Philip asks to see, and having seen, he tells the good news to others. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James was the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62			
Wednesday 4th May – St. Conleth (bishop) Believed to have come from the Wicklow area. While living as a hermit he was persuaded by Brigid to act as priest for her community in Kildare. He was venerated as a great saint and Cogitosus, in his 'Life of Brigid' calls him bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He was buried beside Brigid in the great church there			
Thursday 5th May – Blessed Edmund Rice (religious) [1762-1844] After his young wife's early death he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys.			

YARD Project (Young Adults Reality Dreams) – Back 2 Ur Roots: Beginning 10 th May for four weeks. Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If you are a young person interested in exploring your faith, benefiting from practical support such as accredited training (OCN Level 2 in Drama) and learning new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment, get in touch with us at The YARD Project, Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry T: (028) 7126 9113. We also offer specialised addiction counselling to young people and support to families affected by addiction.
If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.
RNIB (supporting blind and partially sighted people) – 5 Mile Sponsored Walk: Saturday 14 th May leaving McGurk's Bar, James Street, Omagh at 11.00am. Registration from 9.30am.

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

**Dates for the Diary in 2011
Sacramental Celebrations**

Sunday 5th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

Sunday 22 nd May	Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th October
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in Our Lady of The Wayside Church.			

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2nd 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 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Couples planning to Marry in 2011 please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

13 th and 14 th May	10 th and 11 th June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com Courses are limited to 15 couples . Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.	

Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28th May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29th May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days, entry fee £25 per event.

Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

Missionary: That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, carer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge: ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. Tel: 028 82242439

Foyle Hospice – Free Adult Counseling Service: Offered on Tuesdays to help support those with a life limiting illness and their families / carers. Counseling is also available for the bereaved and there is a children's bereavement support group. For more info please contact the Hospice on (028) 7135 1010

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.

Classes offered at Rouskey Community Centre: *Names are now being taken for these classes*

Felt Making for over 55s with Teresa Pontz: Monday 9th May at 2.00pm for 4 weeks. Participants will be making small felt bags. £10 including materials. 6 places.

Yoga with Breda Turbitt: Monday 9th May for 4 weeks.

Anyone interested in these classes can call (028) 8164 8706 or 07847 459 428

Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website: The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be full of resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful! *derrydiocese.org*

Age NI First Connect Service: We offer emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at: Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on (074) 2562 0194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

Camara: This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

*Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES
Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: belfast@camara.ie Online: camara.ie*

Saint for May – St. Comgall (Sunday 10th May): *Week beginning Sunday 4th May*
St. Comgall was born around 526 in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finian of Moville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-558, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

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 between 3 and 8 years 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*

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 20:19-31:

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played in your life, on your coming to believe in God and in God's love for you? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Why was there a delay of 40 days between the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord?
- A. According to the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus continued to show himself alive to them by many demonstrations, telling them about the kingdom of God. It was a period of transition from knowing Jesus by physical recognition to recognising him by faith. We too recognise his presence like the Emmaus disciples in the breaking of bread, like Magdalene in being called by name, like Thomas in touching his wounds, and in the mission of divine forgiveness bestowed on the Church. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Seeing Is Believing:

'I'll believe that when I see it' is a common reaction to any sort of positive suggestion these days. It was the default response to the promises made by all the candidates in the run-up to our general election earlier this year. Reform our health system? Reduce the dole queues? Cut politicians' expenses and pensions? We'll believe it when we see it! We don't take anyone's word for it anymore.

Thomas certainly wasn't willing to take the word of the other disciples when they said they had seen Jesus. He was understandably skeptical, as one tends to be when everything they had placed their hope in has been swept away. Unless he can see and touch his wounds, he will not believe that Jesus has made good on his promises to return. 'Unless I see ... I refuse to believe,' states our doubting Thomas. 'I'll believe it when I see it. We know what it's like to have lost faith. Like Thomas, our trust has been shaken; like the disciples huddled in the room, we are in fear. We have lost faith in our political system, and many of us have also lost faith in our church. We are all at sea, afraid of what the future will bring.

Jesus greets his disciples with the simple blessing: 'Peace be with you'. In their fear and despair, he came and stood among them. May our troubled hearts know the peace and joy of encountering the risen Christ.

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