

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1st June, 2008

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Mass and Confession Schedule for the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time. 2nd June – 8th June, 2008

Monday 2 nd June Saints Marcellinus and Peter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 3 rd June St. Kevin (abbot)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 4 th June Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyrs)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 5 th June St. Boniface (bishop and martyr)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 6 th June Saints Norbert and Jarlath (bishops)	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: (Kevin Morris – 1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 7 th June St. Colman (bishop)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 8 th June Tenth Sunday in Ordinary time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday 7 th June	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8 th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1080**. The special collection for the annual Lourdes Hospitalite last weekend raised **£600**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Enda McDermott, Kevin Morris** and **Paddy Keenan**.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 2nd June, **beginning after 10.00am Mass**. 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.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Michael Francis McAleer** and **Myles Francis Gerald McElduff** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

An evening Retreat for all young people recently confirmed and for their parents: Monday 2nd June from 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.

Saturday Evening 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Our most recently Confirmed parishioners will be invited to take a pledge of personal commitment to abstain from alcohol until their 18th birthday. As a parish community you are asked to stand with these young people and give them your support by your presence at this Mass. All young people in the parish who have made this commitment in previous years are invited to come and **renew** the commitment you made sometime in the last five/six years.

Knock Summer Youth Festival: 25th – 27th July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18 – 35 year old from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

Next Sunday's Readings: Hosea 6:3-6; Psalm 49; Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9:9-13

Looking Ahead – Public Prayers For the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries will take place on the evening of **Saturday 5th July directly after the Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle, and at Our Lady of the Wayside and the former St. Mary's Church Broughderg after **11:00am Mass**. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves where you intend to stand when instructed to do so.

Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the faithful to take an interest in "spiritual and catechistic formation", which he described as "a 'substantial' formation, more necessary than ever in order to live a Christian vocation well in today's world". Addressing adults and young people, he said: "Cultivate a well-thought-out faith, one capable of engaging in profound dialogue with everyone, with our non-Catholic brethren, with non-Christians, with non-believers". "With particular affection, I encourage seminarians and young people following vocational journeys: do not be afraid; rather, feel the attraction of definitive choices, of a serious and demanding formative journey".

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca: Monthly devotions in honour of Our Lady – Tuesday 3rd June starting with Confessions at 7.30pm and followed by Rosary and Mass. One Day Retreat for Senior Citizens Wednesday 4th June, 10.30am – 5.00pm. £12. Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours for details.

Habitat For Humanity: Quiz night fundraiser organised by Michelle McAleer in Eddies Friday 6th June at 9.00pm. £20 per table of 4. She will work in Zambia in August with this group building homes for the less well off. Michelle asks for your support.

GAA Gala: 'The next opportunity for people to book a table or place further deposits for the 40th Anniversary Gala is Sat 7th June following mass in the community centre.' For further details contact Barry Tracey on (028) 8077 1655 or Marty McDermott on (028) 8164 8217.

After Loss

In the middle of God's will where you find yourself when the mind has lost its map and your memory has come down to

hunger: let your hand drift into the colourless stream; let your heart cease trying to make a neat room of the minute; let

nothing but a single fly enter that room, his impatient wings grow still and grow stiller; let him cease altogether—Nothing

enters this room now that is not your life. Nothing defines it. You are more light than matter. You round like a sun. You are so grateful.

John Savant

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Questions people ask:

Q. What are the synoptic gospels? Are these a short synopsis of the other gospels?

A. The name 'Synoptic' is misleading for us today because it suggests a shorter or abbreviated version of something. But when applied to the gospels it has its original, Greek meaning of writers looking at something from the same point of view. Since the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke have the same outline plan and more or less the same material, they are known as the Synoptic Gospels. Each of the writers puts his own stamp on the story. Matthew, our Sunday evangelist this year, emphasises the teaching of Jesus, especially about the Kingdom or Reign of God on earth.

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