

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (1st August, 2010)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather continue to be kind and may we all make the most out of it.
You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

We welcome Fr. Terry Bennett (Columban Missionary Society) to celebrate Mass in our parish
Liturgical Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time (1st August, 2010 – 8th August, 2010)

Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 1st August	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass: Felix Slane (Anniversary)
No weekday Mass between Monday and Thursday as well as Saturday morning		
Friday 6th August	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	<i>First Friday of the Month</i>	
Saturday Evening (7th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 8th August	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass

Schedule for Weekday Mass in Our Neighbouring Parishes (taken from Diocesan and Parish Websites)

Monday – Saturday	St. Mary's, Killyclogher	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Friday		
Monday – Thursday, Saturday	St. Mary's,	10.00am Mass
Friday	Loughmacrory	7.00pm Mass
Monday – Saturday	St. Colmcille's,	9.30am Mass
	Carrckmore	
Monday – Thursday	St. Mary's, Dunamore	10.00am Mass
Friday		7.30pm Mass
Monday	St. Joseph's, Killeenan	7.30pm Mass
Tuesday – Friday		9.30am Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Sacred Heart Church,	9.30am Mass
Saturday	Plumbridge	11.00am Mass
Wednesday	St. Patrick's Church,	7.30pm Mass
	Cranagh	
Tuesday - Thursday	St. Columba's, Straw	7.30pm Mass
Saturday		11.00am Mass
Monday – Friday	Sacred Heart Church,	8.00am Mass
	Omagh	10.00am Mass
		7.30pm Mass
Tuesday and Thursday	Christ the King Church,	9.30am Mass
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Strathroy	7.30pm Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£870**. Please support your community by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **Felix Slane** and **Paddy Bradley**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers **John Anthony McCullagh (Formil/London)**, **Michael John Morris (Teebane East)** and **Vincent Harley (Birmingham/Leaghan)**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society. As a Parish faith-community we offer our prayerful support to the family and friends of **Rhona Donnelly** who died last week.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 9th August. Please let them know if you live nearby.

The Indulgence of St. Mary of the Portiuncula: On 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to the church and recitation there of the Our Father and Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.

National Public Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Knock 14th – 22nd August at 3.00pm and 8.00pm
 Theme: **The Path to Repentance, Healing and Renewal**

Date	Theme	Speaker
Saturday 14 th August	Lord Show Us the Way Prayer, Healing and Repentance	Bishop Philip Boyce (Bishop of Raphoe)
Sunday 15 th August	Personal Reflection of a Diocesan Bishop	Bishop Christopher Jones (Bishop of Elphin)
Saturday 16 th August	Praying Our Vulnerabilities	Rev. Michael Gallagher SJ (Rector of Bellamino College, Rome)
Saturday 17 th August	The Spirituality of Repentance and Healing	Rev. Conal O'Cuinn SJ (Vocations Promoter of the Irish Jesuits)
Saturday 18 th August	The Moral Journey	Dr. Suzanne Mulligan (Milltown Institute, Dublin)
Saturday 19 th August (3.00pm)	Youth and the Church	Ms. Helen Toner (Youth Director, Knock Shrine)
Saturday 19 th August (8.00pm)	Child Safeguarding and Support for Victims of Abuse	Mr. John Morgan (Chairman of the National Board)
Saturday 20 th August	Renewing Faith, Renewing Society	Mr. David Quinn (Director of Iona Institute)
Saturday 21 st August	Priesthood Today	Bishop Seamus Freeman (Bishop of Ossory)
Saturday 22 nd August	The Path to Renewal	Rev. Eamon Conway (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our 11.00am Sunday Mass, readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any family to perform this important role for us. Thank you for everything you do to nurture and strengthen our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for ministries should make themselves known.

The Deep End – Vanity of Vanities:

Brain scans are revealing. Take the ones done on teenagers listening to music. These show that insecurity and not personal preference dictates what songs they call 'cool'. In one study they listened to tracks and rated how much they liked them. After a break, they listened to them again some having been shown a popularity rating based on how many times a track had been downloaded. While 12% of those who didn't know whether others liked a track or not changed their ratings, 22% of those who knew that a tune was a hit changed theirs. Of those, three quarters moved in tune with the song's popularity rating. Now for the interesting bit: the first time they heard a track their reward and pleasure zones lit up; but on listening again their anxiety and pain centres glowed. This suggested that fear made them change their views. Today's first reading (Eccles 1:2, 2:21-23) is tailor-made for that sort of thing. 'Vanity of vanities!' it proclaims. 'All is vanity.' Human toil it sees as an annoyance, and notes that even at night our minds don't rest. Worry persists. We don't like truth packaged in pessimism. Yet, truth made one researcher remark that many people who think they're individuals with free choice actually are slaves to what others think.

Those words on vanity from the third century BC, could just as easily be from today so accurately do they hit the spot. If we have to be slaves to what another thinks, then let that other be the Other.

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 -35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Tel: (028) 8224 2439 Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 1st August Dance with music from *Mooncoin*.

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9; Luke 12:32-48

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The Pope's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General: That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding, and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.
Mission: That the Church may be a 'home' for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie
Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for more information.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

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 www.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.

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

Questions people ask:
Q. Where are the original manuscripts of the Gospels and letters of St Paul?
A. There are no surviving original manuscripts of any part of the Bible, just as there are no original fragments of any of the famous Greek or Roman writers of that period such as Virgil or Cicero. We depend on copies of all these writings and copies of copies. Copyists were far from perfect and there are thousands of variations among the documents. The oldest surviving fragments of New Testament texts date from about 150 AD. The oldest complete New Testament dates from the fourth century. Some of the oldest fragments, dating from 250 AD are lodged in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Friday 13 th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages
Sunday 15 th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18 th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23 rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28 th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31 st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1 st September	Quiet Day
Sunday 12 th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15 th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
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Tuesday 21 st September	One Day Retreats end

For the 2010 season we are once again offering a varied programme. The usual Three-Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Quiet Days and a Day for Families, along with Confirmation and School Retreats and the Life's Journey Series of Workshops will provide opportunities for many to visit. Whether it is for healing or strength, or for reconciliation or renewal, we invite you to join us for a few hours or a day (or three days!). Whatever your reason for wanting to connect to the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the *Gift of Hope*.

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures		
Date	Fixture	
Monday 2 nd August	Under 12 Boys	Greencastle v. Donaghmore
Wednesday 4 th August	Under 16 Boys	Galbally v. Greencastle
Monday 9 th August	Camogie Seniors	Fr. Shields v. Doiretreasc
Wednesday 11 th August	Under 12 Boys	Galbally v. Greencastle
Thursday 12 th August	Under 16 Boys	Greencastle v. Trillick
Monday 16 th August	Camogie Seniors	Fr. Shields v. Eglis
Wednesday 18 th August	Under 12 Boys	Greencastle v. Killeeshil
Saturday 21 st August	Under 12 Boys	Beragh v. Greencastle
Wednesday 25 th August	Under 16 Boys	Fintona v. Greencastle
Saturday 28 th August	Camogie Seniors	Derrylaughlin v. Fr. Shields
	Under 16 Boys	Pomeroy v. Greencastle
	Under 16 Boys Championship	Brocagh v. Fr. Shields
		Ardboe v. Greencastle
Please note that there will be no field available on Wednesday 11th August – matches on both fields		
Training Times		
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls	Monday nights	
Ladies Senior	Monday and Wednesday nights	
Under 16 Boys	Monday nights	
Mens Reserve and Senior	Tuesday and Friday nights	
Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12	Thursday nights	
Under 16 Girls	Sundays at 10.00am	

Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 2nd August – St. Eusebius of Vercelli (bishop) and the zealous **St. Hilary of Poitiers** Laboured to suppress Arianism in the West.

St. Peter Julian Eymard (priest) [1811-1868] A fervent disciple of the Eucharistic Mystery, establishing the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and, with the help of Marguerite Guillot, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday 4th August – St. John Vianney (priest) [1786-1859] Had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. His marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to his parish, Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Friday 6th August – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

Saturday 7th August – Sts. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) Pope and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258.

St. Cajetan (priest) [1480-1547] Founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church.

Sunday 8th August – St. Dominic (priest) [1170-1221] Was a Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer. Feast is not celebrated this year. Sunday takes precedence.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 1:13-21:

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans.' Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

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