

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg
 1st November, 2009 – Feast of All Saints
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time. 2nd November – 8th November, 2009

Monday 2nd November The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 3rd November St. Malachy, bishop	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass for the Dead 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 4th November St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 5th November Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 6th November Feast of All the Saints of Ireland	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: (Mickey Conway – 1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 7th November Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 8th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,410. Please support your parish 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. Thank you also for the further **£400** received for the Missions Collection. Please use the new Envelopes available from this weekend. A second collection for the **Retired Priests' Fund** will be taken up 8th November, please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Michael (Mickey) Conway, Mick Fox, Frank O'Brien and Mary Rose Conway** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray today for the most recently enrolled members of the DDS (Derry Diocesan Society): **Fr. William Rafferty, Dan Bonner, Sissy Forster and Susan McAleer.**

Planning ahead....Bishop Hegarty has informed us that he will come to our parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 18th April, 2010. Please pray for the candidates from our parish, their families, sponsors and their teachers who will be involved next year.

Sick and housebound will be attended **Monday 2nd November.** 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.

Bishop Hegarty extends a Special Invitation to All Church Musicians: He would be delighted if all who are involved in music in any way in Greencastle parish would attend a Mass of Dedication in St. Eugene's Cathedral on the Feast of St. Cecilia, 22nd November at 7.30pm. For Further details and confirmation of numbers attending, please contact either: Teresa – Administrative Secretary – Diocesan Office (028) 7126 2302 or Sr. Perpetua – Director of Sacred Music – Thornhill Centre- (028) 7135 1233 E-mail: thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org

Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy): Talk on Townlands and place-names in Tyrone. Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm. Pomeroy Playhouse players present 2 plays: *'Damage Done'* and *'I won't dance, please don't ask me'* by Owen McCaffery Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November at 8.00pm sharp. Admission is £10, booking advisable. Contact kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie or call (028) 8775 7800.

The Pope's Intentions for November, 2009: General: That all men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation.
Mission: That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 Lectionary I, page 822

Lotto Numbers: 2, 11, 18, 20 (7 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,800

Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

7 th / 8 th November, 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Seirse Conway	Volunteer needed	Helen McKenna
Offertory Gifts	The family of Caoileann Conway	The family of Conan Maguire	

Parish Stations for October, 2009: Thank you to all families who hosted a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October. We were blessed with 8 Stations. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I hope you will maintain this tradition in this parish. I pray God's blessings upon you. Fr. Hasson

Public Recitation of the Rosary: Thank you to our parishioners and members of the Legion of Mary who led and participated in the public recitation of the Rosary during the month of October.

Parish Envelopes. Thank you to the people who distributed the 2009 / 2010 set of parish envelopes. If you have not yet registered to receive a set please contact Stella Keenan.

Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg – 25th Anniversary: Next September marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. If you have ideas on how we as a parish can mark this occasion, or would like to form an anniversary committee please share them with Fr. Hasson as soon as you can.

Congratulations

Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace:
Nuptial blessing from the Rite of Marriage
 We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to:
 Barry Brogan (Greencastle) and Tanya Haughey (Badoney Lower) – 31st October, 2009
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Golden Jubilarians: As a faith community we offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to **Michael and Kathleen McCullagh** of Cashel who were married in Saint Patrick's Church on 28th October, 1959 as witnessed by Fr. Henry McFaul PP and their families, and **Peter and Annie Josephine Daly** of Broughderg who were married in Saint Patrick's Church on 3rd November, 1959 as witnessed by Fr. Joseph Doherty CC and their families.

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses 2009-2010

13th and 14th November, 2009; 4th and 5th December, 2009 15th and 16th January, 2010; 5th and 6th February, 2010
 5th and 6th March, 2010; 16th and 17th April, 2010 14th and 15th May, 2010; 11th and 12th June, 2010

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.

Recommended Website – www.catecheticalcentre.org: The website for the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre was launched by Bishop Hegarty one year ago. This website will help individuals and families both young and old to explore their faith. Check out the *Youth Section* and the very popular *Thought for the Week*.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 25th October	Usual fortnightly dance, with music by <i>Country Cousins</i>
Saturday 31st October	Table Quiz

Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:

Monday 2 nd November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Maria Morris
Monday 2 nd November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Kathleen Gillen
Tuesday 3 rd November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Frank Gumley

Marian Movement Cenacle: A Regional Marian Movement day of prayer for Priests and laity, led by Fr Michael Maher, will take place next **Saturday 7th November** in St Mary's Chapel, Ardmore, Derry City (12midday – 4.30pm). The day will include Adoration, Confessions, Talks and Mass. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

Children in Crossfire are launching their 2009 Advent campaign shortly, the proceeds from which will help vulnerable children and young people in Ethiopia and Tanzania. We are recruiting volunteers to help us distribute boxes and to help us collect and count donations after Advent. If you would like to volunteer, then please call (028) 7126 9898 or email mark.mcmahon@childrencrossfire.org. Thank you."

Congratulations to Naomh Padraig U-21 footballers on their accomplishments in the Championship this year

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

IHCPT – Young People's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter 2009): Around 500 young people from all over Ireland spend a week on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the IHCPT, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust at Easter. (www.irishpilgrimage.com) The Irish Pilgrimage Trust welcomes applications from young people with:

- A Physical Disability or illness/suffering/trauma/bereavement (aged 11-18).
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Jet Set Group – Physical Disability (18-25)
- Jet Set Group – Learning Disability(21-30)
- The organisation also has Family Groups for very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative

The IHCPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes or you would like further information about the pilgrimage please contact Damian on 07968312770 or IHCPT, Kilcuan, Clarenbridge, Co Galway, Tel: 00353 91 796622 for further details and an application form. Please note closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October, 2009

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot. Co. Donegal: A space of quiet, prayer and solitude. Available for individual retreats and spiritual guidance. Residential accommodation and meals in the Centre's hermitages. Promotions offer €45 per night. "Come away by yourself to a desert place and rest for a while." Contact Fr. Neal Carlin on 00353 74936 8370 or sacre@eircom.net for enquiries and bookings.

Isos – Island of Saints and Scholars Centre. Lenamore Road, Derryvane. Muff, Co. Donegal
www.columbacomunity.com Tel: 00353 74938 4866 Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com
Director Fr. Neal Carlin. **Listen – feel – look – smell** – come and experience our welcome.

"Footprints of God": Fr. Kevin McElhennon will lead a series of reflection evenings from February to April entitled "In The Footprints of God". These evenings are offered to everyone who would like to journey reflectively through the Gospel stories. By reflecting on the Gospel stories, and getting to know the people and places of the Gospels, we hope to deepen our faith and enrich our relationship with Jesus. Though open to everyone, these reflections will be especially beneficial for anyone who is intending to join us on our Holy Land Pilgrimage (see above) as it is hoped that these reflections will enhance our experience and enjoyment of the Holy Land. Details of our planned Advent Reflection evenings will be published in a couple of weeks.

The Deep End – Back to the Future:

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's book, The Origin of Species. Many scientists today accept that there is a huge body of evidence supporting the view that we have descended from an animal with chimpanzee-like capacities. If we have, then what we hear today's First Reading (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14) telling us is all the more amazing. For there we have attained near god-like capacities.

Which is more difficult to believe: that a crude chimp is now a sophisticated human who composes sublime symphonies, produces fabulous works of art, explores cosmic vastness and penetrates atomic depths; or to believe that this human is destined for near divinity in a new ordering of creation?

Science serves truth in dull and detailed prose. Scripture sets it in sweeping story and inspiring imagery that lifts us higher than science can ever do. Science examines and reports. Scripture reveals and inspires. Science fixes us firmly to matter; scripture frees us as spirit.

Saints – all of them – are the poets among us. Not vice versa, though. They are, what the old pop song jingles out, 'poetry in motion'. As poetry opens pathways to understanding, refines human emotions and grants glimpses of transcendence we would not otherwise experience, so saints have done and continue to do through the generosity and sanctity of their lives. They show us what life can be like because of what it will be like. They bring the future to our doorstep.

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

Are you an unattached Catholic seeking new friends or perhaps someone special? Write to the Unattached Directory, 10, Lower Abbey Street, Freeport (F2046) Dublin 1. Telephone 00353 283 7888. Email help@cathud.com
Website www.cathud.com

Help to contain the swine flu impact: Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.

Irish News (18th July, 2009)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Tuesday 3rd November – St. Malachy Born near Armagh in 1094. He introduced the Cistercians and the Canons Regular into Ireland. He died at Clairvaux in 1148.

Wednesday 4th November – St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.

Friday 6th November – All the Saints of Ireland 'In the communion of saints, many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the Churches ... the different schools of Christian spirituality share in the living tradition of prayer and are essential guides for the faithful. In their rich diversity they are refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit' (CCC, 2684).

Saturday 7th November – St. Willibrord Was born in Northumbria in 658. He entered the Benedictine order and was sent to study. After ordination he was sent with eleven companions to evangelise Frisia. He established a mission of Utrecht and in 695 was ordained Archbishop of Utrecht by Pope Sergius I. He founded a monastery at Echternach in Luxemburg in 700, where he died in 739.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 5:1-12:

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading, some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when:

- you were poor – you knew your need of God;
- you mourned – could feel for others;
- you were meek – not emotionally out of control;
- you hungered and thirsted for some cause;
- you were merciful rather than vengeful;
- you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond;
- you were a peacemaker;
- you were persecuted because you stood for something.

John Byrne OSA (john@ortlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. The liturgy recognises a special category of saints who were virgins. Isn't this a downgrading of marriage, which, after all, is a sacrament whereas virginity is not?
- A. What is celebrated is not their unmarried state, but, what Jesus called, virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. This is a decision, with the help of God's grace, to be dedicated totally in mind, will and body to Christ as personal spouse and to the service of his kingdom. It anticipates the resurrected life of heaven where all-embracing love and unending life transcend the need for marriage (Mark 12:25). Consecrated virginity does not have a special sacrament because it is a flowering of baptismal union with Christ.

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