



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

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (2nd May, 2010)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter (3 rd May, 2010 – 9 th May, 2010)		
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30pm Confessions 11:00am Mass: Sr. Victor Keenan (6 th Anniversary)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Monday 3rd May St. Philip and St. James (apostles)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Tuesday 4th May St. Conleth (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 5th May Blessed Edmund Rice	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 6th May St. Catherine of Siena	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Friday 7th May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass: Maureen Fox (2 nd Anniversary)
Saturday 8th May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Dan Bonner (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30pm Confessions 11:00am Mass
	Our Lady of the Wayside	

Praying the Rosary During the Month of May
During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary <i>30 minutes</i> before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.
We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form. Please forward it to The Parochial House at the address above.
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,150 . <i>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.</i> On the weekend of the 8 th and 9 th May the Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection will be taken up – please use the envelope in your box and be as generous as you can.
Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Your donations to the Trócaire Lenten Campaign are helping to break the cycle of hunger and poverty in the world's poorest countries. Thank you for standing in solidarity with families in the developing world. Your generosity makes a big difference in their live. During the past week £780 was received. <i>Any further contributions will be gratefully accepted</i>
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Sr. Victor Keenan, Gareth McNamee and Maureen Fox whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 3 rd May. 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.
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Closure: We will be closed from Friday 30 th April to Monday 10 th May.
Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Open-Air Mass: Bishop Hegarty extends an invitation to all the children in the diocese who were Confirmed in their faith this year to an open-air Mass in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry on Thursday 10 th June, beginning at 11.30am and finishing around 1.00pm.
Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 Lectionary I, page 539 (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)
Lotto Results: J – L – N – Q – U (4 winners with 3 letters – £15 each) Next Jackpot: £2,250

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

Parish Liturgy for 8th / 9th May, 2010	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	James Keenan	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The family of Lauren Hollywood	The family of Aaron Donnelly	
Brother Alois received in private audience by Benedict XVI: Brother Alois was received by Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday 22 nd April. This was his fifth private audience since he became prior of Taizé; he has been received by the pope each year. Brother Roger also went to Rome each year for meetings with Popes John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II.			
During the audience, Brother Alois spoke about the Taizé Community's ministry with young adults: "We are doing all we can so that young people may discover a personal relationship with God." Referring to an expression of the pope's, according to which all believers "bear responsibility for the being and the action of the Church", he emphasized Taizé's desire to awaken among the young an awareness of everyone's responsibility to be bearers of this mystery of communion that is the Church. Taizé also attempts to support an "ecumenism of prayer", by calling Christians of different confessions to come together more often to pray. Brother Alois spoke to the pope about the recent gatherings for young people organised by the community in Poland, the Philippines, Vietnam and Portugal, as well as about the upcoming meetings in Chile and the Netherlands. He mentioned his three-week visit to China and gave the pope one of the million copies of the Bible which Taizé had printed in China and distributed throughout the country.			
Lough Derg 2010 Season Guide at loughderg.org:			
Wednesday 5th May	Quiet Day	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 be connected with the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the <i>Gift of Hope</i> .	
Saturday 15th May	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i> Ken and Eva Needham		
Monday 17th May	<i>The Jesus I Know</i> Workshop: Bishop Ken Clarke		
Tuesday 1st June	Three-Day Pilgrimages commence		
Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25 th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10 th 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			
Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: Tuesday 4 th May beginning with confessions at 7.30pm, followed by Rosary and Mass. <i>For more details call (028) 71262512 during office hours</i> Carmelite Community 16th Annual Funday: Sunday 30 th May 30 th . We would be grateful for any items you would like to donate for our Funday stalls.			
Whether bishop, priest, layman or laywoman – everyone can do something for the renewal of the church within his own sphere of influence, be it large or small. Many of the great achievements that have occurred in the individual parishes and in the church at large owe their origin to the initiative of an individual or a small group. <i>German Theologian Hans Kung writing in 'The Irish Times' (16th April)</i>			
Engaged Encounter's Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences in italic following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.			
No name calling	<i>This includes using affectionate names sarcastically</i>		
No third parties	<i>The argument is between the two of you</i>		
No past history	<i>If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again</i>		
Stick to the subject	<i>Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues</i>		
No cheap shots	<i>Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship</i>		
Don't go to bed angry	<i>Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue</i>		
Maintain a sense of humour	<i>Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine</i>		
No past history	<i>This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world</i>		
Greencastle GAA Fixtures for May are available on the Greencastle Parish Website http://www.greencastleparish.com/News%20Sheet%20PDFs/02-05-10.pdf			
First Holy Communion – Please Note: This will take place on Sunday 16 th May at the 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg.			

<p>The Pope's Intentions for May, 2010 (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General: That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.</p> <p>Mission: That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care.</p>
<p>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. Special arrangements are made for the youth who will be lead by the Pilgrimage Youth Team.</p>
<p>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 neighbouring groups have asked for our support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's for a period of time. <i>Please support them in any way you can</i></p>
<p>Children in Crossfire – 25th Budapest Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 enthusiastic individuals to join them for the 25th Budapest Half Marathon on 5th September. A deposit of £150 is requested and minimum sponsorship applies. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for more information. Children in Crossfire also hold a car boot sale every Saturday and Sunday at Elagh Business Park on the Buncrana Road, Derry. £5 entry for cars.</p>
<p>Foyle Hospice, Derry: Bark in the Park Sponsored Dog Walk: Sunday 9th May in St Columb's Park, Limavady Road at 2.00pm. The registration fee is £5.00 per dog and includes a certificate and goodie bag for your pooch on the day. For further information and registration packs please contact Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre on (028) 7135 9888 or e-mail rachelbruce@foylehospice.com. The BIG Saunter Sponsored Riverside Walk: Wednesday 19th May at 1.00pm, for those aged 55 and over. The walk will commence from Sainsbury's along the path of the River Foyle and finish off at the Guildhall. All monies raised will go to Foyle Hospice. For further information please contact Stephanie English, Old Library Trust, Creggan, (028) 7137 3870.</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work should take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.</p>
<p>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) 82241888.</p>
<p>The Priests, with special guest Camilla Kerslake at Millennium Forum, Derry: Tuesday 15th June at 8.00pm. Tickets £19.50 / £24.50 / £29.50 Box Office: (028) 7126 4455.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Study Theology From Home: The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Tel: 00353 1404 8124/7 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com</p>

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

Broughdery 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 awaiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughdery 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 (Daliada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

ACCORD – Annual Recruitment Campaign: ACCORD is looking for people who are currently married in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church for 5 years, 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. In particular, we are seeking volunteers to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses in the Omagh centre. Last year we prepared 137 couples for the sacrament of marriage in our centre. We realise that this doesn't fully meet the demands for this service and we would be grateful if you could help us in our attempts to identify suitable people to carry out this important work. We are hosting an informal information evening on Wednesday 21st April at 8.00pm for those interested in working with ACCORD and who want to find out more about what a facilitator's role involves without any commitment being required. Mount Saint Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh. Tel (028) 8224 2439.

The Deep End – Beauty and the Feast:
 Avatar is a visually stunning film. In 3-D the incredibly colourful and fantastic planet Pandora, where the story is fancifully set, totally captivates the imagination and sweeps one away on the light fantastic. Facing drab grey cement and noisy swarming traffic on leaving the cinema was also 'stunning' – but as in stunned or dazed. The town where the cinema was set – also in 3-D – was anything but captivating by comparison. Indeed such comparison according to one newspaper report caused some people who had seen the film to experience bouts of depression afterwards. The comedown that real life is was just too much for them. That report prodded me to see the film for myself. I'm glad I did. It reminded me never to underestimate the power of beauty to touch the human spirit, and to open up the human heart to the spiritual around, within and beyond us.
 So let's open ourselves to the spiritual and mind-travel to that location of beauty in today's Second Reading (Apoc 21:1-5): the new heaven and the new earth. We give our imagination free rein. We try to visualise the wonder of all things made new, glistening with health, spirit and immortality. We try to picture a level of life unlimited by anything, as we soar creatively achieving everything we were incapable of in this life. And that just for starters! Let's not be mean-minded or timid. The new heaven and the new earth leave fanciful Pandora in the shade and leave us to feast sumptuously in the radiant glory of God.
Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Saturday 1st May	One-Day Retreats commence
Wednesday 5th May	Quiet Day
Saturday 15th May	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i> Ken and Eva Needham
Monday 17th May	<i>The Jesus I Know</i> Workshop: Bishop Ken Clarke
Tuesday 1st June	Three-Day Pilgrimages commence
Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three Day Pilgrimages
Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1st September	Quiet Day
Tuesday 7th September	<i>Don't count your years, make your years count</i> Doug and Sue Barnett
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Sunday 2nd May – St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church) Not celebrated this year.

Monday 3rd May – St. Philip and St. James (apostles) St. Philip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born in Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. St. James the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 5th May – Blessed Edmund Rice (religious) [1762-1854] Came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. 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 other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of suffering, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.

Questions people ask:

Q. Why is the Rosary so highly regarded? I find it boring.

A. The Rosary is a way of asking Mary to lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ, as she did at Cana. Each decade recalls an event from the early life of Jesus, the light of his ministry, his passion or his glorification. We meditate on these events so as to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. It is Jesus who is at the centre of the Rosary, just as the centre of the Hail Mary is the name of Jesus. It is a way of keeping the gospel fresh in our minds. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures			
Date		Fixture	
Saturday 1 st May		Camogie	Brockagh v. Fr. Shields
Saturday 1 st May			<i>Buncrana Cup in Greencastle</i>
Sunday 2 nd May		Reserves	Dromore v. Greencastle
Sunday 2 nd May		Seniors	Dromore v. Greencastle
Monday 3 rd May			<i>County Minors in Greencastle</i>
Tuesday 4 th May		U14 Girls	Beragh v. Sperring Og
Tuesday 4 th May		U14 Boys	Greencastle v. Donaghmore
Wednesday 5 th May		U18 Boys	Greencastle v. Eskra
Saturday 8 th May		U10 Girls	<i>Blitz</i>
Saturday 8 th May		Camogie	Fr. Shields v. Edendork
Saturday 8 th May		Reserves	Greencastle v. Omagh
Saturday 8 th May		Seniors	Greencastle v. Omagh
Sunday 9 th May		Sports	
Monday 10 th May			<i>County Minors in Greencastle</i>
Wednesday 12 th May		U18	Tattreagh v. Greencastle
Saturday 15 th May		ladies	Sperrin Og v. Badoney
Sunday 16 th May		Reserves	Greencastle v. Coalisland
Sunday 16 th May		Seniors	Greencastle v. Coalisland
Monday 17 th May		U14 Girls	Sperrin Og v. Edendork
Thursday 20 th May		Ladies	Sperrin Og v. Drumragh
Saturday 22 nd May		U10 Boys	<i>Blitz in Gortin</i>
Monday 24 th May		U14 Girls	Sperrin Og v. Cookstown
Wednesday 26 th May		Og Sport	
Training Times			
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls		Monday nights	
Mens Reserve and Senior Training		Tuesday and Friday nights	
Ladies Senior Training		Monday and Wednesday nights	
Gaelic Start		Thursday nights	
Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)			

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 13:31-35:

1. Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Who are the people whose love for others has been a witness to you?

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