

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry
Saint Patrick's Church
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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

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time. 2 nd August – 9 th August, 2009		
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass: (Felix Slane – 13 th Anniversary)
Monday 3rd August Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Mass: Sick and housebound will be visited
Tuesday 4th August St. John Vianney, priest	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 5th August Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Mass
Thursday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Mass
Friday 7th August St. Dominic, priest First Friday of the Month	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle Saint Patrick's, Gortin Saint Mary's, Rouskey	No Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 8th August Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	No Mass
Saturday Evening		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule		
Friday 7th August	Badoney Lower	Before Mass
Saturday 8th August	Saint Patrick's, Greencastle	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 9th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,180** and the further **£50.***Please support your parish by using your envelope even when you are on holiday or if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish – Thank you. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are promptly returned to those parishes.*

Remembering Our Dead: We offer our sympathy to Mrs McElroy who teaches in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School on the death of her father **Patrick Treacy (Cloughfin, Omagh)** who died recently.
 We also pray for **Felix Slane** and **Paddy Bradley** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 3rd August. Please let them know if you live nearby.

Thank you for your support for the **Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in Our Lady of the Wayside Church last Sunday. May you receive many personal blessings in the same way as our parish was blessed through this occasion.

The Indulgence of St. Mary of the Portiuncula (2nd August): On 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence is 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.

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)*

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51
 Lectionary I, page 785

Lotto Numbers: 11, 13, 22, 24 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,150

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:
 Michelle McAleer (Greencastle) and Seamus McArdle (Ballymacnab) – 10th July, 2009
 Shauna Keenan (Greencastle) and Damien O'Neill (Badoney Lower) – 24th July, 2009
 Michael Conway (Greencastle) and Anthea McKeown (Loughmacrory) – 31st July, 2009
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Diamond Jubilarians: As a faith community we offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to **John Bradley** and **Rita (nee McGurk)** of Mountfield who were married in Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle on 26th July, 1949 as witnessed by Fr. Leo Deery CC and their families.

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses 2009-2010	
16 th and 17 th October, 2009	15 th and 16 th January, 2010; 5 th and 6 th February, 2010
13 th and 14 th November, 2009	5 th and 6 th March, 2010; 16 th and 17 th April, 2010
4 th and 5 th December, 2009	14 th and 15 th May, 2010; 11 th and 12 th June, 2010
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btpopenworld.com Courses are limited to 15 couples . Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.	

Pilgrimages and Retreats
Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage Season (29th May to 13th August 2009): This pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight; they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted. Pilgrims make nine 'Stations' during their time on the island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer; allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica. Cost €50.

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough. Co. Donegal:	
Monday 27th and Friday 31st July	Transformation Retreat with Fr. Donal Dorr
Sunday 2nd and Saturday 8th August	Scripture Retreat with Francis Hogan
Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd	Association of Iconographers – Contemplation and Prayer
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th	Carers Retreat (open to everyone)
Monday 21st and Thursday 24th	St. Padre Pio OFM Triduum
Saturday 29th	Gospel Concert and Workshops – Of interest to choirs and choir members (see poster on church notice boards)
Website: ardsfriary.ie Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: info@ardsfriary.ie	

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Monthly Devotions in honour of Our Lady: Tuesday 4th August, beginning with Confessions at 7.30pm followed by Rosary and Mass, and finishing around 10.00pm. Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours for details

For the attention of our young people
Clanmacnoise Youth Festival: 13th – 16th August. 'Know that the Loving God is with You' (James 3:10). For 16 to 35 years. Catholic Youth Festival – bring a sleeping bag. No cost – subscription by donation. Contact Youth 2000 Office on 00353 1675 3690. See posters on church notice boards.

Youthlife – Young People's Beginning Experience Residential: This is a structured programme designed to help young people work through the 'stages' of the grief process that can result from death, divorce or separation of their parents. The experience is open to young people from age 11 upwards. Contact Bridie or Pat at (028) 7137 7227 or email youthlife_be@hotmail.com. Web: youthlife.btik.com

Monastic Experience: Weekend for Women – Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow: Single women interested in finding out more about **A Carmelite Monastic Vocation** are invited to join our life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend **28th-30th August, 2009**. Preferred age 25-45. For more information visit our website: www.carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie. Email: conact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie. Write to Prioress, Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:	
Sunday 2nd August	Dance with music by Brian McGee and <i>Country Roads</i>

The Preparation of the Gifts

73. At the beginning of the liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts, which will become Christ's Body and Blood, are brought to the altar.
First, the altar, the Lord's table which is the centre of the whole liturgy of the Eucharist is prepared by placing on it the corporal, purificator, Missal, and chalice.
The offerings are then brought forward. It is praiseworthy for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. They are then accepted at an appropriate place by the priest and carried to the altar. Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as in the past, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still retains its force and its spiritual significance. It is well also that money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, should be received. These are to be put in a suitable place but away from the Eucharistic table.
74. The procession bringing the gifts is accompanied by the offertory chant which continues at least until the gifts have been placed on the altar. Singing may always accompany the rite at the offertory.
75. The bread and wine are placed on the altar by the priest to the accompaniment of the prescribed formulas. The priest may incense the gifts placed upon the altar and then incense the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church's offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the priest because of his sacred ministry, and the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed by the deacon or another minister.
76. The priest then washes his hands at the side of the altar, a rite that is an expression of his desire for interior purification.

General instruction of the Roman Missal

This Week's Calendar of Saints

Tuesday 4th – St. John Vianney, priest. John Vianney (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 of Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Thursday 6th – 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.

Friday 7th – St. Sixtus II, pope, and companions, martyrs.

St. Cajetan, priest. Cajetan (1480-1547) founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church.

Saturday 8th – St. Dominic, priest. Dominic (1170-1221) was a Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.

Sunday 9th – St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe. Edith was born at Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at the age of twenty five. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9th August, 1942 – not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 6: 24-35:

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
3. The work of God is that we believe in the one whom God has sent. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

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Questions people ask:

Q. What was the manna from heaven?

A. It was the food provided by God for the Israelites during the Exodus. The name means 'What is this?' It was described as white, powdery stuff, like hoarfrost. There were three important points about it. It was a gift from God: it demanded trusting God's promise because people were instructed to gather only sufficient for each day: and it satisfied every taste as 'it transformed itself into whatever each eater wished' (Wis 16:21). The Gospel of John regards the manna as foreshadowing the Bread of Life offered by Jesus – a wonderful gift of God, taken on trust in Jesus' words, and responding to every need.

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The Deep End – The New Self:

Thomas Merton wrote in *Contemplation in a World of Action*: 'The new man is not just the old man in possession of a legal certificate entitling him to a reward.' That's not the 'new self' Paul refers to in today's Second Reading (Eph 4:17, 20-24). So, what is it?

First, what it isn't. It isn't living as the Gentiles live 'in the futility of their minds'. In other words, it's not living as if you only had your own mind to depend on. Using only that to comprehend life is futile. It's a dead end trip. Removed from the light of God's word the human mind becomes dark, the human heart becomes hard, and human behaviour degenerates into debauchery. Paul wasn't warning about what might happen, he was describing what already had happened.

Were we to think that reason reigns supreme – pristine and pure – and confine ourselves to its limits deprived of the light of God's word, and the power of his Spirit, would our understanding and behaviour not deteriorate too? Could we even speak of deterioration of behaviour at all? For if nothing greater than a mind exists, who's to say that yours is any better than mine? My mind, not yours, sets my standards. As Hamlet says, 'There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so' – my thinking, that is.

The new self, however, recognises that God sets the standards and it lives by them 'in true righteousness and holiness'. The new man, the new self, is the one who is righteous and holy before God.

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