

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011) – Day for Life**  
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**Day for Life:** This year's Day for Life theme is *A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times.*  
 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." *Romans 12:12*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011 – 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (1<sup>st</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>5.35pm</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: John Anthony Conway (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Blessed Columba Marmion	St. Patrick's	<b>10.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>11.00am</b> Requiem Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Francis of Assisi	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Bruno (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Confessions <b>7.35pm</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (8<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>5.35pm</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday <b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: John Gerald Conway (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£975**.  
 Please support your community 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.  
 Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

**Remembering Our Dead:** As a parish faith community we pray for **James Clarke (Coneyglen)** whose remains will come to St. Patrick's Church at 2.00pm today, his Requiem will take place tomorrow, We offer our prayerful support to all who mourn him. We also pray for **John Antony Conway**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

- Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News**
- A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon.
  - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick. The cost per person is £20 which includes bus, travel and a meal.
  - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry – Mass for all deceased young people.
  - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry – Mass for deceased teachers.
  - Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Forum, Derry.

**Greencastle Youth Club – Annual General Meeting:** 7.30pm in Community Centre. *All parents are invited to attend*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14;  
 Lectionary I (page 711) **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

**Lotto Results:** E – N – S – U – X (12 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,800

**Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal – Diocesan Sung Mass:**

Feast of St. Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup> November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.

**Posture during Mass:** Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the *General Instruction* (43) for observation throughout the diocese:

1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect;
2. Standing from the *Orate Fratres* (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the *Sanctus*;
3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass.
4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Stephen Meenan</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Erin Mulholland</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Shona McKenna</b>	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Leanne Morris</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Enda McKenna</b>	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Corey Morris</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October The family of <b>Alisha McKenna</b>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October The family of <b>Clodagh McCullagh</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Shauna McGurk</b>	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Aimee McGuigan</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Shona McKenna</b>	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Leanne Morris</b>
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

**Parish Stations:** If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2010 please contact Fr. Hasson. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area.

Time	Townland	In the Home of
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Munnamale	Gerry and Mary McCullagh
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Aughascribba	Francis and Brigid Keenan
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Colm and Josie Devlin
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Teebane East	Michael and Maria Bradley
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Formil	In the Family home of the late John Heagney
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Monica Coyle

Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass. Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October. *3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and October are dates still available*  
*Anyone who wishes to host a Station Mass in their home during October should book it now in the Sacristy in Greencastle*

**Mission Month October – Together in Faith:** This theme focuses on the newly independent Republic of South Sudan. World Missions Ireland (the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies) brings prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world, especially those in greatest need. Please support.

**During the month of October** members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

*Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace*  
 We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to  
**Raymond McDermott (Greencastle) and Sinead McLaughlin (Termonmaguirc) – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

**Sacred Heart College – Romanian Orphanage Appeal:** Lucy Hood will be travelling to Romania on 22<sup>nd</sup> October as part of the annual volunteer group from Sacred Heart College to work in an orphanage for one week. Each year the group take out medical supplies from here and purchase nappies etc. out in Romania. As part of their fundraising there will be a collection outside the church gate next Sat 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October after mass.  
*Give what you can - every little brings us nearer our target*

**Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week:** This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am. The theme is *Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World*.

### Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

**Couples planning to Marry in 2011** please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

#### **Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)**

- General:** That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.
- Missionary:** That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelisation with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

#### **ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):**

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.*

*Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.*

**ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge:** ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, 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. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

**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](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau.

**Foyle Hospice – Free Adult Counseling Service:** Offered on Tuesdays to help support those with a life limiting illness and their families / carers. Counseling is also available for the bereaved and there is a children's bereavement support group. *For more info please contact the Hospice on (028) 7135 1010*

**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 0 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 familycaresociety.net*

**If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern** or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

On Sunday, 2 October, the Catholic Church in Ireland celebrates 'our' Day for Life.

In his 1995 Encyclical Letter, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, the late Pope John Paul II proposed that "a day for life be celebrated each year in every country". The primary purpose of this day should be "to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church, and in civil society, a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition" (EV #85). The Bishops of Ireland responded to this invitation by announcing an annual celebration of the Day for Life. Since 2001, the bishops have published a Pastoral Letter every October celebrating a different theme for each Day for Life.

The theme for Day for Life 2011 is 'A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times'. Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life.

The following paragraphs, taken from this year's Day for life Message, could be included in parish newsletters or missalettes on Sunday 18 and 25 September and 2 October - Day for Life:

· Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to England when he said: "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts."

· Day for Life 2011 is a call for us to work for a society in which all are valued as created, loved by God, redeemed by Christ; not for their fame, or power, or what they own but for their intrinsic worth. It is a call to rediscover the truth that our deepest joy and happiness comes from the knowledge that we are all loved by God from the very beginning, and that by trusting in God's love, through our setbacks and difficulties, 'our own joy will be complete' (John 15:11).

· As a society we have a strong tradition of good neighbourliness and of showing mutual health. Day for Life is an opportunity to ask ourselves if there is anything more we can do to be of help to our neighbours, to improve the quality of life of others and of society as a whole, especially in these financially challenging times.

**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at: Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKeamey on 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very Telephone/Email on busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

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#### **Questions people ask:**

- Q. I hear there are to be changes in the Mass. Are these major changes and what will they involve?
- A. There are no changes to the structure of the Mass but only to the translation of various prayers and responses. The prayers and responses which have been in use for nearly 40 years have not been changed in the official Latin version but the translations into all the different languages have been revised so as to make them more accurate and reverential. The Our Father has not been changed but some of the familiar responses will have to be relearned. See it in a positive way as a chance to wake us up from rattling off these prayers to pray them in a fresh way.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – **Blessed Columba Marmion [1858-1953]** An Irish monk, and the third abbot of Maredsous Abbey. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2000, Marmion was one of the most popular and influential Catholic writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His books are considered spiritual classics.
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – **St. Francis of Assisi (priest) [1181/1182-1282]** Abandoned all things for the love of Christ. Founded the Friars Minor and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. The Patron Saint of ecologists.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – **St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1101]** Born in Cologne. Germany. Became a professor of theology in Rheims University and later its Head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Carthusians.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – **Our Lady of the Rosary** 'Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.'  
*Divine Office*
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – **St. Denis and Companions** Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, they were later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, is one of the Patron Saints of France.  
*Not celebrated this year*

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – **Matthew 21: 33-43:**

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders, portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of an opportunity presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.  
*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

### The Deep End – **Finding My Role in God's Plan:**

Today, designated by the Church as the 'Day for Life', celebrates the dignity of life from conception to natural death. These words by Blessed John Henry Newman remind us that regardless of whatever situations we may find ourselves in, we are all part of God's plan for this world:

*'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.*

Still, He knows what He is about.'

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*