

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. 2nd November, 2008

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Schedule for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time. 3rd November – 9th November, 2008

Monday 3 rd November St. Malachy, bishop	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass: <i>Sick and housebound will be visited today</i>
Tuesday 4 th November St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 5 th November Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 6 th November Feast of All Saints	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 7 th November Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 8 th November Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass: (Mary and John Bradley – Anniversary)
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Mass: Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 9 th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday 8 th November	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 9 th November	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,200** and for a further **£110** for the Missions Collection. Next weekend (9th November) a second collection will be taken up for the retired priests' fund.

Parish Stations for October, 2008: Thank you to all families who hosted a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, 2008. Your response was terrific and your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I hope you will maintain this tradition in this parish. I pray God's blessings upon you. *Fr. Hasson*

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.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for **Mick Fox** and **Mary Rose Conway** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 3rd November **beginning after 10.00am Mass**. 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.

Diocesan Mass For Deceased Young People: There will be a special Mass on Sunday 9th November at 3.00pm in Holy Family Church Ballymagroarty, Derry. The Mass will be an opportunity for family and friends who have lost young ones to come together in a spirit of prayer and hope. If you have been affected by a young death we invite you in faith to come remember the life of your loved one. *All are welcome*

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: Meeting Tuesday 4th November at 7.00pm. *All Pioneers welcome*

catecheticalcentre.org: The website for the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has been launched by Bishop Hegarty. This website will help individuals, families and the young and old to explore their faith. Check out the 'Youth Section' and the very popular 'Thought for the Week'.

Lotto Numbers: 8, 12, 17, 23 (5 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £8,250

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 faith community to:

Kieran Tracey (Greencastle) and Ursula McMahon (Cappagh)

Nuala Tracey (Greencastle) and Lawrence Hamilton (Badony Lower)

Brendan McCullagh (Greencastle) and Vera Gilmore (Dromore)

Sinead McCrory (Greencastle) and Conor Harte (Beragh)

They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Marriage during the month of October, 2008.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses: Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street. 21st and 22nd November, 5th and 6th December, 23rd and 24th January, 20th and 21st February, 20th and 21st March, 24th and 25th April, 22nd and 23rd May, and 19th and 20th June. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses as soon as possible. Tel: (028) 8224 2439 or email accordomagh@accordni.com

First of All Be Kind:

I had a friend who was a marriage counsellor. He would tell me about sessions with couples squabbling over almost every large and small thing. Inevitably some of these marriages would fail. But with some relationships he truly felt he made a difference. "What does work?" I asked. "What do you tell these people?" Years of training, thousands of hours with hundreds of people, taught him one simple basic truth about successful human relations: "First of all," he said, "you need to be kind to one another." He was amazed at how often this tiny bit of advice turned a troubled marriage into a happy partnership. We know that kindness will not heal all wounds, nor will it solve every disagreement. But don't we also know that kindness is a variant of love? Every act of kindness is a nugget of God's grace given to us freely, something we can pass on to others.

Lord Jesus help me to be kind, compassionate and forgiving.

Paul Pennick (Living Faith)

GREENCASCADE YOUTH CLUB – Parent Rota

Monday 27 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Rosemary Coyle
Monday 27 th October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Jaqueline Bradley
Tuesday 28 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Tricia Tuohey

UMBRA Clothing Collection: Thursday 6th November, 2008 in Saint Patrick's Church car park, Greencastle. 9.00am – 12.00noon. *See poster on church notice board for details*

The Deep End – The Best is yet to come:

The church sign reads: *Man's way leads to a hopeless end – God's way leads to an endless hope.* How true, both long term and short term! Long term, because science tells us that ultimately the fate of our ever-expanding universe seemingly is to become frozen and lifeless. Short term, because life tells us that fate without faith has nothing lasting to offer. If everything ends for us at the moment of death then that's it – we've had it, all of it. And depending on one's circumstances during life, you could ask justifiably if the experience of living was really worth it. Not everybody enjoys more contentment than misery, more pleasure than pain. If what you see is what you get – and only that – then the 'accident' of birth might not be a blessing.

Today, the feast of All Souls, we publicly profess our belief that life is a precious gift because it places us at the entry to eternity. We go on record that there is more to life than meets the eye. We believe and proclaim that our family and friends are precious beyond life; and that they survive beyond this earthly life to experience that the best wine is indeed served last. And served, as our First Reading tells us, 'in a feast of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear' (Isa 25:6). No frozen wastes for us. Our jubilant cry of hope today can only be: *The best is yet to come!*

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (Lectionary I, page 1,006 or Lectionary II, page 1,250)

greencastleparish.com: During the month of October, 2008 a total of **1,296** people have visited our website bringing the overall total to **9,960**.

Parish News Sheet: Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. **Please take the news sheet home with you after Mass**