

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 3rd February, 2008

Day of Prayer for Temperance

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Day of Prayer for Temperance:

'What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children in this new emerging country of ours if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.' – Pastoral Letter from Irish Bishops 2007. This letter is available on www.catholiccommunications.ie or contact Irish Bishops' Drug & Alcohol Initiative (IBDAI), Columba Centre, Maynooth. Co. Kildare. ibdai@iecon.ie

Mass Schedule for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. 4th February – 10th February, 2008

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| Monday 4 th February Ordinary Time | Saint Patrick's | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday 5 th February St. Agatha, virgin & martyr | Saint Patrick's | 10:00am Mass |

"You Can Create A Climate of Change": Trocaire's Lenten theme 2008. Please take an envelope with you today and give it a prominent place in your home. Make this Lent another record breaker for your generosity. Thank you for everything you have given to previous Lenten campaigns, first established in 1973. Please check out <http://www.trocaire.org>

Season of Lent

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| Wednesday 6 th February Ash Wednesday | Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 10:00am Mass* *Ashes will be blessed 8:00pm Mass* *Ashes will be blessed |
| Thursday 7 th February After Ash Wednesday | Saint Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 8 th February After Ash Wednesday | <i>No Mass in Greencastle</i> Saint Mary's Rouskey 7.30pm Mass | |
| Saturday 9 th February After Ash Wednesday | <i>No Morning Mass in Greencastle</i> Saint Patrick's, Gortin 11.00am Mass Saint Patrick's 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday | |
| Sunday 10 th February First Sunday of Lent | Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg | 9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass |

Ash Wednesday is a day of both fast and abstinence. Fasting: Having only one meal and two small meals is obligatory for those aged between 18 and 60, with the exception of those who are ill or have a medical condition. **Abstinence**, which means abstaining from meat, is obligatory for all those who are over 14 years of age.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Census: Fr. McGrail SJ has requested all parish PTAA's to conduct a census to ascertain how many members there are today, who is due to receive a silver or gold pin and also to offer to non-members the opportunity of joining the association on a permanent or temporary basis. Our local PTAA are grateful if you would take the time to help by answering this questionnaire and returning it to **Francis McLaughlin** or any PTAA committee member.

Are you a pioneer? Yes/No. If you answer yes, when did you join (approximately)? _____

Would you be interested in joining or rejoining the PTAA?

1. Permanently? Yes/No 2. For a temporary period (e.g. Lent)? _____

Name..... Telephone.....

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Confession Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£945** and for **£660** to the stewardship collection taken up last week.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for **Thomas McDermott** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and household will be attended Monday 4th February, beginning after 10:00am Mass. Please let them know if you live close by. If you know anyone who is sick or household and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9 and 3:1-7, Psalm 50, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Lotto Numbers: 6, 12, 16, 19 (8 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,300

'Christ made Himself poor for you' (2 Corinthians 8, 9). Almsgiving is the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten Message for 2008. Full message can be accessed at the Vatican website (vatican.va).

"Whom shall I send..?" Could you be called to serve God and God's people as a priest in the diocese of Derry? Come & see **Vocations Information Day** a day of reflection on the theme of vocation. **Saturday 9th February, 11.00am-4.00pm** Thornhill Retreat Centre, Derry. Please contact Fr. Paul Farren (tel :028 7126 4087) or Fr. Colm O'Doherty (tel: 028 8166 1475).

Lenten Reflections: Join with Guided Prayer leaders on the Thursdays of Lent, straight after 10:00am Mass in a 30 minute reflection. The reflections on the seven last sayings of Jesus continue this Thursday.

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| 2 | 7th Feb | <i>Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise</i> (Luke 23:43) |
| 3 | 14th Feb | <i>Woman, behold your son: behold your mother</i> (John 19:26-27) |
| 4 | 21st Feb | <i>"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"</i> (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34) |
| 5 | 28th Feb | <i>I thirst</i> (John 19:28) |
| 6 | 6th Mar | <i>It is finished</i> (John 19:30) |
| 7 | 13th Mar | <i>Father, into your hands I commit my spirit</i> (Luke 23:46) |

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.

- John Waters, 'Lapsed Agnostic'

Concerned About Suicide: An information evening entitled "Concerned About Suicide" will be held in the City Hotel, Derry on Tuesday 19th February from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Led by Mr. Barry Mc Gale & Mrs. Anne Mc Garrigle, and organised by representatives from the four main Churches.

Diocesan Mass: The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families & friends, will take place in **Saint Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry** on Saturday 12th April, Bishop Lagan will celebrate. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087,

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. Monthly Devotions in honour of Our Lady: Tuesday 5th February, starting with Confessions at 7.30pm and followed by Rosary & Mass, finishing around 10:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events:

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| Sunday 3rd February | Dancing to 'Larry & Co.' |
| Thursday 7th February | Strictly Come Dancing at 8:30pm |
| Friday 15th February | Sixtowns Drama Group present "The Bride Looks a Million" |

Scor Sinsear: Naomh Pdraig is taking part in the following Ceol Uirlise (traditional music) scealaiocht (poetry) and Trath na gCeist(quiz). Sunday 3rd February at 6:00pm in St. Eugene's Hall, Newtownstewart. Come and show your support. Irish language bursary forms available in Post Office. These are for children, adults or a family thinking of attending a summer course at the Gaeltacht. Closing date is 15th February. Irish language classes are held on Thursdays at Gaelscoil na gCrann, Dun Uladh. 7 to 8pm beginners 8 to 9pm intermediate.

LITURGY CORNER**Why do we celebrate Mass on Sunday?** As was the Jewish custom, Jesus observed the Sabbath from sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Christians celebrated the Sabbath on Sunday, the day of his resurrection. Every Sunday is considered to be a "little Easter". In 1970, the Congregation of the Clergy granted that we may participate in mass in the late afternoon or early evening of the preceding Saturday, which is Sunday's vigil.