

## Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Fourth Sunday of Easter. 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009

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### Year of Prayer For Vocations Ends:

Lord Jesus you said to your disciples: 'the harvest indeed is great but the labourers are few.' We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray for those called to serve: those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. Amen.

'If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.' (Saint Catherine of Siena)

### Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter. 4<sup>th</sup> May – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter St. Conleth, bishop	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Visitation of Sick and Anointed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter Bl. Edmund Rice	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Week of Easter Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass  6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: (Maureen Fox – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Feast of Pentecost	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

### Praying the Rosary during the Month of May

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us 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.

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,090**.

**The Diocesan Purposes Collection** will be taken up next weekend (10<sup>th</sup> May), please be as generous as you can.

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

We also remember the most recently enrolled members of DDS:

**Mary Kate McAleer, Cecilia Woodhall and Maureen McCullagh.**

**Sick and housebound** will be attended Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Diocese of Derry Charismatic Renewal – One-Day Conference:** Broomhill Hotel Limavady Road, Derry. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 9.00am – 5.00pm. For details contact Mona at (028) 7126 9549.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (Lectionary I, page 514)

Fr. Michael Canny ADM St. Eugene's Cathedral has asked that the following document be published in this week's Parish Newsletter:

### Derry Diocese Child Protection Annual Update

A lot of work has been accomplished in the area of Child Protection in the Diocese over the past number of years due to the commitment of personnel at all levels in the diocese from the Bishop through to dedicated Parish Representatives working on the ground in all parishes.

The Diocese of Derry continues to put in place those structures, personnel policies and procedures that will try to ensure the protection and welfare of children and young people in a manner consistent with statutory requirements and Church guidelines. In the light of the teaching of the Church, Civil Legislation and Guidance, every part of the Church community must be committed to taking the necessary steps to:

- Demonstrate that the right of the child to protection from harm is paramount.
- Cherish and safeguard children and young people
- Foster best practice
- Support Church organizations and personnel in safeguarding children
- Establish safe recruitment and vetting practices – aimed at preventing those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust.

Maintain codes of behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe.

The Diocese now has a Child Protection Committee, Diocesan Co-ordinator, 2 Diocesan Trainers and a network of Parish Representatives.

The trainers deliver information on "best practice" and raise awareness of child protection issues; they also provide support to parishes within the Diocese. In turn the Parish Representatives will pass on this information and raise awareness within their local parish communities. This is done through information evenings that have been and continue to be held throughout the Diocese.

Notices are displayed in our churches which include the Diocesan Policy Statement, contact numbers for statutory authorities for anyone with a concern in relation to child protection or who wish to make an allegation as well as the names and contact numbers of the diocesan delegates.

28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

**Carmelite Retreat Centre – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, beginning with confessions at 7.30pm and followed by Rosary and Mass.

**The Sanctuary 'Pergatorium Sancti Patrici – Lough Derg – Pettigo – Dates to remember in 2009:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May:** One-Day Retreats commence; **6<sup>th</sup> May:** Quiet Day; **10<sup>th</sup> May:** Family Day

**29<sup>th</sup> May:** Three-Day Pilgrimage Season begins; **13<sup>th</sup> August:** Last Day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimage

**29<sup>th</sup> August:** Family Day. **2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Quiet Day

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**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage Office** invites us to join in the Pilgrimage on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone who has poor mobility or is in need of assistance and who would like to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage should register with the Pilgrimage Office (Tel: (028) 71 26 0293). Staff from the Lourdes Hospitalite will provide care. Any individual, choir members or musicians who would like to contribute to the music should contact Sr. Perpetua at (028) 7135 1233 for music and rehearsal details.

**SPECIAL DIOCESAN MASS:** The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 **at the new time of 4.00pm**. Bishop Hegarty will celebrate the Mass, everyone will be welcome.

**Lotto Numbers:** 6, 16, 19, 20 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,050

**greencastleparish.com:** During the month of April, 2009 a total of **1,585** people visited our website, bringing the overall total to **20,001**.

**As there is not enough room on the printed news sheet for all items this week please check out [greencastleparish.com/newssheetarchive.htm](http://greencastleparish.com/newssheetarchive.htm) for the extra notices.**

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co.Mayo:** The pilgrimage season began last weekend (26<sup>th</sup> April) and will continue to 11<sup>th</sup> October. See the poster on the church notice boards or visit the website: [www.knock-shrine.ie](http://www.knock-shrine.ie)  
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**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Bishop Hegarty asks for your support on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** (there will be no Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2009). The timetable is:  
**2.30pm:** Anointing of those who are sick.  
**3.00pm:** Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Hegarty.  
**4.00pm:** Solemn Blessing of those who are sick, Benediction, Rosary and Procession to the Shrine.

**US Ordination Class of 2009 Exhibits Cultural Diversity – Survey Shows Correlation of Catholic Education and Priestly Vocations:** The U.S. ordination class of 2009 shows diversity in culture and background, including converts and men of all careers and ages, a survey reported. The U.S. bishops' conference recently reported the results from a national survey of priestly candidates, which was commissioned by the prelates and conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a Georgetown University-based research center. Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the conference's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, observed: "These new priests reflect a tremendous dedication to the Church and show great promise. They reflect God's blessing on our Church."  
Of the 2009 class, 11% are Asian, 12% are Hispanic, 3% are African American and 72% are Caucasian. These include 6% from Vietnam, 2% from the Philippines, 5% from Mexico and 1% from Colombia.  
A quarter of the ordinands were born outside the country, with the largest numbers coming from Mexico, Vietnam, Poland and the Philippines. The average age for the class is 36, with a range between 25 and 66 years of age. One in ten of the men converted to Catholicism later in life, on average at age 21. They converted from diverse Protestant traditions, and five of them were raised without a faith tradition. Several ordinands have brothers who are already ordained priests. Education: Speaking of the 465 ordinands reported by theologates, houses of formation, dioceses and religious institutes, Cardinal O'Malley continued: "Those who formed them in the faith both in their families and schools can be proud of their efforts. The Lord planted the seeds of their vocations, and the surrounding community helped them grow." Over half of the potential priests reported attending Catholic elementary school, which is a higher rate than that of all U.S. Catholic adults. The ordinands are also more likely than other adult members of the Church to have attended a Catholic high school and college. Of the seminarians who had some college education before beginning their priestly training, 75% attended a Catholic college or university, compared to 7% of the entire adult Catholic population in the country. Two-thirds of the class had full-time work experience before entering the seminary, with a variety of careers including attorneys, farmers, teachers, computer programmers, businessmen, policemen, doctors & politicians  
Online Survey report ([usccb.org/vocations/classof2009/](http://usccb.org/vocations/classof2009/))

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 10: 11-18:**

1. There is a qualitative difference between a casual acquaintance and a relationship characterised by understanding and care. What changes have you experienced in your relationships as your love and knowledge of the other increased? What was it like for you to experience that change?
2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation or guilt. We can become like the hired hands that do a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and by free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

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**Questions people ask:**  
Q. Every now and then I think I have a vocation from God to be a priest. What should I do about it?  
A. Talk about it to a priest, preferably one who knows you, and pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Every diocese and religious order organises Vocation Days to help people to discern their calling. A vocation to priesthood is a grace given to an individual for the service of the church-community. Basic requirements of a genuine vocation to priesthood would include a desire to commit one's life to God and the service of people, a sound faith, regular Mass attendance and prayer, the ability to co-operate with others and being willing to obey authority.  

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**The Deep End – All-Enfolding:**  
Today's Gospel reading (John 10:11-18) has Jesus saying something rather intriguing: 'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd' (v 16). Two things here are surprising. First, Jesus claims ownership over other 'sheep' without saying who they are, or whether they know they are his. Are these Jews or Gentiles? Is this claim valid today? If it is, whom does it include: those of other religions, those of none?  
Second, the sequence of events is surprising: 'I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice' (when I do so?). You would expect that they listen first, and then follow. But no! Jesus leads; the listening follows.  
How should we view the Church's mission in the light of this understanding of what Jesus says? Well, it means that wherever mission goes God is there already. There is no such thing as a 'God-less' people, or a 'God-forsaken' place. We have to acknowledge that in God's sight, if not in ours, 'others' are in the fold. They may not know this, but we should. Consequently, basic to mission is the task of making people aware of Jesus bringing them into the fold.  
Then follows mission's second task: enabling those in the fold, newcomers and those of long-standing alike, to listen to Jesus' voice through hearing his word. Consequently, familiarity with his word on the part of those on mission is essential. Otherwise, whose voice will they be listening to?  

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