



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (3rd October, 2010) – Day for Life
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Thank you from Bishop Francis Lagan: Bishop Lagan wishes to convey to our parish faith-community his gratitude for the warm welcome you gave him when he celebrated parish Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church last Sunday. He expresses his thanks to everyone who participated in the liturgy, the readers of scripture and the prayers of intercession, the choir, Megan who made the presentation to him and everyone who worked in the background to organise the occasion – a moment of blessing and grace for all.

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (3rd October, 2010 – 10th October, 2010)

Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm	Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
Sunday 3rd October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
Monday 4th October St. Francis of Assisi (priest)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i>	
Tuesday 5th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 6th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass	
Thursday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass	
Friday 8th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass: Roseann McGarvey (Month's Mind)	
Saturday 9th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass	
Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory Enrolment</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary	
Sunday 10th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	

Praying the Rosary During the Month of October

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.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1020**. 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.

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

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

General: That Catholic Universities may more and more be places where, in the light of the Gospel, it is possible to experience the harmonious existing between faith and reason.

Mission: That the World Mission Day may afford an occasion for understanding that the task of proclaiming Christ is an absolutely necessary service to which the Church is called for the benefit of humanity.

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
(Lectionary I, page 917) **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: A – G – H – M – W (2 winners with 4 letters – £50 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,300

Parish Liturgy (2nd and 3rd October)	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley	Kevin Clarke	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The family of Leah McGuigan	The family of Shaun Coyle	

Offertory Gifts (9th and 10th October)	The family of Shane McKenna	The family of Michaela Gillen	
Offertory Gifts (16th and 17th October)	The family of Michelle O'Brien	The family of Jordan Gumley	
Offertory Gifts (23rd and 24th October)	The family of Catherine O'Connor	The family of Cathair Hughes	
Offertory Gifts (30th and 31st October)	The family of Tiarnan Teague	The family of Rachael McAleer	
<p>As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school year.</p> <p>Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.</p>			

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2010 please contact Fr. Hasson. These dates are available: Monday 4th; Tuesday 5th and 12th 26th; Wednesday 13th October. 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
Wednesday 6 th October at 7.30pm	Teebane East	Rose Kirk
Monday 11 th October at 7.30pm	Formil	Barney and Nuala Glass
Monday 25 th October at 7.30pm	Formil	Raymond and Louise Coyle
Tuesday 26 th October at 7.30pm	Glenhull	Mary McBride
Wednesday 27 th October at 7.30pm	Leaghan	Barry and Julie Tracey

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, 2010.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady:
 Tuesday 5th October. *For more information call (028) 7126 2512 during office hours*

World Mental Health Awareness Day – Walk and Talk (Sunday 10th October):
 4 mile trail Goshford Park, Armagh. Registration 12:00noon – walk starts at 1.00pm - Registration £10.
 For further information and to obtain sponsor forms please e-mail info@niamhlouisefoundation.com or call the Coalisland Office on (028) 8774 0354, Cookstown office on (028) 8676 9366 or Richhill on (028) 3887 9870.

Greencastle Youth Club – Commence Next Week (beginning Monday 4th October):

Monday 4 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7
Monday 4 th November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10
Tuesday 5 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5

Upcoming BADA Events	Sunday 3rd October Sponsored Walk (leaving Centre at 3.00pm)
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greencastleparish.com: During the month of September, 2010 a total of **4,097** people have visited our website bringing the overall total to **48,964**.

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

Loreto House, Linsfort Fundraiser – Harvest Glory Floral Art Demonstration:

At the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Friday 8th October at 7.30pm. Admission is €10.

The Yard Project We also offer specialised addiction counselling

Back 2 Ur Roots (starting 28th September for 4 weeks): Come and join other young people as they explore their faith, benefit from practical support such as accredited training and addiction counselling and learn new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment. *Tuesday to Thursday (10.00am – 3.00pm)*

Family Support Programme (23rd October): This 1 day programme is for anyone over 18 who has been affected by or is concerned about the abuse of alcohol, drugs or gambling of a family member or friend. The programme will help people understand addiction and through support, encouragement and information, help you learn new ways to cope and improve the quality of your life.

Website: facebook.com/pages/theyardproject **Tel:** (028) 7126 9113 **Email:** theyardproject@btinternet.com

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:

Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.

For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer €260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

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 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*

Tuesday's Child Children's Charity, Belfast – Free Air-Lift of Humanitarian Aid for Pakistan Flood Victims:

We need the following items as a priority: baby food, baby formula milk, baby feeding bottles, nappies, ready to eat non-perishable food, Dioralyte (for rehydration), **water purification tablets**, blankets (new), lightweight **sleeping bags** (new), children's rucksacks, clothes (new), shoes (new). Can you help? Please call us on (028) 9050 2725 or email info@tuesdayschild.org.uk. *Further details available on our website at www.tuesdayschild.org.uk.*

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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 3 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 www.familycaresociety.net

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch. *Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Sunday 3rd October – Blessed Columba Marmion Not celebrated this year.

Monday 4th 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.

Wednesday 6th 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.

Thursday 7th 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

Saturday 9th 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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 17:5-10:

1. Faith can move mountains ... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed – small – and sometimes we may be tempted to wait until our faith grows. Part of the message in the Gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received? *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

Questions people ask:

- Q. What did Jesus mean when he said that a tiny seed of faith could uproot a tree and plant it in the sea?
- A. It is a colourful way of saying that faith can achieve what would be impossible to our own efforts without the aid of grace. The context of this saying is where Jesus teaches that there should be no limit to the times we are to forgive others. Forgiving may seem impossible but faith is powerful enough to pull up the roots of bitterness from the heart and cast it aside ... like a tree uprooted and cast into the sea. With the grace of God people can achieve great healing of memories.

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The Deep End – Right Spirited:

Made to measure medicine is just around the corner. A corner that's about a decade away, that is. According to the scientist who led the Human Genome Project, most of us in the affluent world will have our genetic codes sequenced by then for less than €800. Knowing our genetic code, a doctor could then prescribe drugs more safely and effectively.

I wonder can a gene affect a soul, or spirit – that part of us that doesn't show up even under the most intense scans, or the most powerful of microscopes? It's strange then that in today's First Reading (Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4) – dating from about 600 bc – the prophet Habakkuk could shrewdly note 'the spirit of the proud is not right in them' (2:4). There's something wrong with them; something askew inside them. But I doubt if knowing their DNA sequence would right their spirit.

When it comes to having a right spirit inside us I'd say right parents are needed. A survey by the Catholic Children's Society of the Westminster Diocese reported that on average people give one hour daily to primetime TV shows, but only 49 minutes daily to their children. Some 68 percent of parents said that their need for money was the reason for giving so little time to their children.

The Catholic Children's Society said that from experience they know that children need relational stability, the self-esteem that comes from feeling valued for who they are and knowing they're loved by their parents.

DNA is undoubtedly important: Deeply Needed Attention, that is.

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