

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church

Greencastle

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. 4th May, 2008

World Communications Day

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Broughderg

Mass and Confession Schedule for the Seventh Week of Easter. 5th May – 11th May, 2008

Monday 5 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Joseph McGarvey – Month's Mind
Tuesday 6 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 7 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 8 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 9 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	8:00pm Mass
Saturday 10 th May Seventh Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass:
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 11 th May Feast of Pentecost	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	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 10 th May	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 11 th May	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1180**. Next weekend the annual '**Diocesan Purposes**' Collection will be taken up after Holy Communion, please be as generous as you can.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Annie Donnelly, Gareth McNamee and Mary Ellen Delaney.**

Sick and housebound: will be attended Monday 5th May, **beginning at 9.30am**. 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.

Please Note: Because of First Holy Communion on **Sunday 18th May**, Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg will be at **9.00am** and Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle will be at **11.00am**.

Congratulations to the young people from our parish **Confirmed in their faith** by Bishop Clifford Auxiliary in Armagh at Saint Joseph's Church, Killeenan on Wednesday April 30. May you continue to grow and mature individually and as members of our parish faith community in every way throughout your lives.

Greencastle Emergency Fund: A meeting for former committee members in **Eddie's Quiet Room** Thursday 15th May at 8.30pm. Telephone Maria on (028) 8164 8357

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Lotto Numbers: 4, 13, 17, 19 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,950

Youth Mass: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8) There will be a Diocesan Youth Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 11th May in St Columb's Church, Chapel Rd, Waterside Derry at 6pm. Bishop Hegarty will be the main celebrant and all young people are invited to attend. The new Diocesan Youth Choir will provide the music for the Liturgy at this Mass. All young people studying for their exams this year are also most welcome. Refreshments will be held afterwards in the adjacent Parish Centre.

42nd World Communications Day: This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on the Feast of the Ascension. In his message for the 42nd World Communications Day, the Holy Father speaks of the importance of defending and respecting human dignity in all areas of social communication. He says that 'many people now think there is a need for info-ethics, just as we have bioethics in the field of medicine and in scientific research linked to life'. This year's World Communications Day looks at the important role that the media plays in the lives of individuals and society at large The Holy Father says that; 'Truly, there is no area of human experience, especially given the vast phenomenon of globalisation, in which the media have not become an integral part of interpersonal relations and of social, economic, political and religious development.' Please remember the work of communications professionals on World Communications Sunday.

Our Lady's Girls / St. Patrick's Boys Secondary School, Cookstown Class of 1973 Reunion: Did you commence Our Lady's Girls / St. Patrick's Boys Secondary School in Cookstown on 1st Sept 1973? That is 35 years ago this year 2008! All former pupils and teachers are invited to a School Re-union on Saturday **08/11/08** in the Greenvale Hotel? If you can attend please e-mail info@weddingspartiesandmore.co.uk or telephone Mary on 07872321846 for further details.

Recommended Website – www.renewal.ie: The website of the Commission for Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development.

Refresh your soul – Bringing you the gift of hope...@ Lough Derg – 2008: In today's modern world where everything is fast and instant, Lough Derg still manages to maintain a pace where people have to move more slowly, where the mind can be stilled. Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 30th May – Wednesday 13th August cost €50.00, includes boat fare and accommodation. Check out www.loughderg.org, tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 / 028 6863 2391 or email info@loughderg.org.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats 2008: May 3rd – 6th, 10th – 13th 17th, 19th – 20th, 24th – 27th, August 19th, 20th, 23rd – 27th, 31st, September 1st – 2nd, 6th – 10th, 13th, 15th – 17th, 20th – 24th. The retreats are open to all adults (they are not suited to children). Those unable to make the traditional Three Day Pilgrimage are particularly welcome. The retreats do not require fasting or walking bare-footed. Numbers are limited, so advance booking is essential. Each retreat begins at 10am and ends at approx 5pm. Cost €27:00, includes boat fare and lunch.

Lough Derg 2007 Quiet Days: Wednesday 7th May, and Wednesday 3rd September only. A quiet day.... where you can be all by yourself and rest for a while' – to ensure space and a sense of quiet, numbers are limited. €20.00 includes boat fare & lunch. Arrival at 10am and departure at 4pm. Reservation essential.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co.Mayo: The pilgrimage season began last weekend, 27th April and will continue until 12th October. See the poster on church notice boards or website: www.knock-shrine.ie. Telephone 00353 9493 88100 Fax 00353 9493 88295.

GAA 40th Anniversary Banquet: Reserve a table through committee members at 7.00pm this evening, Saturday 3rd May, in their community centre. – Barry Tracey.

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