



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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (4<sup>th</sup> September, 2011)**

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**Welcoming Fr. Terry Bennett:** As a parish faith-community we extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Terry Bennett, retired Missionary priest from the Society of St. Patrick's Missions, Dalgan Park, Navan and a native of Omagh. Fr. Terry will celebrate our weekend liturgies for the next three weekends while Fr. Hasson is on annual leave. There will be no daily Mass Mondays to Thursdays for the next three weeks but printed below is the schedule.

*Fr. Terry is very willing to help us in whatever ways he can until Fr. Hasson's return*

Liturgy Schedule for the next three weeks in Ordinary Time [Year A] (4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2011 – 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2011)			
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (3<sup>rd</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions	
		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday to Thursday and Saturday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> September – 8 <sup>th</sup> September and 10 <sup>th</sup> September		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass:	
Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time		Rose-Ann McGarvey (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (10<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions	
		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday to Thursday and Saturday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 15 <sup>th</sup> September and 17 <sup>th</sup> September		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass	
Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time			

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (3<sup>rd</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions	
		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday:	
		Imelda Tracey (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday to Thursday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> September – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass	
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		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	

<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to <b>£980</b> .	
<b>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayers)</b>	
<b>General:</b>	For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.
<b>Missionary:</b>	That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervour, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of faith.
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b> Sirach 27: 30-28: 7; Psalm xx; Romans 16: 7-9, Matthew 18: 21-35; (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)	
<b>Lotto Results:</b>	B – G – I – M – X (1 person with 4 letters – £100) <b>Next Jackpot:</b> £5,700

Parish Liturgy for September, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Anne McDermott
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Seamus Keenan	Emmett Clarke Eoghain Clarke	Pat McGuigan Eoin Clarke
Altar Society	Nuala Glass, Merissa Conway and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for all you do in our community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries must make it known.			
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September The family of <b>Joseph Warnock</b>	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Orla Warnock</b>	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Niamh Tracey</b>	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Rachael Tuohey</b>	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Kieran Mulholland</b>	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Laura Tuohey</b>	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>David Morris</b>	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Louise O'Brien</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Stephen Meenan</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Erin Mulholland</b>	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Shona McKenna</b>	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Leanne Morris</b>	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			
<b>Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady:</b> Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September beginning with confessions at 7.30pm, followed by Rosary and Mass. <i>All are welcome to attend</i>			
<b>Wilson School of Irish Dancing:</b> Resumes in Greencastle Hall on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 4.15pm – 5.45pm			
<b>Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon:</b> Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality (028) 7135 1233			
<b>Samaritan Volunteers – Autumn Recruitment Campaign:</b> Samaritans is a registered charity that provides a completely confidential and non-judgemental listening service for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. The Omagh branch, which has been active since 1975, draws volunteers of all ages and creeds from across Tyrone and Fermanagh. We need a large number of dedicated volunteers to help maintain our service, hence the necessity to recruit twice yearly – in Spring and in Autumn. <i>Find out more about our work at our information evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh</i>			
<b>Legion of Mary – Bus to Knock:</b> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September, leaving Gortin at 8.00am and Greencastle at 8.15am <i>Book with Peggy Tuohey as soon as possible please</i>			
<b>Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats:</b> Reservations essential for One Day Retreats and Family Day. <i>Book at the Lough Derg Office (Tel/fax 00353 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org)</i>			
<b>Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy):</b> Enrol now for classes in Irish and classes in Essential skills of IT, English, Maths etc. <i>For more details call Kathleen on (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenbumsiii@gmail.com</i>			
<b>National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September):</b> Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Neary (Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. Guest singers: Dana, Fr Liam Lawton, Ann Marie Gibbons and Daniel Furlong (winner of 2011 RTE All Ireland Talent Show). <b>Children's Prayer Appeal:</b> Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.			
<b>Home Station Masses During October 2011:</b> Everyone who wishes to host a Station Mass in their home during October should book it now in the Sacristy in Greencastle.			
<b>A Week of Guided Prayer:</b> This will be offered at the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh from 25 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> September. <i>Parishioners wishing to participate should register at the parish office</i>			
<b>Many of our parishes have already begun to make use of the revised translation of the Missal. From September 2011 we begin the formal preparation stage</b> The first stage of using the new edition of the Missal will take place with the use of changes in the congregational parts of Mass. The changes will take place beginning on Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time) and will appear on the missalettes, insofar as their content and style permits. Details on <a href="http://liturgy.ie">liturgy.ie</a> It is important to ensure that Mass-goers have prior awareness of the changes that will take place in September. <b>Continued below →</b>			
Upcoming BADA Events	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Annual Pioneer Dance with music by <i>Country Sensations</i>	

### Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

**Couples planning to Marry in 2011** please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

**Cause a stir and host a coffee morning for Foyle Hospice!** Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning, sponsored by Bewley's will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September in support of local Hospice Care. Please help Foyle Hospice raise vital funds by hosting a coffee morning; hosts receive a coffee morning pack containing posters, invitations, collection boxes, information and Bewley's coffee.

*For further information or to register please contact Rachel on (028) 7135 9888 or [rachelbruce@foylehospice.com](mailto:rachelbruce@foylehospice.com)  
Visit [foylehospice.com](http://foylehospice.com) or find us on Facebook*

### South-West College (Dungannon Campus):

Where is life taking you? South West College is now enrolling on a wide range of full-time, part-time and higher education courses commencing September.

*Download a prospectus from [swc.ac.uk](http://swc.ac.uk), call into your local campus or tel. 0845 603 1881*

Getting A Level results this week? Come along to the Higher Education day at your local campus of South West College on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 9.00am to 4.00pm for information and helpful advice on a wide range of higher education courses accredited by Queen's University Belfast and University of Ulster.

*Giving you the opportunity to study locally for less*

**Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.*

*Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.*

**ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge:** ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

**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](http://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*

**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 0 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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) [familycaresociety.net](http://familycaresociety.net)*

### ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Workshop For Marriage – Renew your Wedding Vows:** Marriage Encounter is a weekend away (Friday 8.00pm to Sunday 5.00pm) for married couples of all ages with a stable relationship. Couples explore, in complete privacy how to come to a deeper, mutual understanding of each other. 30<sup>th</sup> September.- 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

*For information phone (028) 9062 6503 / (028) 7135 0612 or email [marriageencounterweekend@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencounterweekend@gmail.com)*

*For future weekends see [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) for details*

**Engaged Encounter Weekend:** Engaged Encounter is a Church approved Marriage preparation course presented by married couples and a priest for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. *Call (028) 7930 0340 or see [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie)*

### What is a week of Guided Prayer?

- It is a way of making a retreat in the midst of your busy life.
- The retreat is scripture based.
- Participants spend some time at home each day reflecting on a chosen passage of scripture, thinking about how it speaks to them in their present life situation.
- Retreatants then come along to reflect with their trained Prayer Guide, in the Pastoral Centre, at a time chosen to suit each person taking part.
- A different passage of scripture is usually given each day.
- The week begins on a Sunday evening with a group meeting, to explain how the week will work, and to look at some ideas about praying the Scripture, and to introduce each participant to their personal Prayer Guide.
- One-to-one sessions are arranged to suit each individual, from Monday - Thursday, and will last no more than half an hour.
- On Friday evening everyone comes together again to bring the week's experience to a prayerful close, and to celebrate.

**If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern** or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:

Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very Telephone/Email on busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES

**Tel:** ( 028) 9033 2470

**Email:** [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie)

**Online:** [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary** We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – St. Ciaran (Abbot) [512-545]** Was born in Roscommon and came to Clonmacnoise in January, 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

**Blessed Frank Ozanam [1813-1853]** A professor of law at Lyons and later professor of literature at the Sorbonne in Paris. As a student he formed a Conference of Charity which became the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 18: 15-20:

1. At the time Matthew was writing his Gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
3. There is great assurance in the promise of Jesus in v.19, but he seems to promise more than we experience. Do you believe that God loves you and wants only what is best for you? What has been your experience of trusting in that praying with others for something you wanted God to grant?
4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together?

John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))

### Questions people ask:

- Q. Why does God not appear in person or by way of a burning bush or booming voice to make it a bit easier to believe?
- A. Would such a manifestation move people to believe in the sense of committing themselves in mind and heart to God? When God spoke on earth through the life of Jesus Christ, despite his inspiring message and deeds of healing and compassion, he was rejected by many and crucified! 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead' (Luke 16:31). Signs from God are not lacking. People who do not want to believe will somehow find a reason to reject any sign. It's not wonders that we lack but wonderment.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))

### The Deep End – Made for Each Other:

'Turning the front door knob, it came to him that maybe he could sponge away the look of loneliness that he'd seen in Susan's eyes – and John was now pretty sure it was loneliness he'd seen, despite the smiles and the confidences. If he'd learned one thing while he'd been away, it was that loneliness and the open discussion of loneliness is the most taboo subject in the world. Forget sex or politics or religion. Or even failure. Loneliness is what clears out a room' – Douglas Coupland, *Miss Wyoming*. Many of us have experienced loneliness at one time or another. We hear a lot of talk these days about a modern sense of loneliness and isolation, in spite of advancements in mobile technology and the growth of online communities. Yet relationships are at the heart of who we are as human beings. The Gospel of Matthew begins and ends with reassurances that we are not alone. At the beginning we are told the one who is coming will be called Emmanuel, meaning 'God is with us', and it concludes with the words of Jesus 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age'. And here in the middle we have Jesus' assurance: 'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' Today's Gospel speaks to us about relationships, and lets us know that God is with us in and through our relationships with other people – when we gather in his name, he is there too.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon ([trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com))

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**Missalettes may include a changed lead-in by the priest to a changed congregational response** e.g. the invitation to Holy Communion or the Congregational Card, published by Veritas, may be the best option. This card contains all the changes that affect the congregation. If a parish produces its own congregational aid copyright permissions and ecclesiastical authorisation should be respected.

**Missalettes vary in style and content and may not provide what is needed on a Sunday** Again, the Congregational Card or equivalent will be helpful.

**The changes apply to weekday celebrations of Mass from September** At these Masses, a congregational card will be vital. It is important to make plans for occasions when there are larger numbers in attendance, for example, at a Funeral Mass. Some of the difficulties in these circumstances will be lessened as those who are regular church goers become familiar with the changes.

**New music is provided** One mark of the new edition of the Missal is the high profile given to music. A collection of new settings, *Sing the Mass*, was launched at the Irish Church Music Association summer school. Also included will be some familiar Mass settings modified for the changes in the new edition of the Missal. Music is a powerful way of introducing texts with changes and parishes should begin to learn some of the new settings. Sr Perpetua McNulty has prepared a new approved setting and this is being promoted with musicians and singers in the Diocese.

**Changes in the Mass texts affect other liturgies** The most obvious change is the response 'and with your spirit,' replacing 'and also with you.' This change can be made without raising difficulties. In the Rite of Communion for the Sick, someone who is housebound may well see saying the new version of 'Behold the Lamb of God . . .' and 'Lord, I am not worthy . . .' as expressing their unity with the parish community which is using the new wording.

**First Sunday of Advent (27<sup>th</sup> November)** It is our understanding that the new edition of the Missal will be available from late August, published by Veritas in two editions, an altar edition and a smaller 'oratory edition.' Full use of the new edition of the Missal takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

Yours sincerely, Monsignor Eamon Martin VG