

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

Saint Patrick's Church      Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Greencastle                      Broughderg

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

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### Mass and Confession Schedule for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Ordinary Time                                     | Saint Patrick's   | 10.00am Mass                                   |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November<br>All the Saints of Ireland                        | Saint Patrick's   | 10.00am Mass                                   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Ordinary Time                                  | Saint Patrick's   | 10.00am Mass                                   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Ordinary Time                                   | Saint Patrick's   | 10.00am Mass                                   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November<br>The Dedication of the Lateran<br>Basilica – Feast | Saint Patrick's   | 10.00am Mass                                   |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November   | Saint Patrick's   | 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday                   |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Thirty-Second Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time         | Saint Patrick's<br>Our Lady of the Wayside,<br>Broughderg | 9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo'<br>11:00am Mass |

#### Confession Schedule

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| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November | Saint Patrick's                        | 5:30pm (before Vigil Mass) |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November   | Our Lady of the Wayside,<br>Broughderg | 10:30am (before Mass)      |

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1075**. A further **£165** has been donated to the Missions and a cheque for **£1415** has been forward to the Missions Fund. Next weekend (11<sup>th</sup> November) a second collection will be taken up for the retired priests' fund.

**Welcome:** As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family, **Aisling Toireasa Lucas and Caolan Gerard Tracey** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and sponsors, prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

**Remembering Our Dead:** Please remember in your prayers the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Charlie Warnock, Vera Quirke (nee Enright), Noel Donnelly, Mick Fox and Eddie Fox.**

#### The Pope's Intentions for November 2007:

**General:** that those dedicated to medical research and all those engaged in legislative activity may always have deep respect for human life from its beginning to its natural conclusion.

**Missionary:** that in the Korean Peninsula the spirit of reconciliation and peace may grow.

**Please remember these intentions in your personal prayer throughout November.**

**Scor na n-og:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.00pm in Comhaltas Centre Dun Uladh. Your support for Cumann Naomh Padraig agus Sperrin Og will be much appreciated.

#### Child Protection (CP) Within Our Parishes – Badoney Lower & Greencastle:

- A meeting will be held **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 at 8.00pm** in the 'Old School', Greencastle.
- This meeting is a follow-up to the ongoing work of the Derry Diocesan Child Protection Committee.
- It will concern an interim parish policy on CP that is now legally required of all parishes.
- Parents/guardians of children involved in parish activities on church property, leaders in church ministries, and other adults or individuals who are members of church groups will need to attend.
- This is a continuation of work already done on CP with the parishes of Badoney Lower and Greencastle that has been ongoing for some time.

**Why We Pray for the Dead:** We say prayers, not only for those whom we knew and loved, but also for the "poor souls". Explain to your children about praying for the "poor souls" who may have no one else – no families, children or grand-children – to pray for them. This is an act of charity that we can perform for them. Be sure to mention that that respect for the dead is part of respect for all human life which comes from God. Our Heavenly Father gave us life, and we are all infinitely precious to Him, and he wants us all to be with him in heaven forever. We can see, then, how a denial of death, or a refusal to accept pain, sorrow, and suffering as part of life, is really a denial of the value of life and love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church section on Purgatory (1030 – 1032) explains that "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven". (1030)

The Catechism states that "From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice... The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead". (1032)

The feast of All Souls is a reminder to pray for the "faithful departed". Although they are members of the Communion of Saints, have been saved and will one day be in Heaven, they need to be perfected before they can go to Heaven, that is, to come into full unity with the perfection that is God.

We hope your school-age children had an opportunity to attend Mass on All Souls Day.

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:** Meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. The committee will welcome new members.

#### Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: Monthly devotions in honour of Our Lady:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November beginning with Confessions at 7:30pm followed by Rosary and Mass, finished around 10:00pm. *All are welcome to attend.*

**One Day Retreat for Senior Citizens:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am to 5.00pm – cost £12. Contact Fr. Sean Conlon OCD on (028) 7126 2512 (during office hours only).

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions at Lourdes:** The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2008. Fare £449.00 Application forms available in the Sacristy after Mass. Special booking forms for pilgrims who are sick or in need of help/care are *only* available from the Pilgrimage Office, 164, Bishop Street, Derry Tel: (028) 7126 0293 from 11.00am-2.00pm Thursdays and 11.00am to 1.00pm & 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturdays.

**Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau:** The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable partner. For further information contact the Bureau at Knock Co. Mayo. Tel: (00) 3539 4937 5960. or visit website at [www.knockmarrigebureau.com](http://www.knockmarrigebureau.com)

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 2 Macc. 7:1-2,9-14, Ps. 16, 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38.

**Lotto Numbers:** 3, 11, 13, 24 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5700

**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.**