



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

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

**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (5<sup>th</sup> August, 2012)**

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At 4.00pm this afternoon we, the faith-community of Greencastle will gather at the site of the Mass rock in the townland of Formil with our neighbours from the parishes of Ardstraw East, Ardstraw West and Castlederg, Badoney Lower, Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings we received through working together in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and to acknowledge our continuing pilgrimage of faith. Your friends living elsewhere or further away will be most welcome – invite them to join with us. You may wish to engage in the spirit of pilgrimage by walking from your homes to the site, Conway's yard and Rory Conway's field, Crockanboy Road will be available for parking cars. Please honour the highway code and respect your fellow pilgrims and the environment especially where we gather to pray. Your support in every way for the efficient running of this event in our parish will be much appreciated.

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2012 – 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2012)			
<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions	
		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Susanna Bradley	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
		<b>4.00pm</b> Mass	
	Mass Rock, Formil		
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
The Transfiguration of the Lord		<i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
Eighteenth Week in Ordinary			
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
St. Dominic (priest)			
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr, patron of Europe)			
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass	
St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr)			
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
St. Clare (virgin)			
<b>Saturday Evening (11<sup>th</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions	
		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions	
		<b>11.00am</b> Mass	

Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

**If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily      Thank you for your support especially during the summer season**

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£830**.  
*Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.*  
*Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.*  
 Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Susanna Bradley**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for **Peter Donnelly, Rose Hollywood, Francis McCrory and David O'Hagan**, the most recently enrolled members of the DDS.

**Sick and Housebound:** These will be attended **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August**. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

**Clonmacnoise Youth Festival:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world' John 6:15. For ages 16 to 35. Catholic Youth Festival, bring a sleeping bag.  
*No cost – subscription by donation      Contact Youth 2000 Office 00353 1675 3690      See posters on church notice boards*

**Next Sundays Readings:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33:2-9, r/v 9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51;  
 (Lectionary I, page 785)      **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

**Lotto Results:**    L – M – O – Q – Y (5 people with 3 letters - £10 each)    **Next Jackpot:** £1,450

Parish Liturgy for August, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Prayers of Intercession	---	---	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Collectors	Gerry McDermott	Mickey Beggs	Sean Clarke
	Noel McElhatton	Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Mary McCullagh and Joanne Beggs		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members are always welcome – contact Sinead for details			

**The theme of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress**

***The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with One Another implies a journey for the participating faithful***

Every journey has a point of departure and a destination, and the Eucharistic Congress journey is no different. As we travel we will find a variety of landscapes; sometimes the terrain will be easily negotiated and, at other times, it will present us with a significant challenge. It's all part of the experience of getting there. However this journey is unlike most other journeys because while it may include a geographical pilgrimage to some holy place, it is above all an interior journey of faith, leading to a deeper understanding of the Eucharistic mystery and an integration of that into our lives. Parish communities, and prayer groups and apostolic/social movements, as well as individual pilgrims are gearing up at the present to embark on this

Participate as fully as you can through prayer, reflection and action for justice.

Journeying together is often a source of great encouragement, and the support of others can sustain us when the path is rough. That's the wisdom in Jesus' decision to send the disciples out in pairs.

We have gathered with each other mainly in our parishes with larger populations – Drumragh and Cappagh – over the past number of years Each stage of our journey corresponded to one of the rites of the celebration of the Eucharist:

<b>Stage 1</b>	Autumn/Winter, 2010	Christ gathers us as a Eucharistic community when we focused on the Introductory Rites
<b>Stage 2</b>	Spring/Summer, 2011	God's Word which emphasised how the Liturgy of the Word nourishes our Communion
<b>Stage 3</b>	Autumn/Winter, 2011	Christ gathers us to be nourished by the Bread of Life when we reflected on the Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes referred to in the scriptures as the 'Breaking of Bread'
<b>Stage 4</b>	Spring/Summer, 2012	Christ gathers and strengthens us for Mission by the Word and Bread of Life explores the Concluding Rite with its focus on mission and the challenge to become what we have received, the living Body of Christ, given for others in our daily lives

**What is a Mass Rock?** A Mass rock (Carraig an Aifrinn in Irish) was a stone used in mid-seventeenth century Ireland as a location for Catholic worship. Isolated locations were sought to hold religious ceremony, as observing the Catholic mass was a matter of difficulty and danger at the time as a result of both Cromwell's campaign against the Irish, and the Penal Law of 1695. Bishops were banished and priests had to register to preach under the 1704 Registration Act. Priest hunters were employed to arrest unregistered priests and Presbyterian preachers under an Act of 1709. In many instances a stone would be taken from a church ruin, and relocated to a rural area, with a simple cross carved on its top. Because the activity was illegal, the services were not scheduled and their occurrence was communicated verbally between parishioners. The practice had waned by the late seventeenth century, when worship moved to thatched Mass houses.

**Lough Derg – Bringing You the Gift of Hope:** Whether you are seeking healing, reconciliation or simply a few days peace and quiet from the stresses of modern life Lough Derg is a calm place, a safe place and a unique place. Lough Derg ... You Just Gotta Go. To find out more about what's happening throughout 2012, and to book online go to [loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org), where you can view the full Season Guide and info on Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage. The traditional Lough Derg 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Pilgrims can arrive at Lough Derg on any given day until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August between 10.15am and 3.00pm.If you can't make it for the traditional three day pilgrimage, then why not come for a day? Day Retreats and a special programme of workshops and guided prayer retreats will resume on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.  
*Call (+353) 71 98 61518 or download a copy of the detailed Season Guide now at [loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org)*

**Silver Saver Campaign:** 9 out of 10 people in Northern Ireland are worried about the cost of their food and groceries. It is no surprise considering UK food prices have risen by 26% since 2007. The Silver Saver campaign by Age Sector Platform has been created on the back of one of the most popular motions from the 2012 Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament calling on food retailers to introduce a pensioner 'Discount Day' to help older shoppers cope with the rising cost of living and enable them to maintain a balanced and healthy diet. Show your support by signing a petition which will be used to lobby local and national food retailers.  
 The petition can be signed online via [silversaver.org.uk](http://silversaver.org.uk)  
*Supporters may also call (028) 9031 2089 to request postcards which can be signed and returned*

**Faith In The Olympics:** "The world's leading athletes should take it on themselves to teach the rest of us what the human spirit is capable of – mind, body and soul – at its best."  
*The Tablet editorial (21<sup>st</sup> July, 2012)*

<b>An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August:</b> Dances
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<p><b>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b></p> <p><b>General – Prisoners:</b> That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity</p> <p><b>Missionary – Youth Witness to Christ:</b> That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.</p>
<p><b>Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle:</b> You are invited on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph.</p> <p><b>Tel:</b> +44 (0)28 71269898 <b>Email:</b> events@childrenincrossfire.org <b>Online:</b> childrenincrossfire.org</p>
<p><b>St. Aengus' Church, Burt Co Donegal – Mass for Motorcyclists:</b> Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated to pray for all who have fallen in the last year and to ask for God's blessing in the year ahead. It will be followed by a short fund-raising run out to Ned's Point RNLI station. <i>All are very welcome to attend</i></p>
<p><b>Clothing Collection at Carrickmore:</b> A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore.</p> <p><i>Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493</i></p>
<p><b>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013</b> (028)8224 2439 <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a></p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD</p> <p>Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding</p>
<p><b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video</b></p> <p>The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);</li> <li>• Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;</li> <li>• Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.</li> <li>• Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.</li> </ul> <p><i>The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the</i> <b>Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</b></p>
<p><b>Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:</b> (028) 8225 1116</p> <p>Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.</p>
<p>War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. <i>Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)</i></p>
<p><b>Rouskey Community Centre</b></p> <p><b>Children/Young People Art Classes with Martin Mc Grinder:</b> Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Ages 4 to 8 from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 1.15pm to 3.15pm, and ages 9 to 14 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. £15 per child/young person. Family of 4 or more £50. Re- registered your child/ young person times now available. Only limited number of place available.</p> <p><i>Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 / 07847 459 428 or my new number 07591 047 556 (leave message on phone). Hire of centre or equipment. Any donation is appreciated for hire of equipment.</i></p>
<p>Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul. And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts!</p> <p><i>Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2009)</i></p>

<p><b>Family Care Society – Adoption:</b> 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 under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?</p> <p><i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i></p>
<p><b>Our Parish cemeteries</b> are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.</p>
<p><b>Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme:</b> Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.</p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012</b></p> <p><b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> Our Lady of the Wayside</p>
<p><b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b></p> <p>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed</p>
<p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> St. Patrick's <b>8.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)</p>
<p><b>Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:</b> Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><i>See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie ll T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295</i></p> <p><b>Knock Summer Youth Festival:</b> Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. <i>Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival</i></p>
<p><b>This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> The revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36). After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. There, St. Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August – St. Dominic (priest) [1170-1221]</b> Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr, patron of Europe)</b> Born in Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children in a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at 25. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1942.</p>
<p><b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August – St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr)</b> Died in 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times he was seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August – St. Clare (virgin) [1193-1253]</b> Followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Claires. Patron saint of television.</p>
<p><b>Questions people ask:</b> <i>Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)</i></p> <p>Q. The new translation of the Apostles Creed says that Jesus descended into hell. Was Jesus really in hell for three days?</p> <p>A. The hell of eternal damnation is not what is meant here but that Jesus, in his dying, embraced all who had died before his time. The scholar might argue that the word 'hell' originally meant any hidden or covered place such as an underground grave where the dead are buried. But for most people nowadays hell means the state of eternal damnation. What is communicated by words is what the listener understands which is not always the dictionary's meaning. This is simply a bad translation. The translation we had for the last 40 years, 'He descended to the dead' was a much better expression of what the Creed means.</p>

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 6:24-35:***John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
3. The work of God is that we believe in the one whom God has sent. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

**The Deep End – Why Is It, Lord?***Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Earlier this year the following reflection was read out at a First Communion I attended:

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities.

The people who speak to Jesus in today's Gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus accuses them of failing to look for anything deeper; they are really only there because they have been fed! They will only be convinced if Jesus can give them some physical sign. 'Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert,' they remind him.

But Jesus offers something more: bread from heaven; food that endures to eternal life. The disciples need to look beyond the obvious.

**Sit Down and Talk, Pope Urges Married Couples***Brasilia, Brazil, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012 (Zenit.org)***Sends Message to Teams of Our Lady** *By Junno Arocho*

Benedict XVI sent greetings to participants of the 11th International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady, which is currently being held in Brazil. The message was sent through the Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Founded in 1939 in Paris by Father Henri Caffarel, the Teams of Our Lady is a movement of married spirituality in the Catholic Church and aims to help couples discover the riches of the sacrament of marriage and to live out a married spirituality. In his statement, Cardinal Bertone conveyed the Holy Father's well wishes to the participants and lauded the "far-sighted pastoral intuition of the Servant of God Henri Caffarel..." The cardinal also expressed the urgency of the problems faced by married couples in an increasingly secularized society. "In this context, the couples of the Teams of Our Lady proclaim, not so much with words but above all with their life, the fundamental truths about human love and its most profound meaning: 'A man and a woman who love one another, the smile of a child, the peace of a home: here is an exhortation without words, but extraordinarily persuasive, in which every man can already anticipate, as by transparency, the reflection of another love and its infinite appeal,'" the statement read. The papal message lauded the movement's commitment to encouraging its members to be strengthened by the sacrament of marriage and of the Eucharist. He urged them to "cultivate this valuable habit of sitting together to talk and to listen to each other, to understand one another again and again in face of the surprises and difficulties of the long journey." Cardinal Bertone also conveyed the Holy Father's wish that members of the movement continue to be witnesses of the Catholic faith in the world. "His Holiness Benedict XVI invites Christian couples to be 'the smiling and sweet face of the Church,' the best and most convincing messengers of the beauty of love sustained and nourished by faith, gift of God offered with abundance and generosity to all, so that every day they can discover the meaning of their life," the statement read. The cardinal concluded the message by imparting the Holy Father's Apostolic Blessing to participants at the gathering in Brazil.