

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th September, 2010)
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Thank you for everything you did as a parish faith community to make the 25th anniversary celebration for Our Lady of the Wayside Church at Broughderg last Wednesday evening (1st September) such a blessing for our parish. We are grateful for the presence of Bishop Edward Daly our retired bishop who led us in prayer at the Eucharist as he did 25 years ago. We are grateful for the presence of so many priests, some of whom were here in 1985 and others who came for their first visit. We thank all our liturgy participants, lectors, those who presented the offertory gifts our fine choir who lead the music ministry, our sacristan and caretaker. We are grateful for all who gave their time and talents to have the church looking so refreshed and renewed for this occasion. We are grateful for the collaboration of Our parish committees, Finance, Buildings and Maintenance, and the specially-formed Our Lady of the Wayside Anniversary Committee. We are grateful to the Broughderg Community Association who invited us go to their Community Hall (formerly St. Mary's Church) after Mass.
The Gospel is alive and active when and where we work together. Thank you.

Mass Broadcast Via BBC Radio Ulster: Next weekend we will host BBC Northern Ireland who will broadcast our parish Mass as part of their religious programming for Sunday morning. Mass will be broadcast at 10.15am and it will be necessary that our congregation will be seated by 10.00am. There will be a practice for the choir, readers and all participants in our liturgy at 7.00pm on Saturday 11th September. Because of the earlier timing for the Broadcast Mass, we need to bring forward the time for Mass in St. Patrick's Greencastle to 8.30am.

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (5th September, 2010 – 12th September, 2010)

Saturday Evening (4th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 5th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass
Monday 6th September Twenty- Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be attended</i>
Tuesday 7th September Twenty- Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 8th September Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 9th September St. Ciaran (Abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 10th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 11th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (11th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brian Hollywood (9 th Anniversary)
Sunday 12th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8:30am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.15am Mass: To be broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster (please be seated by 10.00am)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£960**. 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. Thank you also for the **£250** received this week in support of the Nazareth Sisters in this diocese.
Other Collections: Thank you for the **£90** contribution towards the work of the Nazareth Sisters in the diocese and **£180** for the Trócaire Collection for the needs of Pakistan.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 6th September.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1, 32 (Lectioary I, page 903)
 (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: P – R – S – X – Y (5 winners drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,100

Parish Liturgy for 11th and 12th September	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (8.30am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Ciaran Tuohy	Erin Hood	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The Family of Michael McCann	The Family of Daniel McCrory	

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.
 Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community.
 Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2010 please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates: Monday 4th, 11th and 25th; Tuesday 5th, 12th, and 26th; Wednesday 6th, 13th and 27th 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. It would be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a 'Station'.

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Wednesday 8th 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.

Thursday 9th 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.

Sunday 12th September – *St. Ailbe (Bishop)* sometimes claimed as one of the pre-Patrician saints, but the annals note his death in 528. A tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the Pope. He founded the monastery of Emily which became very important in Munster. A 9th century Rule bears his name. Not celebrated this year.

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

Irish Dancing Classes in Greencastle Community Hall: Resume Monday 6th September (4.15pm – 5.45pm).
 Teacher: Patricia Wilson. *New members welcome*

Irish Dancing in St. Marys Hall, Dunamore: Resumes on Thursday 9th September at 6.30pm. Trial class for new beginners. Teacher: Mr. Damian O'Neill (former member of Riverdance). *oneillacademy.com*

Naomh Pádraig GAA, Greencastle – Youth Club Annual General Meeting:
 To be held in Community Centre Wednesday at 9.00pm. *All parents of children in the youth club should attend*

World Suicide Prevention Day – Friday 10th September: An annual event sponsored by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in collaboration with the World Health Organisation. *iasp.info/wspd/*

Upcoming BADA Events **Sunday 26th September** Sponsored Walk (leaving Centre at 3.00pm)

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

The Pope's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.

Mission: That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

Volunteering for Samaritans Can Change Someone's Life – Information Evenings

(Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm): Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. Come along and find out about our work. Telephone (028) 8225 1530, e-mail recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com for information/application form.

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.

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 E260 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@childrencrossfire.org for information.

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.

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

Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning: In aid of Foyle Hospice on Thursday 16th September or any suitable date in September! Foyle Hospice will provide a full coffee morning pack for your own event or you can also join us here at the Hospice on Thursday 16th September from 10.00am – 12.00pm.

For further information or to request a pack please contact Rachel at Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre, 61 Culmore Road, (028) 7135 9888, e-mail rachelbruce@foylehospice.com or visit www.foylehospice.com.

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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.

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

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010

Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
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Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end

Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Places are still available (€30 including boat and light lunch): 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st September.

With You on Life's Journey Workshops: 7th and 15th September.

Pilgrim Path 9km Sponsored Walk: Sunday 12th September. Starting 12noon at the lakeshore Visitors Centre.

For further information on any of these events or to make a reservation please contact
The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 ((028) 6863 2391 from NI) or email info@loughderg.org. Check out loughderg.ie

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures

Training Times	
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls	Monday nights
Ladies Senior	Monday and Wednesday nights
Under 16 Boys	Monday nights
Mens Reserve and Senior	Tuesday and Friday nights
Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12	Thursday nights
Under 16 Girls	Sundays at 10.00am

Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY?

World Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity for all sectors of the community, those bereaved by suicide, members of the public, charity organisations, ethnic minority communities, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, politicians', volunteers, the churches, other interested groups, and individuals to join collectively at Stormont Buildings at 4.15am or at the other points of departure and walk, "Out of the Darkness and into the Dawn" on the **10th September**. You are invited to walk from Stormont Parliament Buildings at 4.15am proceeding to the City Hall arriving at 6.00am. Alternatively you can join the walk from various points across Belfast and walk to the City Hall arriving at 6.00am where all of the groups will meet for a service of reflection and hope. Contact Mary Creaney at Suicide Awareness and Support Group on (028) 9023 9967 or Tommy Holland on (079) 2623 9000 regarding the 'Walk' or any information required for the Garden of Reflection departure from Springhill to City Hall.

**WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
WALK OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO THE DAWN
10th September, 2010**

The annual 'Walk of Life' event, walking, 'Out of the Darkness and into the Dawn' is a collective approach to mark World Suicide Prevention Day 10th September. Suicide Awareness & Support Group, East Belfast Survivors of Suicide Group, FASA and PIPS are organising an event to raise suicide awareness. The "Walk Out of the Darkness and into the Dawn" event will commence from Stormont Parliament Buildings at 4.15am in the morning and proceed to Belfast City Hall arriving there at 6.00am.

The walk is to signify walking through darkness and into the light as an expression of hope for those families and individuals affected by this issue. Other groups working with families bereaved through suicide from across North, West and South Belfast such as SOS, PIPS, FASA and SA&SG to name but a few, will also be leaving their respective geographical locations and walking to City Hall to mark the day as a Belfast Wide event.

We need all of our respective communities to support World Suicide Prevention Day on the 10th September by walking with us out of the darkness and walking into the light of a new dawn the light of new hope for suicide prevention. We all need to focus our attention on the unacceptable burden of suicidal deaths within our communities. The World Health Organisation stated that "suicide is an underestimated community health issue", this is clearly evident in the wider community of Belfast.

Last year the Lord Mayor Naomi Long was invited to attend the event and make an opening address to the public at City Hall, this year Lord Mayor Pat Convery will make his address in a celebration of life to a gathering of people from all across Belfast. There will be four Large Lanterns released as a tribute to those who were lost through suicide and one representative from the various groups will be asked to speak following Lord Mayor Convery's address. Tea, coffee and refreshments will also be available on the morning as well as information booklets on support services and advice available to support families affected by the issue of suicide.

World Suicide Prevention Day is held on 10th September each year as an initiative of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), and is co-sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The theme in 2010 is *Suicide Prevention in Different Cultures*. The purpose of World Suicide Prevention Day is to improve education about suicide, disseminate information, decrease stigmatization and, most importantly, raise awareness that suicide is preventable.

World Suicide Prevention Day 2010, *Suicide Prevention in Different Cultures* provides an opportunity to remind people that suicide is influenced by cultural, religious, legal, historical, philosophical and traditional factors and that these contexts need to be taken into account in considering suicide prevention. Suicide needs to be understood in terms of its cultural background, and, to save lives, suicide prevention programs need to be tailored to different cultural contexts.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 14:25-33:

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
2. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

**Many Faces, Many Places:
Suicide Prevention Across the World**

**Providing a regional voice for those bereaved
through suicide. Families Voices Forum.**

You are invited to join us for the
"Walk out of Darkness and into the Light"
To Belfast City Hall

Families, friends and groups leaving from
Suicide Awareness and Support Group at 5.00am
Morning of the 10th September, 2010
Bring torches or candles

Alternatively you can join the walk from various points across Belfast and walk to the City Hall arriving at 6.00am where all of the groups will meet for a service of reflection and hope.



The Deep End – Whole-Hearted:

You hear them in the street, on buses and on trains: mobile phone conversations. They can be annoying; for two reasons at least. First, some users of phones seem to think it necessary to shout into them presumably because of the distance between themselves and those at the other end. Second, you get only a 'halfalogue' – one side of the conversation.

Scientists at Cornell University, New York, claim that hearing only one half of a conversation is more draining on one's attention than hearing all of it. They experimented with students who were given concentration exercises while hearing one or two speakers on mobile phones. Their conclusion: people are less able to divert their attention from a half-heard conversation than from a fully heard one.

Half of anything rarely satisfies. It can even be irksome. It's the whole hog or nothing. The same can be said for half-hearted effort. Take today's Gospel reading for example (Luke 14:25-33). It ends on a note that could be sombre, or joyful, depending on the generosity of one's response to it: 'None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.' What a prospect! You can't follow Jesus half-heartedly. It's total commitment, or no commitment. To put flesh on that, it means there can be no Jesus-free zones in my life; that nothing in life is more important than the values he holds out to me. Therefore, I don't sacrifice these, ever, for anything else.

I wonder how many of us get that part of the conversation.

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Questions people ask:

Q. St. Paul told slaves to obey their masters. Why didn't he speak out against the evils of slavery?

A. In Paul's day slaves were often better off than free citizens. Because slave-owners wanted healthy servants, their slaves were more assured of food and lodgings than many of the free. Some students of Paul's life maintain that his parents were slaves who were granted freedom and Roman citizenship when they grew too old to work, a cheap way out for their masters. In today's Second Reading Paul appeals to the Christian master, Philemon, to take back the runaway slave, Onesimus, no longer as a slave but as a brother in Christ.

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