



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

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

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord [Year C] (6th January, 2013)

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: One of the first mysteries of our faith is that glory and power are manifest in the simplicity of a stable, in a helpless infant born to two people without rank, travelling on their way to a national census. The glory of the Saviour is found in the most common of places, in the most basic of surroundings, among the simplest of people. This is Good News, revealing the most radical pervasiveness of God's grace, present to us in the most ordinary of circumstances.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Season of Christmas week before Epiphany [Year C] (7 th January, 2013 – 13 th January, 2013)			
Saturday Evening (5th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
Vigil Mass for Sunday		6:00pm Mass: Maureen Morris (1 st Anniversary)	
Sunday 6th January	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: Rose and Anthony Quinn (1 st Anniversary)	
Epiphany of the Lord [Year C]	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass: Funeral for Nellie Tracey	
Monday 7th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
St. Raymond Penyafort (priest)		<i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>	
Tuesday 8th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Epiphany			
Wednesday 9th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Epiphany			
Thursday 10th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Epiphany			
Friday 11th January	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass	
After Epiphany			
Saturday Morning (12th January)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Epiphany			
Saturday Evening (12th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
Vigil Mass for Sunday		6:00pm Mass: John Tuohey (8 th Anniversary)	
Sunday 13th January	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Baptism of the Lord [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass	

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,010 .			
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Nellie Tracey whose funeral took place this morning, we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and prayerful support in their bereavement. We also pray for Maureen Morris and Rose and Anthony Quinn whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
Sick and housebound: These will be attended Monday 7th January . Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.			
Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July): The cost is £585. An application form is available from Rosemary at The Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ – (028) 7136 2475 (Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1.30pm). <i>Special forms for registered sick, youth and helpers are also available</i>			
Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2013: For information contact (028) 8224 1888 or Pilgrimage to Medugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan and Maria Bradley from Sept. 4 th - 11 th . Price £499 which includes Half Board and insurance. <i>Call Maria at (028) 8164 8357 for further details</i>			
Mill Festival: The organisers wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Mill Festival which raised £6,107.82 . The Green Elves Playgroup have been presented with £2,000 and the remainder is being used to purchase electric recliner chairs for Care for Cancer.			
Next Sundays Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 103; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-18, 21-22; (Lectionary I, page 185 or 833) or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 2:15-16, 21-22; (Lectionary I, page 179) (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 1)			
Lotto Results: B – K – S – T – V (2 people with 3 letters – £25 each) Next Jackpot: £2,500			
Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 7 th January	P6 and p7	Fiona Teague
	Tuesday 8 th January	P4 and P5 Years 8, 9 and 10	Anne Warnock Sean McCann

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013			
Sacramental Celebrations			
Friday 1 st March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm	First Confession
Sunday 21 st April	Our Lady of the Wayside	2.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation (Monsignor Eamon Martin)
Fourth Sunday of Easter			
Sunday 12 th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension			
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sunday 5 th May	St. Patrick's		
Sunday 25 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish			
Friday 8 th February Wednesday 22 nd May Thursday 11 th July	St. Patrick's		
Friday 30 th August Saturday 19 th October			
Sunday 7 th April	Our Lady of the Wayside		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (6 th and 7 th July)			
Saturday 6 th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 7 th July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am	Mass
Saturday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Saturday 26 th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Saturday 23 rd January	Second Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Saturday 23 rd March	Sixth Palm Sunday	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Thursday 28 th March	Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Saturday 13 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Saturday 1 st June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 5 th January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday 6 th January	
The family of Ciaran Warnock		The family of Lauren O'Neill	
Saturday 12 th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 13 th January	
The family of Ciatai Warnock		The family of Jamie Wilkinson	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			
To the Young People of Taize – Be Bearers of the Message of Unity: <i>Vatican City (Saturday 29th December) [VIS]</i>			
This afternoon before more than 30,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Benedict XVI prayed with the participants in the 35 th European meeting of young people of the Taize Community. Many local families hosted those who had made the pilgrimage to Rome for this occasion. The prayer followed the approach typical of the Taize Community. Following an address by Br. Alois, Prior of the Taize Community, the Holy Father spoke to the young people present in several languages.			
"You have come in large numbers from all over Europe and also from other continents to pray at the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul", the Pope said. "The faith that motivated these two great Apostles of Jesus is the same faith that has inspired your pilgrimage. During the year that is about to begin, you propose to free the wellsprings of trust in God in order to live it in your daily lives. I am pleased that in this way you have embraced the intentions of the Year of Faith, which began in October".			
In English, Benedict XVI recalled that "just over seventy years ago, Brother Roger established the Taize Community. Thousands of young people from all over the world continue to go there to seek meaning for their lives". It was precisely to support them "on their journey to Christ" that Brother Roger established this "pilgrimage of trust on earth".			
"A tireless witness to the Gospel of peace and reconciliation, ardently committed to an ecumenism of holiness, Brother Roger encouraged all those who passed through Taize to become seekers of communion. We should listen in our hearts to his spiritually lived ecumenism, and let ourselves be guided by his witness towards an ecumenism which is truly interiorised and spiritualised. Following his example, may all of you be bearers of this message of unity. I assure you of the irrevocable commitment of the Catholic Church to continue seeking the paths of reconciliation leading to the visible unity of Christians. And so this evening I greet with special affection those among you who are Orthodox or Protestants".			
In French, the Pope continued: "Christ now poses to you the question He addressed to His disciples: 'Who do you say that I am?' ... and wishes to receive from each one of you an answer that comes not from constraint or from fear, but from your profound freedom. It is in responding to this question that your life finds its fullest meaning. ... The Word of God, according to the Second Letter of Peter, is like 'a lamp shining in a dark place', that you would do well to attend to 'until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts'. You have understood this though: if the morning star is to rise in your hearts this means that it is not always there. At times evil and the suffering of the innocent give rise to doubt and confusion. At these times, our 'yes' to Christ becomes difficult. But this doubt does not make us unbelievers! Jesus did not abandoned the man in the Gospel who exclaimed 'I believe; Help mv unbelief!'"			

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – The Year of Faith: That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.
Missionary – Christians of the Middle East: That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):
 With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night). A £200 deposit before Thursday 31st January will secure you a seat.
For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Free Computer Classes: Commencing January.

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 under 8 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 familycaresociety.net

Our Parish cemeteries 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.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.
Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:
 Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

London Marathon (Sunday 21st April): Why not join team Foyle Hospice for a thrill of a lifetime running/walking one of the world's most exciting marathons, the Virgin London Marathon which takes place Sunday 21st April? This run takes in all the major sites and attractions in London with thousands of spectators all along the course. Places in this event will be difficult to get, but Foyle Hospice has some guaranteed entries for the marathon.
For further information contact Noel McMonagle, Community Fundraising Manager noel@foylehospice.com, (028) 7135 9888

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 11th and 12th January 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March
 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half-Marathon: Sunday 17th February, £100 deposit secures your place.
*For more information please contact events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898
 Thank you for your time on this it is greatly appreciated*

Parish Liturgy for January, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Megan McKenna		
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Brendan Conway and Mary Meenan		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead			
Altar Servers Needed: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so as soon as possible.			

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
 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:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* 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);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- 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.
- 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.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux)
 Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Monday 7th January – St. Raymond Penyafort (priest) [1175-1275] A very brilliant lawyer when at the age of 47 he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.
Tuesday 8th January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 13th January – St. Hilary (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [c.315-c.367] Elected bishop of Poitiers c.358 and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-359) by order of Emperor Constantine, he used the time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, a study of the Trinity.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 2:1-12:*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. What is the star (the vision, hope or purpose) which lights up your journey?
2. Like the wise men, our life journey is not one we travel alone. Who are the people who share your life journey now?
3. The wise men travelled bearing gifts. What gifts do you bring with you on the journey?
4. At times the wise men lost sight of the star. What clouds have obscured your star?
5. Who, or what, might be Herod for you now? What forces, within or without, could subvert the dream or goal?
6. Eventually the Magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had that gave you the sense that God was in what had happened?

Questions people ask:*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

- Q. What does Epiphany mean?
- A. An epiphany is a moment of revelation when something hidden comes to light. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates three manifestations of the divinity of Jesus hidden in his humanity. First was in the worship of the infant Jesus by the Magi. Then at the commencement of the mission of Jesus, after his baptism in the Jordan, the voice of the Father was heard, 'You are my Son, the Beloved', next Sunday's Gospel. The third epiphany was at the wedding in Cana, as he changed the water into wine, 'he let his glory be seen and the disciples believed in him', the Gospel for two Sundays hence.

The Deep End – Finding God in Unexpected Places:*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

A new born baby usually tends to attract visitors and gifts. The Magi are described as wise men from the East. They may have been astronomers or philosophers but most definitely they were people who had their eyes, ears and minds open to the events going on around them, to the signs of their times. We see in today's Gospel how God is working through people that we least expect. The wise men were not 'religious', they would not have been considered 'the people of God'. Yet, God is working through them in lots of different ways. They may not have been considered 'righteous' in their time, but they are certainly people who have come to bow down and worship God. This story has a clear message: that Jesus has come for all people, not just a select few.

Today, perhaps we can think about times when we found Christ in unexpected places. How did we react? What star, what guidance had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts were we given there?

'Whenever the Christ in one of us meets the Christ in another, there will be an exchange of gifts. Let this thought protect us from the patronising attitude that we must "convert" the other to our own way of living the Christ-life'

Margaret Silf