



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (6th February, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (7 th February, 2011 – 13 th February, 2011)		
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brenda Brennan (3 rd Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i> 10.00am Mass: Derry Diocesan Society (members and benefactors) 10.00am Mass
Monday 7th February St. Mel (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 8th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 9th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 10th February St. Scholastica (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: World Day of the Sick
Saturday 12th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory (Week 6)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Gerald McCullagh (3 rd Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 13th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £900 . 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. 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. Eucharistic Congress 2012 Support Collection: This will be taken up on Sunday 6 th February (today), please use the special envelope in your box of envelopes.		
Remembering Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers Bernadette Slane (13 Maryville) and Michael Devenney (Omagh) who both entered eternal life this week, as a parish community we extend our sympathy and support to their families and all who mourn them. We also pray for Brenda Brennan whose anniversary occurs at this time.		
Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 7 th February. 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.		
NIE Energy, as part of Age NI's Spread the Warmth campaign , is inviting people to pledge an act of kindness towards older people this winter. For every individual's pledge to carry out an act of kindness for an older person, NIE Energy will donate £5 to Age NI to help provide practical help for older vulnerable people this winter. Your act of kindness can be something as simple as bringing the bins out and in for an older neighbour or offering a lift to someone who doesn't drive. If you are interested in participating, visit nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php .		
Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 7 th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Caroline McCann)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Rose Kelly and Mary McCrory)
Tuesday 8 th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Francis Bradley)
Best wishes to our parishioner Emma McCullagh and her colleagues from St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore who are leaving for one week's voluntary work in Romania later this month		
Next Sunday's Readings: Ecclesiastes (Sir) 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (Lectionary I, page 652) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)		
Lotto Results: F – L – V – W – X (1 winner with 3 letters – £50) Next Jackpot: £4,200		

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

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
45	<u>Saturday 5th February</u> The family of Gary McElhatton	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 6th February</u> The family of Grace Conneely
46	<u>Saturday 12th February *</u> The family of Aine Lucas	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 13th February</u> The family of Ceiran Coyle
47	<u>Saturday 19th February</u> The family of Meaghan Clarke	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 20th February</u> The family of Niall Coyle
48	<u>Saturday 24th February</u> The family of Patrick McElhatton	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 27th February</u> The family of Orla Coyle
* Do This In Memory Week 6			
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:

1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying £20. **2.** Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time.

Privileges of members: Deceased: **1.** A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take in Greencastle on Tuesday 8th February at 8.00pm**). **2.** The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** **1.** Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. **2.** When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

World Day of the Sick (Friday 11th February): In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes 'whose shrine at the foot of the Pyrenees has become a temple of human suffering, we approach – as she did on Calvary, where the cross of her son rose up – the crosses of pain and solitude of so many brothers and sisters to bring them comfort, to share their suffering and present it to the Lord of Life, in spiritual communion with the whole Church.' May the Blessed Virgin, 'Health of the Sick' and 'Mother of the Living' be our support and our hope and, through the celebration of the Day of the Sick increase our sensitivity and dedication to those being tested along with the trusting expectation of the luminous day of our salvation, when every tear will be dried forever. May it be granted to us to enjoy the first fruits of that day from now on in the superabundant joy – *though in the midst of all tribulations* (2Cor7:4) promised by Christ which no one can take from us.

Pope John Paul II (message for the first World Day of the Sick)

Millennium Forum, Derry – The Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March.

Samaritans Volunteers – Spring Recruitment Campaign: Would you like to find out about the vital service that Samaritans provide? Maybe you could help in our work? Come along to our information evenings on Tuesday 15th February, at 7.30pm in Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. *Call (028) 8225 1530 or email recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com for information/application form*

There has been a lot of media coverage about the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence and accepted without prejudice can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Could you help us to provide this vital service?

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 6th February – Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs) Not celebrated this year.

Monday 7th February – St. Mel (bishop) [died in 488] Said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish Saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid.

Tuesday 8th February – St. Jerome Emliani [died in 1537] After a military career he founded the Clerks regular of Samaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron Saint of orphans.

St. Josephine Bakhita (virgin) [1868-1947] A native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canassian Daughters of Charity in Venice.

Thursday 10th February – St. Scholastica (virgin) [died in 543] Sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron Saint of convulsive children.

Friday 11th February – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858 Our Lady first appeared to the 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and hear from her lips 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

St. Gobait One of the best loved Saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvaurney, Co. Cork where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick

Dates for the Diary in 2011

Sacramental Celebrations

Friday 1st April	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Wednesday 13th April	Our Lady of the Wayside	5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
Sunday 5th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside

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

Thursday 8 th February	Wednesday 30 th March	Sunday 22 nd May
Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th October
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in Our Lady of The Wayside Church.		

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm 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 12th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 26th March	Third Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 1st April		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

11 th and 12 th February	11 th and 12 th March	8 th and 9 th April
13 th and 14 th May	10 th and 11 th June	
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com Courses are limited to 15 couples . Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.		

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for February (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognised.

Missionary: That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer

An Creagán – 6 week Carer's Programme: Started Thursday 27th January, 7.00pm-9.00pm. If you are an unpaid carer and would like to participate in this project, contact An Creagán on (028) 8076 1112, email health@ancreagan.com or visit us on facebook at [facebook.com/ancreagan](https://www.facebook.com/ancreagan)

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy

Create your Own Sculptor Workshop: Saturday 12th February (10.00am-4.00pm). Fee £65.

The Rare Owl' Times: The Nomadic theatre Company Saturday 19th February at 8.00pm. Admission is £10.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: This will take place on Saturday 9th April. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm from Saturday 29th January. (028) 7126 0293

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 – 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

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 5:13-16:

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can the potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Wouldn't it be better if the main religions reached a common code of ideals and dropped the doctrines which divide them?
- A. I would like to see the promotion of our shared ideals but I certainly would not favour settling for the lowest common denominator of belief. This would mean dropping many of the revealed truths such as the divinity of Jesus Christ, his unique position as saviour, his resurrection or the privilege of the Eucharist. Dialogue with other religions cannot mean any diminution of belief and I'm sure that the members of other religions think the same way.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – We Are the Kingdom People:

The Sermon on the Mount focuses on 'Kingdom people' as Jesus defines their role using two words: 'salt' and 'light'. Salt served as a currency in ancient civilisations. It was essential for preserving foods, even for keeping wounds clean. Jesus calls us to be salt of the earth. He did not say, 'you will be the salt of the earth' but 'you are'. Therefore we are called to be witnesses to the presence of God active in our lives and in our world – an ongoing process, taking place in the here and now.

Both salt and light operate by associating with the thing that they want to change. Salt must go into the food to change it from within, therefore we must get up and get involved. The Kingdom of God is about this world. It is about politics; economics; our environment; it is about peace. How are we to fulfil our responsibility?

'This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise... We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well... We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own' – Oscar Romero. *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*