



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (6th November, 2011)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (7th November, 2011 – 13th November, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening (5th November)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: Michael Conway (3rd Anniversary) <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Freddie McCullagh (Month's Mind)
<b>Sunday 6th November</b> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i> <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 7th November</b> St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 8th November</b> Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 9th November</b> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 10th November</b> St. Leo the Great (Pope and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 11th November</b> St. Martin of Tours (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 12th November</b> St. Josephat (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (12th November)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 13th November</b> Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,120** and the contribution of **£30** to the annual Missions collection.

*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.

**New Weekly Collection Envelopes:** If you have been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She extends her thanks to you for all your support, patience and help in getting this task completed.

**Sick and housebound:** These will be attended **Monday 7th November**. 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.

**Remembering Our Dead:** As a parish faith-community we pray for **Eileen Smyth** whose Requiem took place on Friday, we extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy and prayerful support. We also pray for **Michael Conway** whose anniversary occurs at this time

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Hegarty has written to inform us that he will come to the parish to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 29th March at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.

**Book of the Names of the Dead:** This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.

*If you wish to enter a name not already in the book, please feel most welcome to do so*

**Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing:** Sunday at 7.00pm sharp.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30;  
(Lectioary I, page 725) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

**Lotto Results:** G – M – S – T – V (4 people with 4 letters – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,150

**Our best wishes to Janet Devlin as she progresses on the X-Factor TV show**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 5th November The family of Ruanai McDermott	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 6th November The family of Mairead McGlinchey
<b>Saturday 12th November</b> The family of Shauna McGurk	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>Sunday 13th November</b> The family of Emma McElearney
<b>Saturday 19th November</b> The family of Joseph Hagan	Feast of Christ the King	Sunday 20th November The family of Lucy-Marie McCroary
<b>Saturday 26th November</b> The family of Rachael Devine	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27th November The family of Emma Maguire
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b> The family of Tyler Gumley	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday 4th December The family of Ronan Hollywood

**Parish Stations in October, 2011:** Thank you to all families who hosted a Station Mass for your townland. We were blessed with 9 Stations. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I hope you will maintain this tradition in this parish. A special thanks to all leaders and participants in the public recitation of the Rosary before Mass. Fr. Hasson

**Do This In Memory Programme:** The next liturgy will take place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Saturday 19th November).

**Young People's Production of Wizard of Oz:** Sunday 20th November at 3.00pm in Gortin Parochial Hall.

**Youthlife – Growing Through Change Programme** Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November  
There is no more traumatic event in a child's life than the loss of a loved one. The trauma is difficult for young people to deal with because their limited experience does not yet contain the tools to cope with such a situation. The loss of a loved one brings with it many different feelings and emotions. These can appear so unbearable that the young person may feel that s/he cannot cope. Young people need to know that it is alright to show their grief in their own way without feeling guilty or wrong. We are offering an opportunity for young people to get away for a weekend where we will help them to begin to understand why they are feeling this way and to show that these feelings are normal and that they will not always feel this way. The weekend is residential and takes place in the Residential Centre, Ulster American Folk Park from 8.00pm on Friday 18th until 5.00pm on Sunday 20th November. The activities of the weekend consist of personal experience presentations by young volunteers, small discussion groups and audio and visual presentations.

For further information and application forms please contact Bridie or Pat at the Youthlife Centre:  
**Tel:** (028) 7137 7227    **Mob:** 07912 507 388    **Email:** youthlife.info@gmail.com    **Web:** youthlife.org

**Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) Retreats** *Call the Carmelite Fathers Office on (028) 7126 2512 to book*  
**One-Day Retreat for Senior Citizens and their Friends:** Wednesday 16th November, beginning at 11.00am.  
**Weekend Retreat:** Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November, conducted by Sr. Josephine Walsh.  
Bookings can be made by contacting the Carmelite Fathers Office on (028) 7126 2512

**If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern** or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

**Greencastle Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 8th November at 7.00pm.  
*New members welcome*

**Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing:** Sunday at 7.00pm sharp.

<b>Greencastle Youth Club Rota</b>		
Monday 24th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Liz Conneely)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Rosemary Coyle)
Tuesday 25th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Martin Conway)

<b>An Bruach Dearg Community Centre Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Every Wednesday Night</b>	Zumba Classes from 8.00pm to 9.00pm
	<b>Every Friday Night</b>	Card playing at 8.30pm
	<b>Starting Next Week</b>	Computer classes (028) 8675 1633 / (028) 8164 8180

**Our parish extends best wishes to the local GAA Sperrin Og football team as they face off against Claregalway this afternoon in the All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final for ladies**

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**General:** For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.  
**Missionary:** That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfil the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

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

**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 0 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 familycaresociety.net

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):**  
 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February,  
 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.  
 Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.  
 Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

**ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge:** ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. Tel: 028 82242439

**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](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau.

**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

**Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon:** Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality  
 (028) 7135 1233

**Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week:** This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am.  
 The theme is *Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World*

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Parish Liturgy for November, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Barry Maguire
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	James McCullagh	Rosemary McCullagh	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Collectors</b>	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Francis Keenan Perry McCrory
<b>Altar Society</b>	<i>Volunteers required</i>		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

**Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal – Diocesan Sung Mass:**  
 Feast of St. Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup> November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.  
**Posture during Mass:** Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the *General Instruction* (43) for observation throughout the diocese:  
 1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect;  
 2. Standing from the *Orate Fratres* (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the *Sanctus*;  
 3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass.  
 4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.

**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, no 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 honored 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 will have an opportunity to attend Mass on All Souls day.

**Volunteers urgently needed for the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2012:**  
 The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more!  
 If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website [iec2012.ie/volunteer](http://iec2012.ie/volunteer) and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin **19<sup>th</sup> November in the RDS**. For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900.

### Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News

- A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry – Mass for all deceased young people.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry – Mass for deceased teachers.
- Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Forum, Derry.

**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:  
Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very Telephone/Email on busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES

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### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Matthew 25:1-13*:

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences.
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

*John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

### Questions people ask:

- Q. I don't see the point of purgatory. If God has forgiven sins the person goes straight to heaven. If one has not received forgiveness the person goes straight to hell. There is no in-between.
- A. That's a cold, legal notion of God's justice, not allowing space for mercy and growth. God may have granted full forgiveness but a person's co-operation with this grace may be still incomplete because of the damage done to one's character from sinful behaviour in the past. God's mercy does not demand perfection at the time of death but grants a process of purification which is called purgatory. It's like cleaning a mirror until the soul is cleansed of all selfishness, lust, anger and so on in becoming the perfect reflection of God's glory.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

### The Deep End – *Awaiting the Bridegroom:*

Have you ever run out of fuel? Many of us will be familiar with the panic of seeing the red fuel light appear on the dashboard when we are miles from a petrol station, or had to deal with a flat tyre or a dead car battery. Thankfully these days we have mobile phones and roadside rescue to bail us out. But even with all the warning signals available to us, we can still run out once in a while.

In this wedding story, the bridesmaids who run out of oil for their lamps are condemned as 'foolish'. Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a torch-lit procession at night time from the bride's home to the groom's. Bridesmaids were required to be in a constant state of preparedness, since the groom could appear at any time. In this parable, the fact that the bridesmaids fall asleep is not the issue; all 10 bridesmaids grow drowsy and fall asleep. The issue is that some of them – the five foolish ones – were not sensible or watchful enough to ensure they had sufficient oil, and because of this they miss out on the wedding feast. There was no one to bail them out; the other bridesmaids had to carry on, for fear that sharing their oil would mean no one would have enough to continue. They must have got quite a shock when they eventually arrived at the bridegroom's house, only to be denied and turned away.

This parable must have served as a dramatic warning to the early Christian community, who were hoping for Jesus' speedy return. It let them know that they could be in for a long wait – 'you do not know either the day or the hour' – and that they must be prepared. As well as having the light of faith, they must possess the fuel – the motivation and the actions – to keep it lit.

*Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon ([trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com))*

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – St. Willibrordt (bishop and missionary) [658-739]** a Northumbrian missionary saint, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)** Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. Died in 461.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St. Martin of Tours (bishop) [335-397]** Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul and founder of monasteries. Patron Saint of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – St. Josephat (bishop and martyr) [1580-1623]** Bishop of Polatz, worked for reunion of Ukrainian Catholics but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop)** Not celebrated this year.