

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th February, 2010)

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18th World Day of the Sick (Thursday 11th February, 2010): In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

'The concern that Christ showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of those who are ill is continued by the Church in its ministry to the sick. This ministry is the common responsibility of all Christians, who should visit the sick, remember them in prayer, and celebrate the sacraments with them. The family and friends of the sick, doctors and others who care for them, and priests with pastoral responsibilities have a particular share in this ministry of comfort. Through words of encouragement and faith they can help the sick to unite themselves with the suffering of Christ for the good of God's people.'

Pastoral Care of the Sick, 43

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (8th February, 2010 – 14th February, 2010)

Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brenda Brennan – 2 nd Anniversary
Sunday 7th February Fifth 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 8th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th February St. Scholastica	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Lourdes PS	10.00am Mass for the DDS (members and benefactors) 10.30am School Assembly (parishioners are invited)
Friday 12th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8:00pm Mass: Cecilia Woodhall – 1 st Anniversary
Saturday 13th February Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening <i>Do This In Memory</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Gerald McCullagh – 2 nd Anniversary
Sunday 14th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,100. Please support your parish 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 for the further offering of **£120** for Bishop Hegarty's Stewardship Trust Fund.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Brenda Brennan** and **Cecilia Woodhall** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do This in Memory of Me: Our First Holy Communion parish programme will continue at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle next weekend (Saturday 13th February). The next date will be the Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent (Saturday 6th March).

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
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Lotto Numbers: 11, 13, 15, 18 (4 winners with 3 numbers – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,650

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

Serving Our Faith-Community in Greencastle Parish

Parish Liturgy for 13 th / 14 th February, 2010	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Do This In Memory participants	Erin Hood	Volunteers needed
Offertory Gifts	The family of Eunan Morris	The family of Megan Conway	

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Ard Retreat Centre, Donegal – Lenten Retreat – "Prepare the way for Jesus our Lord": 20th and 21st February. Directed by Fr. Eddie Butler of Birmingham Archdiocese. Tel: (074) 9138 909 or e-mail info@ardsfriary.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293. Special arrangements are made for the youth who will be lead by the Pilgrimage Youth Team.

Whom shall I send...? Could you be called to serve God and his people as a priest in the Diocese of Derry? Come and See...Vocations Information Day....Saturday 20th February, 11.30am-4.00pm. Contact Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or Fr. Colm O'Doherty on (028) 8166 1475.

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 place in at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday 11th February**). 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.

Study Theology From Home: The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Tel: 00353 1404 8124/7 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com

IHCPT Derry Group 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance: To celebrate 30 years of taking young people with special needs on their annual Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes Group 110 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust (The 'Derry' Group) will be holding a celebration dinner dance in the City Hotel on Saturday 27th February, music provided by the Odyssey band. The group would like to invite anyone who has travelled with us over the years, young people or group carers, their families and all those who have supported and helped us in any way to join us in what should be a great evening to meet old friends and relive memories of some very special times. Tickets cost £25 and can be obtained from Stephen Browne at 07912500195.

Parenting Apart - Free 4 Week Programme: Practical advice and guidance on what children need to know, and what parents can do to meet their children's needs. Wednesday 10th February to Wednesday 3rd March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Parents Advice Centre (028) 7137 2006 (*funded by Northern Ireland Family Mediation*)

Fr. Shield's Camogie/ Hurling Club will be hosting another registration night on Monday 8th February at 8.00pm in St. Patrick's GAA club. This is for those who were unable to attend on the previous date. Registration fees are £15 for youth members and £25 for a senior members. All new members welcome.

Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:

Monday 8 th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Lorraine McCool
Monday 8 th February	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Michelle Meenan
Tuesday 9 th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Frank Gumley

STROBE LIGHTING has been installed in the Games Room

Please let the leader in charge know if this affects your child

To Raise the World: The first reading is about the call of Isaiah: *Whom shall I send?* The next two readings are about the apostles, those who were sent by Jesus to carry his message and carry on his work.

Who are Jesus' apostles in our world? Whom will God send today?

When God wants to send a message of love to the outcasts of this world, who will say *Here I am; send me!*

When God wants someone to speak out in the halls of government on behalf of the voiceless, who will say *Here I am; send me!*

When all the world marches out to war and God needs someone to march in the opposite direction, a messenger of peace, who will say *Here I am; send me!*

As the world suffers from the ill effects of the injustice it has caused, and the Church offers a way out through its social teaching, where are the Catholics who will bring that message to the world? Who will say *Here I am; send me!*

The Christian calling has to do with what is known in Catholic social thought as the common good. *Watch over your family and keep us safe in your care.*

Christians are called to work for the good of the human family. It is an urgent task, requiring people who have a sense of God's justice and are committed to peacemaking.

Whom will God send?

"We are all struggling to raise the world to a condition of greater justice, more stable peace, more sincere cooperation. We invite all of you and encourage you, from the humblest who are the underpinning of nations to heads of state responsible for each nation — we encourage you to build up an efficacious and responsible structure for a new order, one more just and honest." *Pope John Paul I (message of Sunday 27th August, 1978)*

Gerald Darring is the developer and webmaster of the important site of Catholic links called *Theology Library*.

For more information visit <http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/resources/about.htm>

http://liturgy.slu.edu/5OrdC020710/reflections_justice.html

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 8th February – St. Jerome Emiliani After a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Sanmaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron saint of orphans. Died in 1537.

St. Josephine Bakhita (1868 – 1947) A native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later a nun in Venice.

Wednesday 10th February – St. Scholastica Sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin, Patron of convulsive children. Died in 543.

Thursday 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 to hear from her lips "I am the Immaculate Conception". In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

St. Gbónnait (virgin) 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 Ballyvourney, 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.

Questions people ask:

Q. What does holy mean?

A. I consider holy to be one of the most expressive words in the English language. It is a word that comes up from the depths of the lungs, expressing a sigh for the infinite God who is over all, beyond all and within all. When Peter saw the power of Jesus manifested in the huge haul of fish, he experienced the otherness or holiness of God in contrast to his own frailty or sinfulness. Form your breath into that word, holy, and it becomes a mantra sighing for God.

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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 5:1-11:

1. Simon responded to the invitation from Jesus to put out the net again, with surprising results. Have there been times when you had little hope of results, but decided to try once again and were pleasantly surprised by what happened?
2. 'Put out into the deep water.' When have you found that blessings, or progress, came when you had the courage to venture into unfamiliar waters, where you felt uneasy and insecure? What, or who, helped to give you that courage?
3. Simon had a profound sense of a power at work that he could not understand. When have you had a sense of the divine breaking into everyday experience?
4. The disciples 'left everything and followed Jesus'. This step was preceded by their experience of the concern of Jesus for them, the attraction of his work, teaching and actions. Recall the story of key decisions or turning points in your life. Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

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The Deep End – In the Dark:

When it comes to energy and matter we're in the dark. Satellite images of leftover energy from the Big Bang show things as they were 400,000 years after the Bang. To put that into perspective: it means seeing something as it was 13 billion years ago. Analysing their findings, scientists have discovered that only 4.6 percent of the total universe is made of stuff we can see. The rest, in the form of dark matter and dark energy, is invisible and mystifying. Dark matter holds our galaxies together; dark energy drives them apart. Their interaction means that while there won't be more matter in the universe there will be more space – lots more. So much more that neighbouring galaxies will disappear into the void. We'll find ourselves even more cosmically isolated than we already are. Something to look forward to! Better to look forward to what God's word promises. God's image in today's First Reading (Isa 6:1-8) shows him as majestic and transcendent. Yet God cares for his people. He sends Isaiah on a mission to them. This mighty God, for whom our Big Bang was neither big nor a bang, cares for his creation. A cold and lonely universe is not part of his plan for us.

Couldn't be since he sends his son to us later. As the seraphs cover their faces before the majesty of God in that First Reading so too does Peter as he falls before Jesus' knees in awe in the Gospel reading. (Luke 5:1-11)

Take your pick: dark matter, dark future; glorious God, glorious future.

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