

## Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

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### Liturgy Schedule for the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time. 8<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June Feast of Colmcille, Abbot and Missionary, Secondary Patron of Ireland and Patron of Derry City	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June St. Barnabas, Apostle	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Dan Bonner – Month's Mind) (‘Do This In Memory’ programme)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: ‘Misso Pro Populo’ 11:00am Mass

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£920** and the further **£15** for the Diocesan Purposes Collection.

**Fr. Joe McMenamin** from the White Fathers, who visited last weekend for *Mission Awareness* phoned this week to express thanks to you for your generosity – you donated **£612.20** and **€77.50** to his mission work.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** will take place in Ireland in 2012. To help finance this project the Irish Bishops' Conference have asked each parish to take up a special collection on the Feast of Corpus Christi on 14<sup>th</sup> June. There is no special envelope in the regular box of envelopes so the collection will be taken up after Holy Communion. Please be as generous as you can.

**Maria Bradley** and the organisers of the recent fundraiser thank all who participated in the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, especially the visiting Clanabogan Drama Circle along with all who contributed in any way. **£1452** was raised and will be used to support of the work of SMA priests Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray this week for **Bridget Coyle** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Bishop Hegarty asks for your support for the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Today **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. If you cannot attend in person please pray in solidarity with the diocesan pilgrims who will be travelling.

**PTAA Meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.

**‘Do This In Memory of Me’ Final Session:** Our First Holy Communion parish programme will conclude at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle next weekend (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June). **In preparation there will be a practice for the choir and for others involved in the programme on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church.**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 115; Hebrews 9:11-15;  
Mark 14:12-16, 22:26 (Lectionary I, page 622)

**Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace:**

*Nuptial blessing from the Rite of Marriage*

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to:

Joanne Brogan (Greencastle) and Damien Patton (Newtownstewart) – 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

Ashley Warnock (Greencastle) and Anne McNaughton (Cushendall) – 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

Paul Teague (Greencastle) and Leona Gallagher (Termonmaguirc) – 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

**On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of the Sacred Heart)** the young people who were Confirmed in our parish on 25<sup>th</sup> March will be invited to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Every year those who have been confirmed are invited to take this pledge so this occasion can be an opportunity for those who took this pledge in **2008 (21), 2007 (19), 2006 (14), 2005 (18), 2004 (13) and 2003 (17)** to renew their commitment. Please share this invitation as widely as possible.

Following the pledge ceremony The **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association** will present Pins to young people who sign up with them. Also if there is anyone eligible for gold or silver pins please contact the PTAA committee immediately. GAA Tyrone footballer Stephen O'Neill who is a member of the **PTAA** will present these pins.

*This might be a good time to suggest that we again read the Irish Bishops' Pastoral letter published in 2007- 'Alcohol the Challenge of Moderation'.*

**Looking Ahead – Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries:** This will take place on the evening of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July directly after the Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg **after 11:00am Mass**. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

**Knock Summer Youth Festival:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18-35 year olds from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out [knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival)

### Pope Benedict's Intentions For June:

**General:** That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.

**Mission:** That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete openness of all the Catholics in the world".

**Prayer from the Taizé community, France:** Eternal God, even if we have difficulty in grasping your presence, through Christ we know that you are love. And we believe that through your Holy Spirit you live in our hearts. He is the Comforter and he sets us on the way towards others, especially towards those who are poorer than we are, so that the hope of the Resurrection may renew the face of the earth.

**Reflection on Exams:** Exams are a test of knowledge or skill. They have their importance. However, they are not a measure of the worth of the individual. They indicate one aspect of us, but we are much more than any exam can show. Success or failure does not give the full measure of our worth. Each one of us is unique and precious with our own gifts and talents. God made us that way. God wants us to use those talents. Exams can be an anxious time. But remember, we are more than our exam results. We are loved for who we are, not for our achievements. God wants us to discover all our wonderful gifts. *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Support Centre*

### BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Usual fortnightly dance. Music by <i>Brian McGee</i> and <i>Country Roads</i>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Annual Guest Tea - Tickets are £10 and are available from all committee members and Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633, Music by <i>Cascades</i> from 8.30pm.

**Sperrin Óg Ladies GFC:** Annual fundraising quiz night, Friday night (5<sup>th</sup> June) in Eddies Bar at 9.00pm.

**Lotto Numbers:** 10, 12, 13, 17 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,200

**France:** During the Pentecost weekend, two of the brothers from **Taizé** took part in the diocesan meeting of the Church in Nantes; 20,000 took part, of whom 2,000 were young adults. On the Saturday afternoon, the brothers were asked to lead two prayers in a city centre church. On the Sunday afternoon, they were asked to lead discussion for high school and college students on the theme of the meeting: **"Rekindle the gift of God that is within you"** (2 Timothy 1.6)

*News sheet from the Taizé Community*

The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society, on the other hand, is proper to the lay faithful. As citizens of the State, they are called to take part in public life in a personal capacity. So they cannot relinquish their participation “in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the *common good*.” The mission of the lay faithful is therefore to configure social life correctly, respecting its legitimate autonomy and cooperating with other citizens according to their respective competences and fulfilling their own responsibility. Even if the specific expressions of ecclesial charity can never be confused with the activity of the State, it still remains true that charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as “social charity”.

***‘Deus Caritas Est’ (Pope Benedict XVI in 2005)***

### **Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation**

*A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference*

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.

We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.

We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.

What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol.

If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

*Full text can be read at [www.catholiccommunications.ie](http://www.catholiccommunications.ie)*

### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 28:16-20:**

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way, you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life?
3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?
4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?
5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you?

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### **Questions people ask:**

Q. Would it make any difference if I believed in one God without the complications of three divine persons?

A. It would matter hugely. By neglecting the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity you would miss the revelation of the inner life of God as revealed in the teaching of Jesus, far advanced beyond the Old Testament. Nor could one understand the divinity of Jesus, nor the sacrifice of Jesus in offering himself freely to the Father, nor the sending of the Holy Spirit, nor the movement of the Mass which is going to the Father, in and through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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### **The Deep End – An *Unholy Distance*:**

The heavenly honorific of today’s feast puts me in mind of the teacher who told her six-year-olds to write to God and ask him a question. I’m sure he smiled at Jeannie’s. She wrote, ‘Dear God, in bible times did they really talk that fancy?’

Jesus never spoke ‘fancy’ about his Father. So, why should we? Two possibilities come to mind. First, we want to be reverential. The problem here, however, is that the language we use when ‘reverential’ can be all head and no heart. Consequently, we put God at a distance he neither wants nor observes. Love draws, it doesn’t repel. So, if we call God a trinity, how can we call love an abstraction?

Second, we don’t have a clue who, or what, God is. This may be truer than we feel comfortable admitting. So we resort to abstraction. Now for some peculiar reason the more abstractly you present something the more profound some people think you are. I tend to think the opposite. It’s only when you know something inside out that you can describe it simply. Profundity and simplicity go hand-in-hand, not profundity and abstraction – unless, of course, God can be reduced to a mathematical equation.

So how then to talk of God? Well if the purpose is to reveal God in some way, talk is not the best way to go about it. Example is. Just as surely as talk of love can never replace the real thing, so ‘trinity’ can never replace the simplicity of Father, Son and the Love between them.

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