



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (7th August, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (8th August, 2011 – 14th August, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil (6th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 7th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 8th August St. Dominic (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th August St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11th August St. Clare (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 12th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 13th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil (13th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 14th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	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 **£950**. 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. **Sisters of Nazareth Collection (Monday 15th August) [Advance Notice]:** See special envelope in your box of envelopes.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Gerard Coyle** who died on Tuesday, as a parish faith-community we extend to his family the support of our prayers.

We also pray for **Paddy Bradley**, whose anniversary occurs at this time and recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society **Annie Morris (Aughascribba)**, **Jimmy McCullagh (Bracagh South)**, **Jane McNamee (Broughderg)** and **Fr. Packie McLaughlin (former curate in this parish)**.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Life Rose McDermott** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, her parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

21st and 22nd October, 11th and 12th November, 2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14th January, 10th and 11th February, 9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

St. Canice's Oratory (IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff) – Healing Mass:

This will take place in on Friday 12th August at 2.30pm.

Light refreshments afterwards

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11: 13-15, Matthew 15: 21-28;

Lectionary I (page 690)

(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: D – I – F – O – P (3 people with 3 letters – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,500

Bringing the Offertory Gifts to the Altar: During the summer months there will be no formal rota. Anyone may volunteer spontaneously to bring the gifts forward. *Do not be shy about doing this*

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.

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.

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage: (€55 includes boat fare and accommodation) You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August.

For further information please visit loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org,

Tel: (028) 6863 2391 (from NI). The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

A clothing collection has resumed in Carrickmore and will continue until the end of August. The proceeds of the collection will go to Trócaire for their work with the famine stricken peoples in the Horn of Africa region. As usual, bags or boxes of all types of clothing, shoes, curtains, bed linen, towels etc. can be left in the green container in the car park at the GFC Grounds, Carrickmore daily between 11.00am and 9.00pm.

No toys or household goods, thank you

For further info contact Briege ((028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684), Conor ((028) 807 61594) / 07585 223 195),

Colette ((028) 807 61493) or Kay ((028) 8224 4145 / 07732 856 354

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: 21st-28th August to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions. £489 direct from Belfast. Accompanied by Monsignor Danny Monaghan. *Details from Maria Bradley (028) 8164 8357*

South-West College (Dungannon Campus): Where is life taking you? South West College is now enrolling on a wide range of full-time, part-time and higher education courses commencing September.

Download a prospectus from swc.ac.uk, call into your local campus or tel. 0845 603 1881

The Deep End – Eyes on the Real Mission:

In 1985, the UN declared the International Year of Youth and Pope John Paul II followed suit by creating an event for young Christians to meet, to acknowledge their faith and to come together in peace and celebration: 'I want to meet with you, to listen to you and to hear about your life...' (John Paul II).

Twenty-six years later this legacy lives on as this week one million young adults from around the world will descend on Madrid for the World Youth Day (WYD) events. Consider an intimate life-changing retreat combined with a crowded rock concert – at WYD the Church is alive and it is young! Hundreds of pilgrims will attend from Ireland and take part in this enormous festival of faith. In a world where secularism and atheism are considered to be neutral stances this festival gives young people permission to celebrate their faith, to stand up and say, YES I am a Christian! Please remember these pilgrims in your prayers this week as they journey with one another.

Lord, You have called our young people to make a journey of faith, and with the help of Your Spirit they have heard and answered the word You have spoken in their hearts. Teach them to choose life and to choose what is just. Help them to share with others the life You promise, especially in service of the poor. Lead our young pilgrims along the way Lord, and make safe their journey to Madrid, to You and the life You promise. (USCCB)

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BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 14th August Dance with music by *Country Traditions*

Sunday 28th August Dance with music by *Cascades*

Dates for the Diary in 2011
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)	
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.	
Wednesday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

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

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayers)
General: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.
Missionary: That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

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 3rd 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*

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 20th August. A deposit of £15 secures your place with further fundraising of £135. All proceeds are going towards vital life changing projects for some of the world's most vulnerable children.
Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org **Online:** childrenincrossfire.org

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.

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

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

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

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 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
Tel: (028) 9033 2470 **Email:** belfast@camara.ie **Online:** camara.ie

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock (Sunday 11th September):
 Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Neary (Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. Guest singers: Dana, Fr Liam Lawton, Ann Marie Gibbons and Daniel Furlong (winner of 2011 RTE All Ireland Talent Show).
Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 8th August – St. Dominic (priest) [1170-1221] Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.

Tuesday 9th August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr, Patron of Europe)
 Was born at Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children in a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at 25. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9th August, 1942.

Wednesday 10th August – St. Lawrence (deacon) Deacon Died in 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times he was seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.

Thursday 11th August – St. Clare (virgin) [1193-1253] Followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Claires. Patron saint of television.

Friday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chatal (religious) [1572-1641] At the age of 20 she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St. Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.
St. Muredach (bishop) Regarded as the founder of the church at Killala. He may also be the founder and patron of the monastery of Inishmurray off the Sligo coast.
St. Attracta (virgin) Lived in the sixth and seventh century. Local tradition remembers her great healing powers. Her convents were famous for hospitality and charity to the poor.
St. Lelia (Liadain) (virgin) Had a church at Kileely near Thomond Bridge. She is said to have been baptised by St. Patrick.

Saturday 13th August – St. Pontian (Pope) and St. Hippolytus (priest) (both martyrs) Pontius became bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235. Hippolytus was a Roman priest. Both died of ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs.
St. Fachtna (Fachanan) (bishop) Founder of the monastery of Ross Carbery (Ross Ailithir). He died around 600. His monastery became the principal monastery of the west Cork and later had a famous scripture school.

Sunday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz. Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 14: 22-23:

1. The story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.
2. When Jesus got into the boat the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?
3. The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?
4. The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you?

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Questions people ask:

- Q. Did St Peter really walk on water? It defies the laws of science. Or is this a sort of story for the sake of making a point?
- A. A miracle is some happening which goes beyond the normal laws of science. As far as I am concerned, it would not bother me if somebody could prove that Peter's act never actually happened. What appeals to me in the story is the lesson that as long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he could walk through the storm, but once he concentrated on the wild wind and billowing sea, he began to sink. But even then, the Lord stretched out a hand to save him. It is a story giving immense encouragement.

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