



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th November, 2010)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (7th November, 2010 – 13th November, 2010)

Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Mickey Conway (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 7th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (Month's Mind)
Monday 8th November Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th November St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11th November St. Martin of Tours (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 12th November St. Josephat (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass: Brendan Morris (13 th Anniversary)
Saturday 13th November Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Mick Hollywood (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 14th November Thirty-Third 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 **£1,115**. 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. Thank you for the further **£140** for the Annual Mission Collection taken up on Sunday 24th October. We also acknowledge with gratitude a very generous donation of **£1,000** for parish funds received recently.

Remembering Our Dead: We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of **Agnes Donnelly** whose Requiem took place on Thursday 4th November. We pray for **Mickey Conway** and **Brendan Morris** whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers **Susanna Bradley (Formil)**, **Katleen Keenan (Mullingar/Benefreaghan)**, **Felix McAneny (Dungannon)**, **Paul McCullagh (Cashel)** and **Roseanne McGarvey (Muninamale)**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Next Sunday's Readings: Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
 (Lectionary I, page 934) **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: A – I – Q – T – V (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,550

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

Parish Liturgy for (6th and 7th November)	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Emma Clarke	Lucy Hood	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The family of Caitin Warnock	The family of Sean Og McCann	

Offertory Gifts (13th and 14th November)	The family of Shane McKenna	The family of Michaela Gillen	
Offertory Gifts (20th and 21st November)	The family of Michelle O'Brien	The family of Jordan Gumley	
Offertory Gifts (27th and 28th November)	The family of Catherine O'Connor	The family of Cathair Hughes	

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school year. Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.

A Personal Prayer for All Souls Day (by Joyce Rupp)

"Do not withhold kindness even from the dead" Sirach 7:33

The following could be prayed by anyone who feels alienated or not at peace with someone who has died. Have before you a photo of the person who has died. Recall your differences, the situations and events that sparked the alienation. Write about some of these difficult memories. You may even want to write a dialogue with the person who has died. Hold these memories out to Jesus the healer. Allow him to take these memories and hurts from you

Something Greater Than Us: A lot of time Mass isn't particularly the way I want it to be. My fellow parishioners aren't people I'd necessarily choose for friends; someone's always brought a wailing baby, and it's easy to find fault with the architecture, priest, art and especially music... still, I invariably leave Mass feeling a little more peaceful, charitable, hopeful and trusting than when I arrived. That is my purpose on earth; to put my body, attention, good cheer and desire to do better, such as they are, into the stream of life, at the service of others. The Eucharist is the ultimate participation in something greater than myself, and the fact that it requires participation reminds me that, much as I'd often like to, I can't trod the spiritual path alone. *From the book Redeemed by Heather King (Living Faith)*

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 8th November at 8.30pm.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Meeting: Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm.

Mass for Deceased Teachers: The Annual Mass for the deceased teachers of the diocese this year will be celebrated in St Columb's Church Chapel Road, Derry on Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm.

Mass for Deceased Young People: A Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased young people of the diocese in Holy Family Parish, Ballymagroarty, Derry on Sunday 28th November at 3.00pm. It will be an opportunity for the family and friends of those who have lost young loved ones to come together in a spirit of prayer and hope.

Owenkillew Credit Union Annual General Meeting: Friday 12th November at 8.00pm in the Greencastle Office. *All members are welcome.*

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July, 2011) – Gift Vouchers: £20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers are available from Rosemary at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, (028) 7136 2475.

Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 8 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Catherine Maguire)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Rose McCullagh and Kathleen McCullagh)
Tuesday 9 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Caroline McCann)

Upcoming BADA Events	Sunday 7th November	Dance with music by <i>Country Legends Peter and Harry</i>
	Every Friday Night	Card playing at 8.00pm

The Pope's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our Saving God strength for a radical life-change.

Missionary: That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God.

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:

Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.

For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

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

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street):

12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer €260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

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.

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*

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

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

CATHOLIC ACTION: LEARN THE ART OF TRUE LOVE

VATICAN CITY, 30 OCT 2010 (VIS) - In St. Peter's Square this morning, Benedict XVI met with 100,000 children and young people from Italian Catholic Action who are participating in a national meeting on the theme: "There is something more: Let us grow up together".

The Pope replied to three questions put to him by a boy from Catholic Action, a young man and a school teacher.

To the first question - "What does it mean to grow up? What must I do to grow up while following Jesus?" - the Holy Father replied by recalling his own youth. "I wanted to do something grand, to make more of my life", he said. "Being 'grown up' means loving Jesus, listening to Him and speaking with Him in prayer, meeting Him in the Sacraments, in Mass and Confession; it means ever greater knowledge of Him, and making Him known to others; it means being with one's friends, even the poor and sick, so as to grow together".

To the second question - "What does it mean to love unto the end? How can we learn to love authentically?" - the Pope said: "This is a vital question. It is very important, I would say fundamental, to learn to love, to love truly, to learn the art of true love. ... You will grow up if you are capable of making your life a gift to others; not seeking yourself but giving yourself to others. ... You cannot and must not make do with a love reduced to a commodity, to be consumed with no respect for self or for others, incapable of chastity and purity. That is not freedom. A lot of the 'love' presented by the media and on the internet is not love but selfishness and closure. ... It binds you like a chain suffocating the most beautiful thoughts and feelings, the true impulses of the heart, that unquenchable force which is love and which finds in Jesus its highest expression, and in the Holy Spirit the strength and the fire to ignite your life, thoughts and affections. Of course it also takes some sacrifice to love truly - without sacrifice you cannot follow this path - but I am sure you are not afraid of the fatigue of a demanding and authentic love. It is the only thing which, in the final analysis, brings true happiness".

The third question was: "What does it mean to be teachers today? How can we face the difficulties we meet in our service? How can we ensure that everyone takes responsibility for the present and the future of the new generations?"

Benedict XVI replied by highlighting how "Being an educator means having joy in one's heart and communicating it to everyone so as to make life good and beautiful; it means providing reasons and goals for life's journey, presenting the beauty of the person of Jesus and making people love Him, His lifestyle, His freedom. ... Above all it means holding up the goal of ... that 'extra' that comes to us from God. This requires personal knowledge of Jesus, a personal, daily and loving contact with Him in prayer, meditation on the Word of God, faithfulness to the Sacraments, the Eucharist, Confession; it means communicating the joy of being part of the Church, of having friends with whom to share, not only the difficulties but also the beauties and surprises of a life of faith".

"You will be good educators if you are able to involve everyone in the good of the young. You cannot be self-sufficient but must make the vital importance of educating the young generations felt at all levels. Without the presence of the family, for example, you risk building on sand; without a collaboration with schools it is not possible to create a profound knowledge of the faith; without the involvement of the those who work in the sector of leisure and communication your patient efforts risk being unproductive and ineffective in daily life. I am sure that Catholic Action is well rooted in the community and has the courage to be light and salt. Your presence here this morning tells not only me but everyone that education is possible, that it is tiring but beautiful to enthuse young people and children. Have the courage and audacity to ensure that no sector is deprived of Jesus, of His tenderness which you bring to everyone, especially the neediest and abandoned, through your mission as educators".

The Pope ended his remarks by inviting those present to stay faithful "to the identity and goals of Catholic Action".

Questions people ask:

- Q. My mother was a genuine and devout Christian all her life. I believe she is now with God so why should I pray for her? Is it alright to pray with her?
- A. To pray with her is a great idea. A special moment at Mass is when we join with the angels and saints in proclaiming the song of heaven, 'Holy, holy, holy'. Those who are with Jesus in heaven are now part of the perfect worship of the Father. Our Mass is an anticipation of perfect worship. Your good mother is part of the real thing while we are part of the rehearsal. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Sunday 7th November – St. Willibrordt (bishop and missionary) Not celebrated this year.

Wednesday 10th 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.

Thursday 11th 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.

Friday 12th 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 13th November – St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop) Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 20:27-38:

1. The question of the Sadducees suggests that our status here in this life influences how we will be in the afterlife. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any 'status' we might have, but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your worth or the worth of another, as something other than worldly status.
2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?
3. Jesus used the phrase 'Children of the resurrection' to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge – an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Gut-Feeling:

One thing can be said about life: it never ceases to amaze. Take, for example, a decade-long ocean census completed early this year. It uncovered a whole new world of a billion marine microbes. That's an incredible 50,000 times more microbes than were known to exist before the census. How much more of life's largesse do we short-change, I wonder.

Do we short-change life's extravagance even in the case of human beings, particularly when a person's earthly life has come to an end? How many are tempted to think, 'Well that's that! Finito!' The Jewish sect in today's Gospel reading (Luke 20:27-38) holds such a view. The Sadducees don't believe in life after death. For them there is no such thing as bodily resurrection. Today, lots of people think that way too, or would claim they do. But that's such a bleak outlook to have!

Even were it true, I'd still crave some comfort – even that of delusion – to face the abyss of oblivion. Let delusion cushion the icy impact of eternal emptiness and the sickening thrust of a risible freedom that leads nowhere and to nothing. In such a case one might as well be a robot as a human being.

So much of what we experience each day tells us that life is not a trickster. It tells us that we are players in a drama, not a farce. We can trust our intuitions, our insights and our feelings. There's more ways to truth than through scientific observation and logical reasoning. Let's never forget our gut.

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