

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg St. Patrick's, Greencastle Third Sunday of Easter [Year A] (8th May, 2011)

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Cohodula for the Third Week of Faster IVery A1 (0th Mar. 2014 4 45th Mar. 2014)

Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Easter [Year A] (9th May, 2011 – 15th May, 2011)						
Saturday Evening Vigil (7th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions				
Do This In Memory (Week 9)		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:				
		Maureen Fox (3rd Anniversary)				
Sunday 8th May	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo				
Third Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions				
	•	11.00am Mass				
Monday 9th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
Third Week of Easter		10.00am Mass:				
		Dan Bonner (2 nd Anniversary)				
Tuesday 10th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
St. Comgall (abbot)		10.00am Mass				
Wednesday 11th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
Third Week of Easter		10.00am Mass				
Thursday 12th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
Third Week of Easter		10.00am Mass				
Friday 13th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
Third Week of Easter		8.00pm Mass:				
Our Lady of Fatima		Vincent Harley (1st Anniversary)				
Saturday 14th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before				
St. Matthias (apostle)		10.00am Mass				
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation				
Do This In Memory (Week 9)		of the Rosary before				
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:				
		Patrick McGuigan (25th Anniversary)				
Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo				
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions				

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.00am Mass until concluding prayers at 4.30pm at St. Patrick's Praying the Rosary During the Month of May

11.00am Mass

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us in praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,260. A contribution of £120 was made to the annual collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land which was taken up on Good Friday and so far a generous £1,730 has been raised for the annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign.

Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection: This will be taken up next weekend (7th and 8th May) after Holy Communion. Please be as generous as you can.

The amounts of recent Special Collections include 1/ for Clerical Education and on-going formation taken up on 17th March. £770 2/ for the support of our Emigrants £370 3/ for the Shrines in the Holy Land taken up on Good Friday raised £120 and you have also contributed £2,605 so far to the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Any more contributions will be warmly welcomed

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith community we pray for Dan Bonner, Vincent Harley, Gareth McNamee, Sr. Victor Keenan and Patrick McElhatton whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers Maureen Morris, John Donaghy and Bernadette Slane, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family Desmond Peter Covle. Anthony Patrick Morris and Ava Marie Morris who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and their godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10;

(Lectionary I. page 487) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: F - N - P - W - X (2 winners with 3 letters - £25 each) Next Jackpot: £4.850

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

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
58	Saturday 7th May *	Third Sunday	Sunday 8th May
	The family of Catherine O'Connor	of Easter	The family of Cieran Coyle
50	Saturday 14th May	Fourth Sunday	Sunday 15th May
59	The family of Niall Coyle	of Easter	The family of Caitlin Warnock
60	Saturday 21st May	Fifth Sunday	Sunday 20th May
60	The family of Orla Coyle	of Easter	The family of Daniel McCrory
61	Saturday 28th May	Sixth Sunday	Sunday 29th May
	The family of Shaun Coyle	of Easter	The family of Leah McGuigan

* Do This In Memory Week 9

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle next weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings as well as those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times.

"Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of guiet - Lord hear us"

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
10.00am	Glenhull / Aughminacrory	1.30pm Binnafreaghan	
10.30am	Monanameal / Alwories	2.00pm Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan	
11.00am	Crock / Coneyglen	2.30pm	Teebane / Carnanrancy
11.30am	Aughascribba	3.00pm	Crockanboy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evishession	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
12.30pm	Formil East	4.00pm	Sheskinshule
1.00pm	Formil West	4.30pm	Concluding prayers and Benediction

Prayer to implore favours through the intercession of the Servant of God Blessed Pope John Paul II:

O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Holy Spirit, to shine through him. Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among your saints. Amen. Official prayer to ask favors through the intercession Pope John Paul II karol-woityla.org/En/Home%20Page.aspx

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo - Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 1st May to 9th Sunday October.

knock-shrine.ie

Thanking you in anticipation of your support

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.

RNIB (supporting blind and partially sighted people) - 5 Mile Sponsored Walk:

Saturday 14th May leaving McGurk's Bar, James Street, Omagh at 11.00am. Registration from 9.30am.

Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28th May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29th May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days. Entry fee £25 per Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

Flower Festival - Radiating Christ: Rev. William Seale. Rector at St. Columba's. Omagh invites us to a Flower Festival -'Radiating Christ' to be held in their church from 27th - 30th May, drawing our attention to the Opening Service with preacher Rt. Rev Ken Good (Bishop of Derry and Raphoe) on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm and the closing concert on Monday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Group catering is available for coach parties (morning / afternoon tea and meals available) For additional details and advance catering bookings please email drumraghflowerfestival@gmail.com

Questions people ask:

- Q. My faith has gone very dead. Scandals in the Church haven't helped but I don't lay all the blame there. Missing Mass no longer bothers me like it would have years ago. Any prayers I say are mechanical. Have you any suggestions?
- The world we live in has gone very secular and it is all too easy to drift with the flow. One has to make very deliberate efforts today to nurture faith. Just as our diet has a huge effect on our physical health, our mental diet dictates the wellbeing of our mind and soul. Drop into a church more often to adore the Lord. Read the scriptures as a source of developing a personal I isten-and-talk relationship with God. Break out of self-centredness by offering your services to a charitable or sporting organisation. There are many Retreat Centres where you might avail of a helpful programme. Above all, humbly pray for the gift of a lively faith. Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@amail.com)

Dates for the Diary in 2011 Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 5th June Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am First Holy Communion Feast of the Ascension

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

Sunday 22nd May Monday 11th July Tuesday 30th August Wednesday 19th 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.

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2nd July St. Patrick's 7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)

Sunday 3rd July Our Lady of the Wayside 12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)

Wednesday 2nd November St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for

the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 7th May Third Sunday of Easter 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 5th June Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Saturday 25th June Feast of Corpus Christi 6.00pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

13th and 14th May

10th and 11th June

Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street,
Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com
Courses are limited to 15 couples. Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

Missionary: That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website: The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be full of resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful! *derrydiocese.org*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, carer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

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*

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

BADA (An Bruach Derg Community Centre) Friday Night Card playing at 8.30pm

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

| The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday) |
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| The Resurrection | The Resurrection | The Resurrection | The Resurrection |
| The Ascension | The Ascension | The Ascension | The Ascension |
| The Descent of the |
| Holy Spirit on the Apostles |
| The Assumption of | The Assumption of | The Assumption of | The Assumption of |
| our Lady into Heaven |
| The Crowning of our |
| Lady as Queen of Heaven |

YARD Project (Young Adults Reality Dreams) – *Back 2 Ur Roots*: Beginning 10th May for four weeks. Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If you are a young person interested in exploring your faith, benefiting from practical support such as accredited training (OCN Level 2 in Drama) and learning new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment, get in touch with us at The YARD Project, Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry T: (028) 7126 9113. We also offer specialised addiction counselling to young people and support to families affected by addiction.

Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.
You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

Age NI First Connect Service: We offer 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 (074) 2562 0194 or email 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 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

Saint for May – St. Comgall (Sunday 10th May):

Week beginning Sunday 4th May

St. Comgall was born around 526 in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finian of Molville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-558, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

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 familycaresociety.net

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.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 10th May – St. Comgall (abbott) Born around 526 in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finian of Molville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-558, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. Died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

Thursday 12th May – *St. Nereus and St. Achellius (martyrs)* Martyred in 304 under Diocletian. They were Roman soldiers who, on conversion, refused further military service.

St. Pancras (matyr) As a boy of fourteen, Pancras suffered under Diocletian and was martvred in Rome.

Saturday 14th May – St. Matthias (Apostle) Like all apostles was chosen to become 'a witness to Christ's resurrection'. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans back to faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.

Sunday 15th May – St. Carthage (bishop) Hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the psalms the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year, possibly at Bangor, he founded his own monastery at Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly. But opposition made him move southwards around 637. He, with hundreds of monks and patients from their leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. He died in 638. Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - John 24:13-35:

- 1. Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped ...' When have your hopes been dashed and left you upset or disappointed? Who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
- 2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' because someone helped you to see things differently and you were filled with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?
- 3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way, in a way we had not done before. With whom has this happened for you? Where in these relationships have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?
- 4. After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you about something wonderful that happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?
 John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Gioraíonn beirt bóthar:

Gioraíonn beirt bóthar – the Irish proverb roughly translates as 'two people shorten the road for each other'. The presence and company of others makes all the difference on a journey. Anyone who has climbed Croagh Patrick, walked the Camino in Spain or gone backpacking abroad will know the importance of encounters with fellow travelers. Storytelling and shared meals are the bits and pieces that forge friendships along the way. It is only a couple of days since Jesus was crucified. We're told Emmaus is around seven miles from Jerusalem – a couple of hours' walk. I imagine that the two disciples, Cleopas and his friend, were relieved to get away from Jerusalem, to get out of the city and have time for a chat about all that had happened. When this 'stranger' falls into step with them, their disbelief that he has not heard about the dramatic days leading up to Jesus' death, and the reports of the empty tomb, shows just how fresh the events are in their minds.

But this meeting is no ordinary encounter. While the disciples believe they are speaking with a learned stranger, it is not until they invite him to stay with them and he breaks bread with them that they recognise Jesus. Thinking back it now makes sense to them; 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' they wonder, and they rush back to Jerusalem to share their story. When was the last time your heart burned within you?

Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)

Classes offered at Rouskey Community Centre:

Names are now being taken for these classes

Felt Making for over 55s with Teresa Pontz: Monday 9th May at 2.00pm for 4 weeks. Participants will be making small felt bags. £10 including materials. 6 places.

Yoga with Breda Turbitt: Monday 9th May for 4 weeks.

Anyone interested in these classes can call (028) 8164 8706 or 07847 459 428