

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 8th June, 2008

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Mass and Confession Schedule for the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time. 9th June – 15th June, 2008

Monday 9 th June Feast of St. Columcille, abbot and missionary.	Saint Patrick's Secondary	10.00am Mass Patron of Ireland and Patron of Derry City.
Tuesday 10 th June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 11 th June St. Barnabas, apostle	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 12 th June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 13 th June St. Antony of Padua, priest and Doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: (Maureen Fox – Month's Mind)
Saturday 14 th June Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 15 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday 14 th June	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 15 th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1030**. The special collection for the annual Lourdes Hospitalite also raised a further **£30**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversary occurs at this time:
Brendan McLaughlin.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16th – 21st July, 2008: There are **29** places still available. Contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 on Tuesday / Thursday between 11.00am and 2.00pm or Saturday between 11.00am and 1.00pm, and 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Knock Summer Youth Festival: 25th – 27th July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18 – 35 year old from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

Looking Ahead – Public Prayers For the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries will take place on the evening of **Saturday 5th 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 where you intend to stand when instructed to do so.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. Community Fun Day: Sunday 13th July, if you are willing to help contact us. **Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 20th July, pick up point at Melmount Centre, Strabane at 8.15am, fare: £30. Contact us at (028) 7126 2512 during office hours for details.

POPE BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

Pope Benedict's **general prayer intention for June is:** "That all Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ, in order to be able to communicate the strength of His love to every person they meet".
His mission intention is: "That the International Eucharistic Congress of Quebec in Canada may lead to an ever greater understanding that the Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the source of evangelisation".

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Today the young people who were recently Confirmed will be invited to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until their 18th birthday. This might be a good day to suggest that we again take a look at the Irish Bishops' Pastoral letter published last year (2007):

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 in this new emerging country of ours 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.

The full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie

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

Towards Summer – The Past Weeks in Taizé: The fine springtime in Taizé has awakened the countryside, to the point that a breath of summer can already be felt on the hill. Summer was also heralded by the large number of young adults who have come, particularly at the beginning of May. Over 3,500 took part in the celebration of the Feast of Ascension. For the weeks around Pentecost, many groups came from Germany, the Netherlands, France, Sweden and other countries. As it is every year, the presence of an Orthodox parish from Moscow was much appreciated. Among the outstanding visits during these weeks, there was Protestant theologian, Pastor Gottfried Hammann, from Switzerland. For the community, the coming and going of brothers, both in Europe and in other continents brings ever closer what is being lived in the farthest corners of the world, in the spirit of Brother Roger's basic intuition "Nothing is more responsible than praying".

Questions people ask:

Q. When we refer to chapters and verses in the Bible, were these part of the original writings or where did they come from?

A. These divisions into chapter and verse were not in the original writings but were devised as a wonderful aid to locate a passage quickly. The chapters and verses we use today are attributed to Cardinal Stephen Langton who was Archbishop of Canterbury, 1207-1228. He wrote various historical works, sacred poems and commentaries on the books of the Bible. His best known poem is the beautiful Sequence for Pentecost, Veni Sancte Spiritus.
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B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events:

Sunday 8th June | Dancing to 'Country Sessions'

Greencastle Summer Scheme: This will be held during the first two weeks of July. Limited places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. *Registration details later.*

Lotto Numbers: 3, 6, 11, 24 (9 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,200