



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (8th August, 2010)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather continue to be kind and may we all make the most out of it.
You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

We welcome Fr. Terry Bennett (Columban Missionary Society) to celebrate Mass in our parish

Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time (8th August, 2010 – 9th August, 2010)

Saturday Evening (7th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 8th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass
Monday 9th August St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i>
Tuesday 10th August St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 11th August St. Clare (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 12th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 13th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 14th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (14th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 15th August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£920**. 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.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **Paddy Daly** and **John Clarke**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers **John Anthony McCullagh (Formil/London)**, **Michael John Morris (Teebane East)** and **Vincent Harley (Birmingham/Leaghan)**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 9th August. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie

Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 -35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Tel: (028) 8224 2439 Email: accordomagh@bopenworld.com

Next Sunday's Readings: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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Lotto Results: D – G – O – P – T (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,950

National Public Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Knock 14 th – 22 nd August at 3.00pm and 8.00pm Theme: The Path to Repentance, Healing and Renewal		
Date	Theme	Speaker
Saturday 14 th August	Lord Show Us the Way Prayer, Healing and Repentance	Bishop Philip Boyce (Bishop of Raphoe)
Sunday 15 th August	Personal Reflection of a Diocesan Bishop	Bishop Christopher Jones (Bishop of Elphin)
Saturday 16 th August	Praying Our Vulnerabilities	Rev. Michael Gallagher SJ (Rector of Bellamino College, Rome)
Saturday 17 th August	The Spirituality of Repentance and Healing	Rev. Conal O'Cuininn SJ (Vocations Promoter of the Irish Jesuits)
Saturday 18 th August	The Moral Journey	Dr. Suzanne Mulligan (Milltown Institute, Dublin)
Saturday 19 th August (3.00pm)	Youth and the Church	Ms. Helen Toner (Youth Director, Knock Shrine)
Saturday 19 th August (8.00pm)	Child Safeguarding and Support for Victims of Abuse	Mr. John Morgan (Chairman of the National Board)
Saturday 20 th August	Renewing Faith, Renewing Society	Mr. David Quinn (Director of Iona Institute)
Saturday 21 st August	Priesthood Today	Bishop Seamus Freeman (Bishop of Ossory)
Saturday 22 nd August	The Path to Renewal	Rev. Eamon Conway (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our 11.00am Sunday Mass, readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any family to perform this important role for us. Thank you for everything you do to nurture and strengthen our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for ministries should make themselves known.

Lough Derg 2010 Season Guide at loughderg.org:

Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages	Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
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This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 9th August – St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr) 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. Patron of Europe.

Tuesday 10th August – St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the Church of Rome, martyred in 258.

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

Thursday 12th August – St. Jane Francis 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.

Friday 13th August – St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus (priest and 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.

Saturday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventional Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Sunday 15th August – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast honours the fullness of blessedness that was Mary's destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. Today is the patronal day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

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@childreincrossfire.org for information.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Our Lady of the Wayside Anniversary Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 10th August at 8.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

The Pope's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General:	That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding, and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.
Mission:	That the Church may be a 'home' for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

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 E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.
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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
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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.
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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. <i>Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502</i>
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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 12:32-48:	
1.	The opening verses of this Gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?
2.	At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.' When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gives a hint that they would like to talk and a very meaningful conversation ensues.
3.	Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day? <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i>

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages
Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1st September	Quiet Day
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end
For the 2010 season we are once again offering a varied programme. The usual Three-Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Quiet Days and a Day for Families, along with Confirmation and School Retreats and the Life's Journey Series of Workshops will provide opportunities for many to visit. Whether it is for healing or strength, or for reconciliation or renewal, we invite you to join us for a few hours or a day (or three days!). Whatever your reason for wanting to connect to the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the <i>Gift of Hope</i> .	

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures		
Date	Fixture	
Monday 9th August	Under 12 Boys	Galbally v. Greencastle
Wednesday 11th August	Under 16 Boys Camogie Seniors	Greencastle v. Trillick Fr. Shields v. Eglish
Thursday 12th August	Under 12 Boys	Greencastle v. Killeeshil
Monday 16th August	Under 12 Boys	Beragh v. Greencastle
Wednesday 18th August	Under 16 Boys Camogie Seniors	Fintona v. Greencastle Derrylaughlin v. Fr. Shields
Saturday 21st August	Under 16 Boys	Greencastle Newtownstewart
Wednesday 25th August	Under 16 Boys Camogie Seniors	Pomeroy v. Greencastle Brocagh v. Fr. Shields
Saturday 28th August	Under 16 Boys Championship	Ardboe v. Greencastle
Please note that there will be no field available on Wednesday 11th August – matches on both fields		
Training Times		
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls		Monday nights
Ladies Senior		Monday and Wednesday nights
Under 16 Boys		Monday nights
Mens Reserve and Senior		Tuesday and Friday nights
Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12		Thursday nights
Under 16 Girls		Sundays at 10.00am
<i>Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)</i>		

Questions people ask:

Q. What is meant by the Prosperity Gospel?

A. This is a misleading concept of God's blessing promulgated especially by American television evangelists. They claim that handing your life over to Jesus guarantees the earthly blessings of prosperity, success and health. But what of people who do not experience such so-called blessings? We are told that they are being punished for their sins, perhaps for the sins of ancestors in the family tree. This Prosperity Gospel or Cadillac Christianity is a contradiction of the teaching of Jesus who declared the blessedness of the poor, powerless and persecuted.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Vanity of Vanities:

Brain scans are revealing. Take the ones done on teenagers listening to music. These show that insecurity and not personal preference dictates what songs they call 'cool'. In one study they listened to tracks and rated how much they liked them. After a break, they listened to them again some having been shown a popularity rating based on how many times a track had been downloaded. While 12% of those who didn't know whether others liked a track or not changed their ratings, 22% of those who knew that a tune was a hit changed theirs. Of those, three quarters moved in tune with the song's popularity rating.

Now for the interesting bit: the first time they heard a track their reward and pleasure zones lit up; but on listening again their anxiety and pain centres glowed. This suggested that fear made them change their views.

Today's first reading (Eccles 1:2, 2:21-23) is tailor-made for that sort of thing. 'Vanity of vanities!' it proclaims. 'All is vanity.' Human toil it sees as an annoyance, and notes that even at night our minds don't rest. Worry persists. We don't like truth packaged in pessimism. Yet, truth made one researcher remark that many people who think they're individuals with free choice actually are slaves to what others think.

Those words on vanity from the third century BC, could just as easily be from today so accurately do they hit the spot. If we have to be slaves to what another thinks, then let that other be the Other.

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