

## Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (8<sup>th</sup> November, 2009)

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### Liturgical Schedule for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time. 9<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Martin of Tours (bishop)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Josaphat (bishop and martyr)	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: (Michael Hollywood – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Saint Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: (Brendan Morris – 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint 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 **£980**. **Please support your parish 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 also for the further **£45** received for the Missions Collection. Please use the new Envelopes available from this weekend. A second collection for the **Retired Priests' Fund** will be taken up today, please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes. In 2008 a contribution of **£920** was made and in 2007 **£1.550** was made.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Michael (Mickey) Conway, Mick Fox, Mary Rose Conway, Michael (Mickey) Daly, Michael Hollywood** and **Brendan Morris** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray today for the most recently enrolled members of the DDS (Derry Diocesan Society): **Fr. William Rafferty, Dan Bonner, Sissy Forster** and **Susan McAleer**.

**Confirmation, 2010:** The Bishop has informed us that he will come to Greencastle for Confirmation on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Third Sunday of Easter). **Other important dates for 2009:** Primary 4 pupils will make their First Confession on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April and First Holy Communion on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May (The Feast of the Ascension).

**Mass for Deceased Teachers:** The Mass for the deceased teachers of the diocese this year will be celebrated in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm. It will be an opportunity for the family and friends of young people who have died to come together in a spirit of prayer and consolation.

**Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy):** Talk on Surnames in Tyrone. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, booking advisable. Contact [kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie](mailto:kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie) or (028) 8775 7800.

**Scór na nÓg 2009 Semi-Finals:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in Kildress Parish Hall - Adh mor oraibh to those representing Cumann Naomh Padraig agus Sperrin Og. Come along and show support. **Kate Donnelly**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Daniel 12:1-13; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32  
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**Lotto Numbers:** 7, 9, 15, 22 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each)    **Next Jackpot:** £1,850

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### Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Seirse Conway	Volunteer needed	Helen McKenna
Offertory Gifts	The family of Caoileann Conway	The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan	

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Next September marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. If you have ideas on how we as a parish can mark this occasion, or would like to form an anniversary committee please share them with Fr. Hasson as soon as you can.

### Congratulations

**Golden Jubilarians:** As a faith community we offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to **Jim and Maureen Morris** of Crockanboy who were married in Saint Colmcille's Church, Carrickmore on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1959 as witnessed by Fr. Joseph Regan and their families.

### Pilgrimages and Retreats

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010):** Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – One Day Retreat for Senior Citizens:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. To book call (028) 71 26 2512 during office hours.

**Ards Friary Retreat and Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Fr Owen O'Sullivan OFM Capuchin. What's Advent about? What's its dominant theme? What are we waiting for? Advent and Christmas. Help to make Advent, and Christmas better. Commences at 9.30am and finishes after lunch. Costs €85 Residential, €60 Non Residential. Contact: Ards Friary on (074) 9138 909 or [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie) [www.ardsfriary.ie](http://www.ardsfriary.ie)

**St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot. Co. Donegal:** A space of quiet, prayer and solitude. Available for individual retreats and spiritual guidance. Residential accommodation and meals in the Centre's hermitages. Promotions offer €45 per night. "Come away by yourself to a desert place and rest for a while." Contact Fr. Neal Carlin on 00353 74936 8370 or [sacre@eircom.net](mailto:sacre@eircom.net) for enquiries and bookings.

### BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Dance, with music by <i>Country Flavour</i>
<b>Every Friday Night</b>	Card game from 8.30pm
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Table Quiz at 9.00pm

### Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Kerrie McCrory
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Paul Hughes
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Vincent Hollywood

**Children in Crossfire** are delighted to launch their new Advent Campaign. Advent is the season when we prepare for Christmas. Often our Christmas preparations focus on buying gifts for our families and those we love. This year, through the Advent calendar there will be an opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a different way. Each day you will be able to contribute to Children in Crossfire and also get a short reflection to help focus on what Christmas is really about. The Advent calendar boxes can be collected from this chapel next weekend and can be returned at Christmas. Children in Crossfire. Tel: (028) 7126 9898

**Theft From Vehicles in Church Car Parks:** Local police have made the following suggestions to advise us on the security of vehicles. *Never* leave valuables in plain sight. Always take them with you or lock away in the boot. *Handbags* are the main reason they will target your car; if you don't need the handbag leave it at home. *Sat Navs / Mobile Phones* are again not needed in church, leave them at home or lock them away in the boot or glove compartment.

### **Pilgrimages and Retreats**

**IHCPT – Young People’s Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter 2009):** Around 500 young people from all over Ireland spend a week on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the IHCPT, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust at Easter. ([www.irishpilgrimage.com](http://www.irishpilgrimage.com)) The Irish Pilgrimage Trust welcomes applications from young people with:

- A Physical Disability or illness/suffering/trauma/bereavement (aged 11-18).
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Jet Set Group – Physical Disability (18-25)
- Jet Set Group – Learning Disability( 21-30)
- The organisation also has Family Groups for very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative

**The IHCPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel.** If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes or you would like further information about the pilgrimage please contact Damian on 07968312770 or IHCPT, Kilcuan, Clarenbridge, Co Galway, Tel: 00353 91 796622 for further details and an application form. Please note closing date for applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009

**Iosas – Island of Saints and Scholars Centre.** Lenamore Road, Derryvane. Muff, Co. Donegal  
[www.columbacomunity.com](http://www.columbacomunity.com) Tel: 00353 74938 4866 Email: [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com)  
Director Fr. Neal Carlin. **Listen – feel – look – smell** – come and experience our welcome.

**"Footprints of God":** Fr. Kevin McElhennon will lead a series of reflection evenings from February to April entitled *"In The Footprints of God"*. These evenings are offered to everyone who would like to journey reflectively through the Gospel stories. By reflecting on the Gospel stories, and getting to know the people and places of the Gospels, we hope to deepen our faith and enrich our relationship with Jesus. Though open to everyone, these reflections will be especially beneficial for anyone who is intending to join us on our Holy Land Pilgrimage (see above) as it is hoped that these reflections will enhance our experience and enjoyment of the Holy Land. Details of our planned Advent Reflection evenings will be published in a couple of weeks.

**Something Greater Than Us:** A lot of the 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.

*Heather King (Redeemed – Living Faith)*

**YOU CAN HELP THE ONE IN FOUR – You can raise awareness of depression and get it taken seriously by health professionals and politicians:** Call James in the Belfast office to find out how. Depression is implicated in 75% of suicides - don't ignore the one in four with depression – contact [james@aware-ni.org](mailto:james@aware-ni.org) for information about being a policy and campaigns volunteer. Or you can go online at [www.aware-ni.org.uk](http://www.aware-ni.org.uk) or [www.justgiving.com/aware](http://www.justgiving.com/aware) All funds will go towards our helpline and support groups. For support and information about depression call our helpline 08451 20 29 61 or email [help@aware-ni.org](mailto:help@aware-ni.org)

**Are you an unattached Catholic seeking new friends or perhaps someone special?** Write to the Unattached Directory. 10, Lower Abbey Street, Freepost (F2046) Dublin 1.  
Telephone 00353 283 7888. Email [help@cathud.com](mailto:help@cathud.com) Website [www.cathud.com](http://www.cathud.com)

**Help to contain the swine flu impact:** Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.

*Irish News (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2009)*

### **This Week's Calendar of Saints:**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** The Church of Saint John on the Lateran in Rome is 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World' It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, and was called 'Saint John' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to St. John the Divine and St. John the Baptist. It is, however, dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St. Leo the Great** Died 461, taught the two natures, human and divine, of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and the primacy of the See of Peter.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St. Martin of Tours (335-397)** Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – St. Josaphat (1580-1623)** Bishop of Polatz, worked for the reunion of Ukrainian Catholics; his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – St. Laurence O'Toole** Became a monk and abbot of Glendalough. He was made Archbishop of Dublin in 1162 and returned to Ireland after the Third Lateran Council as papal legate in 1179. He died at Eu in Normandy seeking to make peace between Henry II and the Irish rulers in 1180.

### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 12:38-44:**

1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be an element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in these experiences?
2. In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.
3. The widow 'gave everything she had, all she had to live on'. In doing so she placed herself in a very vulnerable position, trusting that things would work out. Have you ever found that what seemed a generous but reckless giving of yourself proved life-giving for yourself and others? *John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

### **Questions people ask:**

- Q. Is it true that some Protestant theologians were involved in writing the texts of the Mass after the Second Vatican Council?
- A. This is a twist on what really happened. Several Protestant communities expressed great interest in the studies, papers and debates of the Liturgical Commission. So, six Protestant theologians were invited as observers but they took no part in the writing of the texts. Some Protestant communities have used the Roman Lectionary and Sacramentary as a template for their own revisions. Thank God for ecumenical fellowship.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

### **The Deep End – The Widow's Mite:**

The widow's mite symbolises generosity. A small gesture bursting with meaning grabs the imagination and immortalises itself. Today's Gospel reading (Mark 12:38-44) notes that the widow has two coins. She could give one, keep the other, and still be considered generous. But no! Her generosity is not half measure. Her reverence for God and her respect for the Law and its requirements are total.

The spotlight is on the quality of her giving. We don't know what happens to her afterwards. But somehow we just know she's not going to die of starvation. We can't prove it, of course. But God doesn't respond to generosity with punishment. What kind of a god would that be!

It's the same for us. When we respond generously to life's demands we're not punished for doing so. Here are some more things we can't prove, but which are true nonetheless: the more we give the more we discover we have to give; and, not only are those who receive enriched, so too are those who give.

When I worked in Indonesia as a missionary occasionally I gave money to people in need, or spent it for medical treatment on their behalf. To my surprise, on several occasions I received money out of the blue from home in the form of Mass offerings within weeks of having given help to others. Like the jar of meal and the jug of oil in today's First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16) my small jar was never empty either.

It really does work that way. Try it and see.

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