



### Liturgy Schedule for the First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (9th January, 2011 – 15th January, 2011)

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: John Tuohy (6th Anniversary) <b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 9th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	
<b>Monday 10th January</b> First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 11th January</b> First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 12th January</b> First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 13th January</b> St. Hilary (bishop and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 14th January</b> First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 15th January</b> St. Ita (virgin)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday <b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Gerard, Mary and Gerry McCrory
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,110**. 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.

Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Maureen Morris** whose requiem took place on Friday, we extend our prayerful support to her husband Jim and their family, friends and relations who mourn at this time. We also pray for **John Tuohy, Mary Hollywood, Mickey Kelly** and **Charlie Conway** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Children in Crossfire:** A sincere thank you to those who have supported the 2010 Advent Appeal. Funds raised from the Appeal will now go towards treating young children with cancer in Tanzania. If you have a donation at home, in your school or in your workplace then please return it to the church for collection.

For further information please visit [childrenincrossfire.org/advent](http://childrenincrossfire.org/advent), or contact Mark on (028) 7126 9898

**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This begins on Tuesday 16th January and continues through to Tuesday 25th January. The theme for 2011 is "One in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer". Use Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join Christians in praying "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

**Search for Ancestors:** Mike McNally from South Carolina, USA wrote to ask for your help to track 'Francis and Ann McNally (nee McNamee)' who may have died after 1932 and Michael and Mary Bradley (nee McCullagh) who may have died c.1840 if you or anyone you know can help, email him at [mike@triadme.com](mailto:mike@triadme.com)

**Camara – A Computer is not just for Christmas:** If you got a new computer for Christmas what are you doing with your old one? Camara takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools in Africa. You can drop off your used computer at the Camara workshop, Unit 23/24, Townsend Street, Belfast, BT13 2ES. A donation of £10-£20.00 will help send this computer to Africa. Camara Recruiting for Africa 11 Programme Each year Camara also sends ICT technicians, teachers, networkers and computer maintenance technicians to work with teachers in the schools that have received computers. Camara will be holding an information session in the Belfast Workshop, Unit 23, Townsend Enterprise Park Tuesday 18th January at 6.15pm. For info (028) 9033 2470, [ann.fitzpatrick@camara.ie](mailto:ann.fitzpatrick@camara.ie) or [belfast.camara.ie](http://belfast.camara.ie)

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-13; Matthew 1:29-34  
(Lectioary I, page 641) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

**Lotto Results:** D – J – T – U – W (2 winners with 3 letters – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,000

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
41	<u>Saturday 8th January</u> The family of <b>Jordan Gumley</b>	The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<u>Sunday 9th January</u> The family of <b>Catherine O'Connor</b>
42	<u>Saturday 15th January</u> The family of <b>Cathair Hughes</b>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 16th January</u> The family of <b>Tieman Teague</b>
43	<u>Saturday 22nd January *</u> The family of <b>Caitlin Warnock</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 23rd January</u> The family of <b>Rachael McAleer</b>
44	<u>Saturday 29th January</u> The family of <b>Sean Og McCann</b>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 30th January</u> The family of <b>Caoimhe Warnock</b>

### \* Do This In Memory Week 5

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

### 2010 Parish Statistics

Baptisms		Confirmations (Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April)	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation (Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April)		Marriages
8 Boys 4 Girls		5 Boys 7 Girls	7 Boys 4 Girls		5 within parish 4 outside parish
Funerals / Burials	Station Masses (throughout October)		Eucharistic Ministers	Monthly Lectors Prayers of the Faithful	Altar Society
13	6		12	15 / 12	30

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg** marked its 25th anniversary with several celebrations during the month of September including the creation of an anniversary tapestry for the sanctuary and the broadcasting of Mass on BBC Radio. Our 3 bishops visited the church throughout the course of the year.

Parishioners took leadership roles in the Advent 2010 Eucharist Novena at Christ the King Church, Strathroy.

### Thank you for sharing your photographs with us on the parish website

At the beginning of Lent 2010, Fr. Hasson invited you to participate in a very limited parish census which will help in the computerisation of the parish and will be of assistance to Bishop Hegarty in his pastoral planning. Here is a summary of the returns. **344** invitations were distributed throughout the geographical area of Greencastle parish. **188** were returned (a response of **54.65%**). In our 188 households we have **449** adult (over 18) parishioners and **161** children (under 18) making a total of **610**. These figures are distributed among our Townlands as follows:-

Townland	Adults	Children	Townland	Adults	Children
Alworries	12	8	Crouck / Broughderg/Keerin	47	13
Aughascribba	18	0	Evisheession	10	6
Aughminacrory	9	10	Formil	67	13
Benefreaghan	42	20	Glenhull / Teebane East	34	13
Brochagh South	11	5	Leaghan	10	7
Cashel	13	3	Muninamale	28	5
Camranrancy	8	4	Sheskinshule	99	32
Crockanboy	31	4			
<b>Communication</b>	146 phones		56 mobile phones	47 email addresses	

The following 2 questions received very positive replies despite providing the most difficult responses to read:

<b>Are you a parish worker?</b>	107 replied YES	Finding ways of further concretising these responses will benefit the life of our parish enormously.
<b>Would you like to help in your parish?</b>	332 replied YES	

Please offer your gifts and talents for the benefit of yourself and others.

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry - Mass for the Sick:** Tuesday 11th January at 8.00pm.

**Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy -- Accredited 10 Week Flower Arranging Course:**

Registration forms now available.

For more details call (028) 8775 7800

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/local Health and Social Care Trust (Northern Ireland). If contacting the local Health and Social Care Trust, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wishes to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

See poster at church entrances

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July – Gift Vouchers:**

£20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers available from Rosemary at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, (028) 7136 2475.

**Greencastle Parent and Toddler Group:** This will recommence in The Old School House on Wednesday 12th January 9.30am-11.30am and there after every Wednesday. All parents, babies and toddlers welcome. Fee £2.50 for 1 Child and £3.50 per Family, refreshments provided.

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

## Dates for the Diary in 2011

### Sacramental Celebrations

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>5.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

### Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

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

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b> (after Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>12.00am</b> (after 11.00am Mass)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> 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

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Sunday in Lent	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

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

### ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> March
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a> Courses are limited to <b>15 couples</b> . Course should be completed at least <b>six months</b> before your wedding.		

### Pope Benedict XIV's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)

**General:** That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to humankind.

**Missionary:** That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

**The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations:** Tomorrow night (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January) starting with Mass at 7.15pm. Invited guest Kay Dick from Glasgow, administrator for the Padre Pio magazine 'The Voice', will be there and will have with her what is possibly the oldest Padre Pio Mitt in the world, *All are very welcome, and are invited to a cup of tea and biscuits after the celebration*

**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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) [www.familycaresociety.net](http://www.familycaresociety.net)

**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](mailto:marie@pachelp.org) Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006.

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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](http://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*

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January – St. Hilary (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [c.315-c.367]** Elected bishop of Poitiers c.358 and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-359) by order of Emperor Constantine, he used the time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, a study of the Trinity.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January – St. Ita (virgin)** Was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered in many place-names. A native of Co. Waterford, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' Died in 570.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – St. Fursa (abbot and missionary)** Was born in Ireland and became one of the great missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Fiollan as abbot and sought refuge in a hermitage given to him by a patron at Lagny on the Marne in France. He died about 650 while on a journey. His body was buried at Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him. Not celebrated this year.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 3:13-17:

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shape your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God and one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone can identify and empathise with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping them?

*John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

### Questions people ask:

- Q. Can you explain why Jesus who was sinless had to receive baptism from John?
- A. This of course wasn't the sacrament of baptism as we know it but a ritual washing which John used to indicate a change of life. Although Jesus did not need this ritual washing, he freely chose to enter into solidarity with all who needed salvation. Thus he anticipated his sacrificial death on Calvary when he died to save us from our sins. His involvement with sinful humanity was total. St Paul wrote that God made the sinless one to be sin so that we might be justified before God. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

**The Deep End – *The Beloved Son*:**

I have always found it strange to celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus so soon after Christmas. No sooner have we had time to reflect on the vulnerable little baby figure in the crib, than we are catapulted into the first public appearance of the adult Jesus as he receives the mandate for his mission on earth.

Yet this dramatic leap forward reflects the movement of the Gospels.

We know very little of Jesus' life between the story of his birth and this story which marks the beginning of his public mission. Much as it would be intriguing to learn more about the young Jesus, the Gospels do not spend time on stories from Jesus' childhood and young adulthood. Rather, they move very swiftly from the beginning of his life on earth to the beginning of his public ministry.

We can sympathise with the hesitation of John the Baptist, who has been preaching about the one who is to come after him and recognises that this is a big moment. He is reluctant to baptise Jesus, saying 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!'

Yet Jesus knows things are as they should be. He is ready to begin the task he has been sent to do, with the highest possible approval for his mission: the voice from heaven saying 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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