



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

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

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (9th September, 2012)

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If you are a homemaker, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (10th September, 2012 – 16th September, 2012)

Saturday Evening (8th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John Heagney (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 9th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 10th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 11th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Brian Hollywood (11 th Anniversary)
Wednesday 12th September St. Ailbe (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 13th September St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (15th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 16th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£990**.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

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: Pray for **John Heagney** and **Brian Hollywood**, whose anniversaries occur now.

Thank you for your presence at and support of Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg last Sunday.
We were blessed that many visitors out on an afternoon drive took time to join us in prayer.

Contemplative Outreach Dublin – An Introduction to Centering Prayer as Relationship –

The method of Centering Prayer – Use of a sacred word – Deepening the relationship with God:

Saturday 22nd September, 10.00am to 3.00pm in St. Augustine's Church Hall, Derry. Presented by Sr. Fionnuala Quinn O.P. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is no charge for this event but donations to cover expenses would be much appreciated. For further information or to register please contact Janice on 07734 417 824 or janicedoherty@hotmail.com.

Crochet Class: Old School House on Thursday 13th September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Cost will depend on numbers attending. *Further details from Maria at (028) 8164 8357*

Next Sundays Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9, r/v 9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35;

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(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: H – I – K – N – S (8 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,700

Parish Mission Weekend with Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM (Thursday 27th September to Tuesday 2nd October):

Keep this weekend free and invite your neighbours to do the same. Fr. Nangle emailed this week and asked for the support of our prayers that this effort will be fruitful for all who participate.

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Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:

Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 24th October

It would be a blessing if a family in each townland would host a Station Mass this October – please consider it – hospitality should be kept to the minimum.

Gathering to pray the Mass together will be most important

Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: Monsignor Martin has asked us to let him know by Friday 14th September if there are three lay delegates from the Parish of Greencastle prepared to attend a Study Day on Saturday 19th January and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish (see last week's news sheet notice). A pastoral council will be dependent upon your commitment.

Please contact Fr. Hasson as soon as possible

October: Month of Mission (Theme: Growing in Communion): - As we approach October, Month of Mission, the Mission Alive Office of the Irish Missionary Union draws your attention to its programme of events to raise awareness of the life and service of Lay and Religious Missionaries. You are encouraged to celebrate Lay and Religious Missionaries, and their contribution to the global realities they serve, in your parish, with your parishioners and in the school(s) in your parish. *You are invited to access imu.ie or facebook.com/missionmonth*

The Catholic Chaplaincy (28 Elmwood Avenue) – University Students: Mass will resume on Sunday 21st September at 8.00pm. The newly revamped café will open on Monday 17th September at 9.00am. Free tea and coffee from Monday 17th to Friday 21st September. Daily Mass is Monday to Friday at 12.15pm.

Please sign up as part of the online enrolment procedures

The Deep End – Gossip:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

'Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they will'.

Pythagoras

Gossiping is part of human nature. The more we know we really shouldn't tell a secret, the more we are itching to pass it on to just that one person. Of course we know gossip can be destructive, but that doesn't always stop us giving in to the temptation to spread a story around.

But isn't it nice when it is a positive story that is doing the rounds; when we hear about a person's goodness or generosity even though they do not want any recognition, or when we are dying to pass on an experience of kindness that has been shown to us? Every so often on radio programmes we will hear the story of a 'good Samaritan' who returned a lost wallet or went out of their way to be helpful. We like to spread good news as well as bad or scandalous.

The people in today's Gospel want to spread the good news about Jesus. Even though he orders them to tell no one of the wonders he has worked, they are so filled with awe that they cannot help but publicise it.

'Their admiration was unbounded'. What a wonderful description of their experience of the healing they had witnessed, and their enthusiasm to pass it on.

The YARD Project (Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry) – Catholic Theology for Young People (16 yrs +): A

series of interactive discussions exploring what it means to be a young Catholic today. The talks will take place over four weeks (Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm) beginning 19th September. This free course will benefit A-Level Religious Studies students and any young person wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more info or to register, contact Claire on (028) 7126 9113 / claireyard3@btinternet.com *Number of places limited*

Buncrana Community Combating Suicide: A special event for families and friends bereaved by suicide on Monday 10th September at The Coffee Cup in Buncrana from 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome

IOSAS Centre – Healing Mass: Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin and held in St. Canice's Oratory in the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road at 3:30pm on Sunday 16th September. *Refreshments afterwards*

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 26th September Annual Pioneering Total Abstinence Association Dance

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer) General – Politicians: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth. Missionary – Help for the Poorest Churches: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people along with concrete resources to the poorest Churches.	
Called to the Contemplative life? The Cistercian Community in Portlengone, Co. Antrim will guide a weekend of vocation discernment for men who may feel they have a vocation to the contemplative monastic life 2 nd to 4 th November. <i>Details available by calling (028) 2582 1211 or emailing vocations@bethabbey.com</i>	
Children in Crossfire Upcoming Events	Three Day Cycle Challenge: Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th September. Derry to Enniskillen to Sligo to Donegal Town to Derry. Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org
Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.	
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 <i>accordomagh@btopenworld.com</i> 12 th and 13 th October 9 th and 10 th November 1 st and 2 nd December 11 th and 12 th January 8 th and 9 th February 8 th and 9 th March 12 th and 13 th April 10 th and 11 th May 7 th and 8 th June Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding	
Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us. <i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i>	
Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change: Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.	
Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore. <i>Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493</i>	
Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org	
Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.	
War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. <i>Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)</i>	
NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience; Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email odtc@omagh.gov.uk .	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012		
Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish Friday 19 th October		
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID): Concerned about your hearing or tinnitus problems? If you would like a hearing check, get advice or get information on services available, come to an Action on Hearing Loss FREE Drop-in Hearing Aid Clinic. Local clinics will be held in the coming weeks as follows: Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, Castlederg: Tuesday 11 th September, Tuesday 9 th October or Tuesday 13 th November between 10.30am and 12noon. Strule Medical Practice, Health Centre, Omagh: Wednesday 12 th September, 17 th October or 21 st November between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. For further details contact Lisa Bullick, Outreach Development Officer (tel: (028) 6632 4400, Textphone: (028) 6632 4400, Mobile: 07553 353 980) actiononhearingloss.org.uk		
Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: As the Year of Faith begins, the 2 nd phase of the Support Programme for the introduction of new Pastoral Councils in the diocese is well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part in Phase Two, which appears to be going very well to date. I am writing to invite your participation in Phase Three of the programme which it is hoped to begin in January 2013 (see attached). The programme will be most suited to those parishes where the parish priest and interested lay members have already given serious consideration to the establishment of a Pastoral Council and where assistance is sought with the process of setting one up. In order to provide meaningful support and formation, it is expected that the programme will be made available to eight to ten parishes in the third phase. As before, to allow a greater opportunity for learning and development during the programme, it is hoped to enrol at least two parishes from each deanery. If it continues to be successful, the programme will be reviewed and repeated for a further group of parishes in 2014. Please consider if you and your parish are able to make the following commitments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Priest, other priests (if any), and three lay delegates from the Parish are prepared to attend a Study Day (on Saturday 19 January 2013) and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish. The co-ordinating team will arrange the proposed Introductory Weekend for the parish during early February 2013, with prayers during the weekend and an explanatory homily at all Masses. The questionnaire on 'The Life and Future of our Parish as a Living Faith Community' will be distributed, collected and analysed before the end of March 2013. A Parish Assembly will be held and first members of the Pastoral Council selected in or around April - June 2013 in accordance with the Diocesan Norms. The first members of the new Pastoral Council will attend a residential weekend formation programme to be arranged during September-October 2013. The Co-ordinating team will participate in evaluation and review of the programme for the benefit of development of the programme. The costs of the programme will be met by the parish. <i>Monsignor Eamon Martin (Diocesan Administrator)</i>		
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 under 8 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		
St. Vincent DePaul Society: Gratitude has been expressed for your support of the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. <i>Their clothes shop is in Castle Street, Omagh</i>		
Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29 th April – Sunday 14 th October. See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295		

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 12th September – St. Ailbe (bishop) sometimes claimed as one of the pre-Patrician saints, but the annals note his death in 528. A tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the Pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster. A 9th century Rule bears his name.

Thursday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church) [347-407] One of the 4 great Greek Doctors, and *Golden-Mouthed preacher*. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron Saint of preachers.

Friday 14th September – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14th September, 320. On 13th September, 335 the churches in Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Saturday 15th September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mary standing by the cross "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her," whom she also offered to the Eternal Father' (Marialis Cultus).

Sunday 16th September – St. Cornelius (Pope and martyr) Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron Saint of cattle and domestic animals.
St. Cyprian (Bishop and martyr) [210-258] Bishop of Carthage, reacher and preacher.
[Not celebrated this year]

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

Q. I find it hard to believe in the vengeance of God. Isn't God all-merciful? Or does God keep a catalogue of every sin we ever committed?

A. The vengeance of God is totally different to human vengeance. Human vengeance is about getting your own back on somebody. God's idea of vengeance is to destroy the sin by saving the sinner. Isaiah in today's First Reading has a good description of God's vengeance. 'Vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' What a privilege is ours to celebrate God's infinite mercy in the sacrament of Confession. Mercy keeps no catalogue of past sins.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 7:31-37: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been the people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this?
2. Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened and you heard in a new way that you were loved - by God or by another person.
3. Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.
4. Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you – your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?