

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The First Sunday of Lent. 10th February, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the First Week of Lent. 11th February – 17th February, 2008

Monday 11 th February 1 st week of Lent Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	10:00am Mass
Tuesday 12 th February 1 st week of Lent	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 13 th February 1 st week of Lent	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Thursday 14 th February Saints Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass for the D.D.S. (Members & benefactors)
Friday 15 th February 1 st week of Lent	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass (Rose Meenan – anniversary)
Saturday 16 th February 1 st week of Lent	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 17 th February The Second Sunday of Lent	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass (Bridget & John Quinn – anniversary)

Confession Schedule

Saturday 16 th January	Saint Patrick's	10:30am (after Mass) 5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 17 th January	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1100**

Remembering Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers **Pauline Montague**, 35 Maryville and **Brenda Brennan (nee Daly)** of Binnefreaghan, who entered eternal life this week. As a parish community we extend our sympathy and support to their families. We also pray this week for **Rose Meenan** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 32, 2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

"You Can Create A Climate of Change": Trocaire's Lenten theme 2008. Please take an envelope with you today and give it a prominent place in your home. Make this Lent another record breaker for your generosity. Thank you for everything you have given to previous Lenten campaigns, first established in 1973. Please check out <http://www.trocaire.org>

Samaritans Volunteers – Spring Recruitment Campaign: Would you like to find out about the vital service that Samaritans provide? Maybe you could help in our work? Come along to our information evenings on Tuesday 19th February, at 7.30pm Clinton Centre Enniskillen. Or Wednesday 20th February, at 7.30pm Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh. Tel: (028) 8225 1530 or email: omagh.samaritans@virgin.net for information/application form.

Lotto Numbers: 4, 17, 23, 24 (5 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,350

World Day of the Sick (11th February): In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes... 'whose shrine at the foot of the Pyrenees has become a temple of human suffering, we approach – as she did on Calvary, where the cross of her son rose up – the crosses of pain and solitude of so many brothers and sisters to bring them comfort, to share their suffering and present it to the Lord of Life, in spiritual communion with the whole Church.'

May the Blessed Virgin, 'Health of the Sick' and 'Mother of the Living' be our support and our hope and, through the celebration of the Day of the Sick increase our sensitivity and dedication to those being tested along with the trusting expectation of the luminous day of our salvation, when every tear will be dried forever. May it be granted to us to enjoy the first fruits of that day from now on in the superabundant joy – *though in the midst of all tribulations* (2 Cor 7:4) promised by Christ which no one can take from us.

Pope John Paul II message for the first World Day of the Sick

Derry Diocesan Society for sick & infirm priests:

1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying, once for all £10.
2. Likewise, any person whosoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. Privileges of members **deceased** 1. A Mass every day in some parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Thursday 14th February**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the First three Sundays of each quarter. **Living** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on church notice-board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Reflection Evenings For Current & Future Special Ministers of the Eucharist from the Parishes of Badoney Lower & Greencastle

Tuesday 19th February, for Eucharistic Ministers, 8:00pm-10:00pm, venue Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle. All Special Ministers of the Eucharistic ministering in our two parishes are invited to attend.

Thursday 28th February, for Readers, 8:00pm-10:00pm, venue Cormac House, Gortin beside Saint Patrick's Church. All Church Readers ministering in our two parishes are invited to attend. Sisters Marie and Perpetua from the Thornhill Centre Derry will lead the reflections.

Anyone interested in serving in these ministries is invited to attend

POPE BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Pope Benedict's **general prayer intention** for February is: "That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalised, but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition" **His mission intention** is: "That the institutes of consecrated life, which are so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of evangelical counsels, be generous in bearing witness to and announcing Christ to the ends of the earth"

UMBRA Collection: For Fr. Nicholas Maanzo – Diocese of Kitui, Kenya: Collection of all types of clean, dry, ladies, gents and children's clothing, also bed linen, curtains, towels and shoes on Friday 22nd February before 12 noon at St. Patrick's Church car park.

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events :-

Friday 15 th February	Sixtowns Drama Group presents "The Bride Looks A Million"
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Parish News Sheet: Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. **Please take news sheet home with you after Mass**