

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year A] (10th April, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Lent [Year A] (11th April, 2011 – 17th April, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Felix McAnaney (9 th Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 10th April Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass to mark ending of this stage of local preparation for 2012 Eucharistic Congress
Monday 11th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's Sacred Heart, Omagh	10.00am Mass 10.30am Prayer Guides' Reflection
Tuesday 12th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass 5.00pm Confirmation Mass
Wednesday 13th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass
Thursday 14th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 15th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	6.30pm Confessions 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Mass: Frank Conway (10 th Anniversary)
Saturday 16th April Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory (week 8)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Mary Morris (9 th Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year A] <i>Penitential Services followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually</i>	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's, Greencastle St. Patrick's, Gortin Sacred Heart, Plumbridge	3.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm

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 **James McCullagh (Brochagh South)** who died on Friday and will be laid to rest in Greencastle after 11.00am Mass today (Sunday), we extend to his family the support of our prayers.. We also pray for **Felix McAnaney, Frank Conway, Annie Gillen** and **Rosaleen Clarke** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Having recently received updated advice, Bishop Hegarty has lifted the guidelines in relation to Swine Flu, which were introduced on 14th January. The lifting of the guidelines is effective immediately.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Annual Buffet and Dance: The Shepherd's Rest on Friday 29th April at 8.30pm. Tickets are £12.50. Anyone eligible for a Gold or Silver pin should contact the committee ASAP

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14-27 :66
(Lectionary I, page 346) **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: C – F – I – O – V (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 eac) **Next Jackpot:** £4,650

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication Please take this newsheet home with you or return it to the porch as you leave church today Check out greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm for extra notices not printed here

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
54	Saturday 9 th April The family of Aine Lucas	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 10 th April The family of Sean Og McCann
55	Saturday 16 th April * The family of Caoimhe Warnock	Palm Sunday	Sunday 17 th April The family of Gary McElhatton
56	Saturday 23 rd April The family of Tiernan Teague	Easter Sunday	Sunday 24 th April The family of Patrick McElhatton
57	Saturday 30 th April The family of Grace Conneely	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 1 st May The family of Meaghan Clarke
* Do This In Memory Week 8			
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			

Gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist: This part of our preparations for the Eucharistic Congress (in 2012) will conclude with Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm for the combined parishes of **Drumragh, Cappagh, Greencastle, Newtownstewart, Castlederg, Drumquin** and **Gortin** for the Eucharistic Congress in 2012. Thank you for your participation. *Check out the website at eucharist2012.com*

Sacrament of Confirmation in Our Lady of the Wayside (Wednesday 13th April at 5.00pm): Bishop Francis Lagan (retired Auxiliary Bishop) will come to Greencastle to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. Please include the candidates for Confirmation, their families, their sponsors and the Bishop in your personal and family prayers in anticipation of the ceremony.

The YARD Project Lenten Prayer Experience (Columba House, 11 Queen St., Derry): During Holy Week (Monday 18th to Thursday 21st April) the conference rooms of Columba House will be transformed with hands-on prayer stations using music, video and the senses of taste, sound and touch to give visitors a modern prayer experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect and deepen our relationship with Jesus as we relate his sacrifice to our own spiritual journey. There will be two sessions open to the public each day, beginning at 11.00am and 2.00pm with each lasting approximately 1 hour. There is no charge and all are welcome.
Places are limited so if you would like to come along or get some more information please contact Claire or Oonagh on (028) 7126 9113 / theyardproject@btinternet.com Special arrangements can be made to accommodate larger groups

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, cssarer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has written to us to express their appreciation for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Their customers really appreciate your gifts, especially the good quality clothing you donated. They realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations and for this reason especially they thank you for your ongoing support in the seven SVP conferences in this area. *(028) 8224 9839*

BADA (An Bruach Derg Community Centre)	Friday Night Card playing at 8.30pm
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ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge: ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

Thank you to Fr. Colm O'Doherty CC Dregish for his visit to our faith-community last Saturday evening Trócaire – please support our Lenten Campaign as generously as you can this year

**Dates for the Diary in 2011
Sacramental Celebrations**

Wednesday 13th April Fifth Week of Lent	Our Lady of the Wayside	5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
Sunday 5th June Feast of the Ascension	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am First Holy Communion

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside

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

Sunday 22 nd May	Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th 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) (2nd and 3rd July)

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

Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

13 th and 14 th May	10 th and 11 th June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com Courses are limited to 15 couples . Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.	

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayers)

- General:** That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever new reasons of life and hope.
- Missionary:** That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all who do not yet know Him.

Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28th May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29th May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days, entry fee £25 per event.

Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

Collection for Moldova: A collection of clothes etc. will take place in St. Colmcille's GFC Grounds, Carrickmore during the month of March. Bags or boxes of all types of ladies', gent's and children's clothes and shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels, crockery, cooking utensils and small items of furniture etc. can be left in the GREEN CONTAINER between 11.00am and 8.00pm daily. The container will be locked nightly. To donate larger items of furniture, contact any of the persons listed below. Everything will go to United Christian Aid, Craigavon where it will be sorted. The proceeds will go directly to Moldova to help UCA support the poorest families. Contact Briega (028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934684; Conor (028) 807 61594 / 07585 223195 or Collette (028) 807 61493

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July):

Cost: £599. Booking forms available in the Sacristy at St. Patrick's now.

Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

Classes offered at Rouskey Community Centre:

Tai Chi: 6th, 13th and 20th April and 4th May. £20 for 4 weeks. Tutor: Sean O'Kane.

Felt Making: Over 55s with Teresa Pontz. Friday 6th May at 2.00pm. Participants will be making small felt bags.

Keep Fit: Starting Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm, 4 weeks. £15.

Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website: The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be full of resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful!
derrydiocese.org

Age NI First Connect Service: We offer emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at: Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on (074) 2562 0194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy) – Flower Arranging Classes: Commencing Thursday 31st March (7.00pm to 10.00pm). 10 weeks accredited. *For more details contact Kathleen (028) 8775 7800*

Camara: This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

*Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES
Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: belfast@camara.ie Online: camara.ie*

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*

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 familycaresociety.net*

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.

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 or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 11th April – St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr) Became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

Wednesday 13th April – St. Martin I (pope and martyr) Died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and prison.

Thursday 16th April – St. Bernadette Soubirous [1844-1879] Recognised as a saint for her humility and assiduous religious life.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 11:1-45:

1. Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in God? Remember them and give thanks.
2. Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. Who and what have helped you in similar situations?
3. Lazarus can be seen as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? How has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – If Only...

A story of resurrection during lent? Can we not wait? The truth is no, we can't wait. We are constantly suffering deaths, little deaths, and small bereavements in our lives which are often harder to deal with. Letting go of places, people, moving on, transitions. We are constantly moving and having our hearts opened up. This is always a painful process. But that is how grace enters and changes us. For all these little 'deaths', the grieving process is the same, and although we may ask 'Why Lord?', there is resurrection. We are always taken somewhere new. And when we get there, we are changed, stronger, wiser. Lazarus is a sort of promissory note for the future of our resurrected stories.

And what of Martha? What courage! 'If you had been here...' What affirmation! 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world.' Had one of the Twelve made such a statement, we would no doubt have a feast in honour.

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Lazarus was dead for four days before Jesus woke him from the dead. Where was his spirit for that period? Did he face his judgement after death?
- A. We really do not know. Physical death is pronounced when the vital organs cease to function and can no longer support life. However, the departure of the spirit on its final journey towards the revealing light of God's glory may not happen immediately. That is why the Church recommends prayers of absolution over somebody pronounced dead. The reason underlying the traditional wake is to accompany the departing spirit on its journey from this life. Many of those who had near death experiences told of being on a journey towards a great light. Perhaps we might say of Lazarus that he was dead but not yet departed.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation: In the Church's teaching Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for the conferral of sanctifying grace and the strengthening of the union between individual souls and God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in its paragraphs (1302-1303) teaches:

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine affiliation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15);
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;

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← - it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

The roots of confirmation are found in Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17, "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit." See also the Gospel of Saint John, chapter 14 where Christ speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

In the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, the sacrament is customarily conferred only on persons old enough to understand it, and the ordinary minister of confirmation is a bishop.

"The practice of the Latin Church more clearly expresses the communion of the new Christian with the bishop as guarantor and servant of the unity, catholicity and apostolicity of his Church, and hence the connection with the apostolic origins of Christ's Church."

Reserving administration of the sacrament to a bishop, who cannot be present at every infant baptism, means that large groups of older children and young adults are confirmed together, making the occasion something of a rite of passage and an opportunity to profess personal commitment to the faith. However, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1308 warns: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need 'ratification' to become effective."

In the early twentieth century, Pope Pius X encouraged the admission of children to reception of the Eucharist as soon as they reached the age of reason, in contrast to the later age at which they had been admitted for some centuries.

Since the age for confirmation remained as before, those being confirmed generally received the Eucharist several years earlier. However, the three sacraments of Christian initiation, baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, are increasingly conferred, within the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, in the traditional order, which is obligatory when an adult is baptised.

The Catholic Church teaches that, like baptism, confirmation marks the recipient permanently, making it impossible to receive the sacrament twice.

One of the effects of the sacrament is that "it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1303). This effect has been described as making the confirmed person "a soldier of Christ".

The same passage of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also mentions, as an effect of confirmation, that "it renders our bond with the Church more perfect". This mention stresses the importance of participation in the Christian community.

The "soldier of Christ" imagery, which remains valid but is downplayed if seen as part of the once common idea of confirmation as a "sacrament of maturity" was used as far back as 350 by St. Cyril of Jerusalem. In this connection, the touch on the cheek that the bishop gave while saying "Pax tecum" (Peace be with you) to the person he had just confirmed was interpreted as a slap, a reminder to be brave in spreading and defending the faith: "Deinde leviter eum in maxilla caedit, dicens: Pax tecum" (Then he strikes him lightly on the cheek, saying: Peace be with you). When, in application of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the confirmation rite was revised in 1971, mention of this gesture was omitted. However, the French and Italian translations, indicating that the bishop should accompany the words "Peace be with you" with "a friendly gesture" (French text) or "the sign of peace" (Italian), explicitly allow a gesture such as the touch on the cheek, to which they restore its original meaning.

Information on other effects and broader matters concerning this sacrament can be found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1285-1321.

Confirmation name. In many English-speaking countries and in German-speaking lands it is customary for a person being confirmed in the Catholic Church to adopt the name of a saint with whom he/she feels a special affinity, thus securing an additional patron saint to be his/her protector and guide. The saint's name is often used in conjunction with the confirmer's middle name, and is without effect in civil law, unless, of course, the confirmer and pursues the appropriate legal avenues.

