



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (10<sup>th</sup> July, 2011)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (11<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 – 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (9<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: Niall O'Hagan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) <b>9.00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Pat Tracey (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Derry Diocesan Society (members and benefactors)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Rose McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Henry	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Camillus de Lellis (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (16<sup>th</sup> July)</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
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sixteenth 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 **£900**. 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.

**Peter's Pence Collection:** A further **£115** was donated.

**Eucharistic Congress 2012 Collection:** A donation of **£400** was received. Thank you for your generosity

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Niall O'Hagan, as well as Mickey and Kathleen, Frank and Martin, Paddy and Kathleen and Thomas O'Hagan and Rose McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:** 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever 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. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am**). 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 the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

**Greencastle Summer Scheme:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July - £30 per child  
Contact Rosemary Coyle on (028) 8164 7854 or Louise Coyle on (028) 8164 7861. Limited places available

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8: 26-27, Matthew 13:24-43;  
Lectionary I (page 679) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

**Lotto Results:** L – K – P – V – W (1 winner with 3 letters – £50) **Next Jackpot:** £5,300

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Gary McElhatton</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Caitlin Warnock</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Patrick McElhatton</b>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Caoimhe Warnock</b>

**Note: During the summer months there will be no formal rota**

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.  
Anyone willing to can volunteer to bring the gifts forward, *do not be shy!*

At the end of a special luncheon Cardinal Sedono gave the Pope an offering for the poor of Rome "in view of the urgent needs of so many Romans as well as immigrants and refugees."

The Pope responded: "This is a moment of gratitude for the Lord's guidance; for everything He has given me and forgiven me over these years", he said. "Yet it is also a moment to remember. In 1951 the world was completely different: there was no television, there was no internet, there were no computers, there were no mobile phones. The world from which we come truly seems prehistoric. Above all, our cities were in ruins, the economy destroyed, there was great material and spiritual poverty. Yet there was also a great energy and a will to rebuild this country and to renew... the community on the foundation of our faith.

Then came Vatican Council II where all the hopes we had seemed to come true. This was followed by the cultural revolution of 1968, difficult years during which the ship of the Lord appeared to be taking on water, almost about to sink. Nonetheless the Lord, Who seemed then to be sleeping, was present and He led us forward. Those were the unforgettable years in which I worked alongside Blessed Pope John Paul II. Finally, came the unexpected day of 19 April 2005 when the Lord called me to a new task and, only by virtue of His strength, abandoning myself to Him, was I able at that moment to say 'YES'.

Over these sixty years nearly everything has changed; but the Lord's faithfulness has remained", the Holy Father added in conclusion. "He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. This is our certainty, which shows us the way to the future. The time to remember, the time of gratitude is also a time of hope.

*Pope Benedict XVI during the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to Priesthood (29<sup>th</sup> June)*

**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.

**Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage:** (€55 includes boat fare and accommodation) You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

For further information please visit [loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org),  
Tel: (028) 6863 2391 (from NI). The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly):** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around Northern Ireland.

*For more information contact 07706 736 677 (from NI) or book online at [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie)*

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions. £489 direct from Belfast. Accompanied by Monsignor Danny Monaghan. Details from Maria Bradley (028) 8164 8357.

<b>Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
<b>Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July)</b>	O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted – you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings. Look on us with love and pity. You appeared at the Grotto of Lourdes and made it a holy sanctuary of prayer and healing. Many have been healed in soul and body. We come, therefore with complete confidence to implore your intercession. O most loving Mother, obtain for us the graces we ask for.... We will endeavour always to imitate your virtues that we may one day rejoice with you in the glory of heaven. Amen. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. <b>St. Bernadette pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.</b>
Please remember all our diocesan pilgrims in your personal and family prayers at this time.	

**Dates for the Diary in 2011**  
**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August			Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)					
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)					
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		St. Patrick's		8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	

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

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayers)**  
**General:** That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.  
**Missionary:** For the religious who work in mission territories, that they may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

**Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle:** You are invited on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. A deposit of £15 secures your place with further fundraising of £135. All proceeds are going towards vital life changing projects for some of the world's most vulnerable children.  
**Tel:** +44 (0)28 71269898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org **Online:** childrenincrossfire.org

**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.

**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 0 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*

**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers 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:  
 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**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*

**St. Mary's University College Alumni Association:** We aim to offer past students of the undergraduate, postgraduate and international programmes the opportunity to be actively involved in maintaining and extending the positive community spirit that is remembered by all those who have an affinity with the current University College, St. Mary's College or St. Joseph's College (Trench House). By establishing a formal connection among past students, the Alumni Association will facilitate social and professional networking.  
*For more information, visit [smucb.ac.uk/alumni](http://smucb.ac.uk/alumni)*

**Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy)** Modern conference facilities available  
**Walking for Health Meeting:** Pomeroy Forest Car Park every Thursday at 7.30pm.  
*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](mailto:belfast@camara.ie) **Online:** [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – St. Benedict (abbot and patron of Europe) [480-547]** After living as a hermit at Subiaco he founded the monastery of Monte Cassino. His rule, observed by Benedictines and Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. He was named patron of Europe in 1964. Feast not celebrated this year – Sunday takes precedence in our Liturgy.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – St. Henry [973-1024]** Duke of Bavaria and later Emperor. A just ruler, humble man of prayer and reformer of the Church.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – St. Camillus de Lellis (priest) [1550-1614]** Rough tempered and a gambler in his early life as a soldier, was converted at the age of 25. Guided by St. Philip Neri he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals where others would not go. Patron of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church) [1221-1274]** Born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons, known as the Seraphic Doctor.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel** The Carmelite Communities inherit the early hermits' devotion to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 13:1-23:**

- Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his good news. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
- Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
- 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

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

**Questions people ask:**

- Q. Why should I have to go to Mass which I feel totally boring? I find my spirituality walking on the beach or in the woods.
- A. Mass is not about me but about God. It is not about what I think or how I feel but about adoring and praising God in a way that is worthy of God. Our own prayers may be great but nothing equals the privilege of joining with Jesus in the perfect response to God's glory. Glory to the Father is through Jesus as our priest, with him who became our brother in human flesh and in him as members of his mystical body. 'Do this in memory of me,' said Jesus and he wasn't talking about walking on the beach.

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

**The Deep End – The Moral of the Story:**

What's the moral of the story? There is a certain pleasure in hearing a story whose meaning is easy to identify. Many of us grew up with Aesop's Fables such as The Boy Who Cried Wolf, a cautionary tale about telling the truth, or The Hare and the Tortoise which teaches that 'slow and steady wins the race'. The message is clear, isn't it?

The parables of Jesus seldom fall into the category of a story with a simple moral. They are more ambiguous than we first imagine. While it may be tempting to neatly package the parable of the sower into a story with a straightforward message – it is not too difficult, after all, to unravel what is meant by the different types of soil – Jesus' mysterious comments remind us there is a bit more going on beneath the surface of this story.

'The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding,' says Jesus. And even more ambiguously: 'For anyone who has will be given more...but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

Jesus is concerned with how his audience perceives what he has to say. His parables are not simple allegories, but stories with many layers of meaning. And a warning from Jesus – if our hearts are open, we will gain so much more understanding. But a closed heart will diminish our perception even further.

Have we shut our eyes? Are our ears dull of hearing? Are we absolutely sure we understand?

O Wind, Wind,  
you breathed upon the clay and there was life,  
you danced down to the forehead of a Galilean  
and there was hope,  
you shook the foundations of community  
and there was Pentecost.

Wind of nothingness and awe,  
Wind of knowing and unknowing,  
Wind of bearing and begetting,  
Wind of secrets and mystery,  
O wise, wise Wind,

whisper to us your grace. *William Loader*      *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

**Presentation of Twenty-Sixth World Youth Day:**

Vatican City (28<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 (VIS))

A press conference was held this morning in the Holy See Press Office to present the twenty-sixth World Youth Day (WYD), which will be held in the Spanish capital city of Madrid from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August. The conference was presented by Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, archbishop of Madrid; Yago de la Cierva, executive director of WYD 2011; Elsa Vazquez Maggio, an international volunteer, and Jose Antonio Martinez Fuentes, secretary general of WYD 2011.

"Each World Youth Day is an extraordinary experience for a Church which is friend to young people, which shares their problems", said Cardinal Rylko. "A Church which places herself at the service of the new generations. It is an experience of Universal Church - unique of its kind - which embraces the entire planet, of a young Church full of enthusiasm and missionary vigour. It is an epiphany of the Christian faith which has truly planetary dimensions. And young people, especially in the old and profoundly secularised continent of Europe, have particular need of all this". The cardinal recalled how this is the second occasion that Spain has "generously welcomed" WYD, and he spoke of the last time the event was held in that country, at Santiago de Compostela in 1989. It was there, he said, "that World Youth Day came to be structured as we know it today: three days of catechesis, a prayer vigil on the Saturday night, then the closing Eucharistic celebration and the dispatch of young people as missionaries. Also at Santiago de Compostela, pilgrimage came to be an essential factor of young people's journey in the footsteps of Peter's Successor. "Over succeeding years", he added, "each WYD has brought something new to the programme: the Way of the Cross at Denver, U.S.A., in 1993; preparatory days spent in dioceses prior to the main event and the 'Festival of Youth' (a kind of cultural programme) at Paris, France, in 1997; the 'Feast of Forgiveness' (300 confessionals crowded with young people in the Circus Maximus) at Rome in 2000; the 'Vocations Fair' at Toronto, Canada, in 2002, and the adoration of the Eucharist at Cologne, Germany, in 2005. Thus the proposal made to young people on each occasion is in continual evolution, seeking to respond to the true spiritual needs of today's youth".

The cardinal also provided some statistics, noting that "WYD in Madrid is going to be a very significant event". Four hundred thousand young people have already signed up; they will be accompanied by 14,000 priests and by 744 bishops, of whom 263 will be responsible for catechesis. Two hundred and fifty sites have been assigned for catechesis, which will be delivered in thirty languages, and 700,000 copies of "YOUCAT" will be distributed in six languages. Twenty-four thousand volunteers from different countries will be involved in various services. Finally, before reaching Madrid, the young people will be welcomed in sixty-eight Spanish dioceses, "in confirmation of the fact that the entire Church in Spain is directly involved in the WYD experience", said the cardinal. For those unable to reach Madrid, "simultaneous gatherings of young people have been organised in countries such as Ukraine, Burundi and Madagascar. They will be linked to the main event in Madrid by television and internet. "The Pope's presence is the culminating moment of any WYD", said the president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, noting that the forthcoming event in Madrid "will take place in the light of the recent beatification of John Paul II, founder of World Youth Days. Thus John Paul II will return among the young people he loved so much, and who loved him. He returns as blessed, patron and protector. Indeed, the Eucharistic celebration welcoming the youth to Madrid, presided by Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, archbishop of the city, on 16 August, will be dedicated to the new blessed".