

## Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

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### Mass Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time. 11<sup>th</sup> August – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August St. Clare, virgin	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr Thursday Evening	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass 8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day (John Clarke – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saint Patrick's	11.00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo'
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Niall O'Hagan – Month's Mind)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass (Fr. Seamus Shields – 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Confession Schedule

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm (before Mass)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1075**.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Paddy Daly (Beaghmore)** who died during the week, and also for **John Clarke** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival at Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August):** For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed, to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donations only. Free buses available from around the country. For more information contact (01) 675 3690 or check out our websites: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) and [xx-youth2000-xx.bebo.com](http://xx-youth2000-xx.bebo.com)

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses:** Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October; 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses as soon as possible. Tel: (028) 8224 2439 or email [accordomagh@accordni.com](mailto:accordomagh@accordni.com)

**Abortion Threat from Westminster:** Abortion could be legalised in N. Ireland as early as October when MPs will vote on proposals to extend the 1967 Abortion Act. Pro-life group Precious Life are asking for your prayers and support for their urgent campaign to protect our unborn babies and mothers from abortion. For further information on how you can help, please contact Bernadette on (028) 9027 8484 or visit [www.preciouslife.com](http://www.preciouslife.com)

**The Assumption of Mary:** 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Patronal Day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

### The Deep End – Shattered:

In his 'Hymn of the Universe' (p. 24) Teilhard de Chardin prays: "Shatter, my God, through the daring of your revelation the childishly timid outlook that can conceive of nothing greater or more vital in the world than the pitiable perfection of our human organism". Today's First Reading (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13) and the Gospel (Matt 14:22-33) put me in mind of that prayer. They shatter the dubious certainties of small minds. They shatter the shaky security of a mind trapped inside predictable parameters, bound by the banal, fearful of the unknown, unable to probe the eternal. Those two readings come with thoughts and imagery nearly too powerful to comprehend and too incredible to accept.

You have Elijah meeting God at Horeb. And how does God appear? In a mighty rock-splitting wind? No. In a terrifying earthquake? No. In a ferocious fire? No. But in the most unlikely sound of sheer silence (19:12 NRSV). When the clutter goes, God comes.

Then in the Gospel reading you have Jesus walking on water, another epiphany of God's presence in the creation of calm. The imagery of Psalm 107:29 is used here: he made the storm be still, and the waves of the seas were hushed. When the noise and turmoil stops God's presence begins to be felt.

This is the something greater and more vital that Teilhard prayed for: the realisation that God is never far away, but is active within his creation, and for a purpose. Only an outlook shattered by revelation can hope to grasp its implications.

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### This Week's Calendar of Saints:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – St. Clare, virgin. Clare, born in Assisi in 1193, died in 1253. She followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Clares. She is the patron saint of television.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641). At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St. Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Saints Pontian, pope, and Hippolytus, priest, both martyrs. Pontian became bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235. Hippolytus was a Roman priest. Both died of ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** – St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr. Maximilian (1894-1941) was a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, he died in Auschwitz.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. This feast honours the fullness of blessedness that was Mary's destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. Today is the patronal day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** – St. Stephen of Hungary. Stephen (975-1038) first king of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

### Questions people ask:

**Q.** *I like to go to Knock every year but my son insists that these apparitions are hallucinations or imaginary voices. How can I answer him?*

**A.** The best test of any alleged apparition is what Jesus said: By their fruits you shall know them. Here are three tests: Is the teaching in accord with scripture and sound faith? Does it strengthen and improve the moral life of people? Is there evidence here of God's healing power? Knock passes on all three criteria. The apparition there is a deep, silent contemplation of the sacrifice of Jesus, Lamb of God, in the company of Mary and the saints.

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**Lotto Numbers:** 4, 6, 8, 20 (11 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,650

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 (Lectionary I, page 690)