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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Third Sunday of Lent [Year B] (11th March, 2012)
The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh. BT79 7RU

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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Lent [Year B] (13th March, 2012 – 18th March, 2012)

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We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form
Please forward it to The Parochial House, at the address above

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,060.

Clerical Education and Formation Annual Collection: To be taken up on St. Patrick's Day (Saturday 17th March)

Do This In Memory Programme: Next gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday (Saturday 31st March).

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for *Mary McCaffrey, Pauline Montague* and *Barney Conway* whose anniversaries occur at this time

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: Sunday 22nd April. Bishop Lagan will celebrate. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 12th March at 9.00pm.

Cultural Night: Friday 16th March, we need all singers, dancers and musicians to participate in this event. 07799 334 883

Adults Bereaved by Suicide Weekend: From Friday evening 23rd March until Sunday teatime 25th March in the Sanctuary Residential Centre. Muff. County Donegal.

For more information and application forms please contact Bridie or Pat at Youthlife, 23 Bishop Street, (028) 7137 7227

Cappagh Badoney Branch CCE Seisiún: A lively session of music singing dancing and storytelling will be held in Rouskey Community Centre on Friday 16th March at 9.00pm.Local musicians and musicians from other CCE branches will provide the entertainment. Tea will be served. Come along and listen or take part.

Everyone welcome. Enquiries to (078) 4290 3949

| Next Sunday's Readings: | 2 Chronicles 26:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136, r/v 6 | 6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21; |
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Lotto Results: J-P-S-T-U (1 person with 4 letters - £100) Next Jackpot: £7,050

| 6.00pm Saturday Vigil | Offertory Gifts Rota | 9.00am Sunday Morning |
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| Saturday 17th March | Fourth Sunday | Sunday 18th March | | |
| The family of Joseph Hagan | of Lent | The family of Clodagh McKenna | | |
| Saturday 24th March | Fifth Sunday | Sunday 25th March | | |
| The family of Rachel Devine | of Lent | The family of Aimee McGuigan | | |
| Saturday 31st March | Palm | Sunday 1st April | | |
| The family of Tyler Gumley | Sunday | The family of Mairead McGlinchey | | |
| Easter Triduum (Monday 5th – Thursday 8th April) | | | | |
| Saturday 14th April | Second Sunday | Sunday 15th April | | |
| The family of Caitlin Clarke | of Easter | The family of Lucy-Marie McCrory | | |
| Saturday 21st April | Third Sunday | Sunday 22 nd April | | |
| The family of Joseph Warnock | of Easter | The family of Emma Maguire | | |

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

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St Patrick's Day at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden: Mass will be celebrated in St Canice's Oratory by Fr. Neal Carlin on Saturday 17th March at 3.00pm and will be followed by traditional music, Irish dancing, hot food and childrens colouring activities in the IOSAS Centre until 6.00pm.

The Prayer Garden is open all day - welcome

Thank you for your support for daily Mass especially during this season of Lent and for your personal and family commitments to deepening your faith and the practice of it at this time. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening led by Sr. Marie Wylie and Sr. Perpetua McNulty last Monday evening in Saint Patrick's Church.

Some practical suggestions for Lent: There are many ways to keep a good Lent – here are a few: + try to abstain from a particular food or pleasure + do something extra, like attending the Monday evening Reflections in Greencastle or visiting the sick + spend some time reflecting on your own baptism...asking God to renew the gifts you have already received + take part in penitential services and Station of the Cross + whatever you do or give up, do it with joy and moderation.

Trócaire Lenten Talk – Francis Campbell on Faith and Global Justice: Resource Centre Derry, Camhill, Derry City Friday 30th March 12.45-1.45pm. Francis Campbell is currently the British Deputy High Commissioner, Karachi and the Director, Trade and Investment for Pakistan. A native of Rathfriland, he studied in St. Patrick's Seminary in Maynooth and worked as Private Secretary to Tony Blair when UK Prime Minister, becoming Ambassador to the Holy See in 2005-2011. Francis is a well-known figure at home particularly following the BBC NI series 'Our Man in the Vatican' broadcast in August 2010. Francis will deliver Trócaire's annual Lenten talk, addressing the theme of how faith based agencies like Trócaire add value to alleviating poverty overseas. The theme of Trócaire's 2012 Lenten Campaign is 'Rebuilding Lives, Creating Futures' and focuses on the impact of Trócaire's work in Northern Uganda, a region emerging from decades of bad conflict. Buffet & Refreshments at 12noon. RSVP

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2012: For small-scale farmers in Northern Uganda. Keep this before you for the next four weeks

Omagh Zambia Fund Annual Fund-Raising – A Night at the Races: The Weigh Inn, Kevlin Road, Omagh on Saturday 24th March at 8.00pm. All proceeds go to support projects in Zambia set up by Tom & Deirdre Timoney. Your support is appreciated

| Greencastle Youth Club Rota | 6.30pm – 8.00pm | P6 and P7 (Geraldine Wilkinson and Rosie Morris) |
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| Monday 12 th March | 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Years 8, 9 and 10 (Cheryl McCullagh and Liz Conneely) |
| Tuesday 13th March | 6.30pm - 8.00pm | P4 and P5 (Michelle Meenan and Fiona McCrory) |

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That the whole world may recognise the contribution of women to the development of society.

Missionary: That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

Enrolling Your Child at Our Lady of Lourdes PS: Forms are presently available for anyone wishing to enrol their child in Year One for September.

Forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible

The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee has received a very positive response over the past year to the request by Bishop Hegarty for the promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in all the parishes of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration has already been strengthened or renewed in twelve parishes of the Diocese. Please pray that Eucharistic Adoration will continue to extend throughout the Diocese, as the International Eucharistic Congress draws near, and especially in four more parishes where Adoration is being promoted by members of the Diocesan Committee in the coming months.

How to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012):

Call the IEC2012 Booking offices on (01) 2981122 Book Online on the website at iec2012.ie/registration

Download a paper booking form from the Congress website and send the completed form to

CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14

Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. **BOOK NOW!**

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Please note that the closing date for volunteer applications is Saturday 17th March

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International Eucharistic Congress 2012 - Final Phase of Preparation

Diocesan Congress taking place at Thornhill, Derry Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th April at Thornhill, Derry The Congress will take place at the RDS, Dublin from Sunday 10th to Sunday 17th June with a daily timetable of activities. Tickets for the final Mass in Croke Park on Sunday 17th June are now available. 1,600 tickets have been allocated to Derry diocese. Applications forms are available in the sacristy.

IEC Online: iec2012.ie E-mail: derrydioceseiec@btinternet.com

Contact Fr. Seamus Kelly at Derry Diocese IEC Office, 55, St.Patrick's Street, Draperstown. BT45 7AJ

Strule Arts Centre, Omagh - Community Showcase: Wednesday 28th March - Saturday 31st March.

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.

John Waters (Lapsed Agnostic)

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary.

Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

(028) 8225 1116

Medjugorje Irish Centre Grand Prize: Every month for a year we are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 (53030 in Ireland) or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free.

Contact us for details of our 2012 pilgrimages and €280 package deals

Website: med-irishcentre.com Telephone: (028) 8224 1888 (NI and UK) // (048) 82241888 (Ireland).

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

Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

Can you spare a few hours a week? Would you like to help **the Red Cross** care for older people in your local community? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. Contact Omagh office on (028) 8225 1116.

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 that little bit of extra help from volunteers. It is a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (1st – 6th July): Nurses, doctors, care volunteers, people to push wheelchairs need. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 on Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday from 11.00am to 1.00pm or phone Rosemary at the Pastoral Centre on (028) 7136 2475 from 9.30am to 1.30pm (Monday to Thursday).

In 2012 the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. The cost is £599. There are early payment schemes available in the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry; Pastoral Centre, Maghera; St Eugene's Cathedral; Thornhill Centre and Strabane. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre ((028) 7135 1233) and The Diocesan Pastoral Centre ((028) 7136 2475). Vouchers can be used as part or full payment.

For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org.

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach "new generations" that "only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon" can lead to "fraternity and peace in truth."

He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

| International Eucharistic Congress | Dublin | Sunday 10" - Sunday 17" June | | |
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| Sacramental Celebrations | | | | |
| Friday 23 rd March | St. Patrick's | 6.30pm First Confession | | |
| Thursday 29th March | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation | | |
| Fifth Week of Lent | | (Bishop Hegarty) | | |
| Sunday 20th May | St. Patrick's | 11.00am First Holy Communion | | |
| Feast of the Ascension | | | | |

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

| Sunday 13th May | St. Patrick's | |
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| Sunday 2 nd September | Our Lady of the Wayside | |

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

| Friday 30 th March | Tuesday 22 nd May | Wednesday 11 th July |
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| Thursday 30th August | | Friday 19th October |
| Weekday Masses will be celebr | rated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Ch | nurch unless a Requiem is needed |
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Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30th June and 1st July)

| Saturday 30 th June | St. Patrick's | Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
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| Sunday 1 st July | Our Lady of the Wayside | Directly after 11.00am Mass |
| Friday 2 nd 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 10th March | Second Sunday in Lent | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
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| Friday 23rd March | | 6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation) |
| Saturday 31st March | Palm Sunday | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Saturday 5th May | Fifth Sunday of Easter | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 20th May | Feast of the Ascension of the Lord | 11.00am First Holy Communion |
| Saturday 9th June | Feast of Corpus Christi | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)): 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date Couples Planning to Marry in 2012: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

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.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Saturday 17th March St. Patrick (bishop and Princpal Patron of Ireland) Born in Roman Britain in the early 5th century, Patrick was taken captive at 16 years of age and brought by pirates as a slave to the Braid Valley in the glens of Antrim. He worked as a shepherd around Sliabh Mis (Mt. Slemish) near the present-day town of Ballymena. After six years he escaped back to Britain, but he heard God's call to return to convert the Irish. After studies for the priesthood in France, he returned as Bishop c. 432 and commenced the remarkable conversion of the Irish. He died in 491
- Sunday 18th March St. Cyril of Jerusalem (bishop and Doctor of the Church) St. Cyril became the Archbishop of Jerusalem at 35. He was present at the Council of Constantinople in 381, where Jerusalem was first recognised as a patriarchal See, along with Rome, Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople. This council is responsible for the Nicene Creed which was promulgated in its final form. He died on the 18th March, 386 at the age of 70, after 35 years as a bishop, of which 16 were spent in exile. [Not celebrated this year]

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme 'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.



These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - Mark 2: 13-25:

- 1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
- But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).
- 3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
- We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you look for hope in such circumstances?

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Questions people ask:

- Q. When Catholics learn the commandments why is the bit about not making graven images omitted? I have been told that the reason is that Catholics worship statues.
- A. I have often heard that accusation in an attempt to discredit Catholic devotion. The entire passage on the commandments has been shortened in a few places to make it easier to memorise. Nothing essential has been omitted. The bit about not making graven images is adequately included in the short version, 'Thou shalt not have strange gods before me.' Similarly, the instruction about Sabbath observance has also been stripped down to the essential commandment. And please tell your friend that while Catholics may use the crucifix or statues as an aid to faith, we do not worship them. Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Plus ça change?

If Jesus was to enter your church building this Sunday, what do you think his reaction would be? How would he feel about our buildings, our liturgies, our parish activities? Would he find that our churches are houses of prayer, that our communities are living embodiments of his message of love, welcome and forgiveness? Would he be happy with how we worship? How would he feel about our new Missal translation and our attempts, and sometimes struggles, to implement it? Would he allow political parties to collect money at our church gates? How would he treat the beggar sitting at the gate? The people involved in various ministries? Those who sit up the front, and those who stand at the back?

What would anger Jesus in our church today? Many people interpret this Gospel passage as evidence that even Jesus experienced anger, that anger can be justified in certain circumstances. It was certainly an understandable anger that Jesus unleashed that day in the Temple, when he saw the abuses going on and the twisting of what the Temple was meant for.

Aren't we angry? Recent years have seen an outpouring of raw anger directed at the church, which no one would suggest is unjustifiable. We are disillusioned, hurt, at times filled with rage at the scandalous revelations about the failures of the past. Would Jesus be angry too at the distortion of the gospel message which has sometimes taken place within our church?

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