

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Feast of Pentecost. 11th May, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. 12th May – 18th May, 2008

Monday 12 th May Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 13 th May Our Lady of Fatima	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 14 th May St. Matthias, Apostle	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 15 th May St. Cathage	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 16 th May St. Brendan, Abbot	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass (Francis McCullagh – 1 st anniversary)
Saturday 17 th May	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Bridget Fox – 1 st anniversary)
Saturday 18th May Feast of the Most Holy Trinity	Our Lady of the Wayside Saint Patrick's	9.00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11.00am Mass – First Holy Communion

Praying the Rosary during the Month of May

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

Confession Schedule

Friday 16 th May	Saint Patrick's	7.30pm for parents of First Communicants
Saturday 17 th May	Saint Patrick's	5.30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 18 th May	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.30am (before Mass)

Please Note: Because of First Holy Communion next Sunday, Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg will be at **9.00am** and Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle will be at **11.00am**.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1,050**. This weekend the annual '**Diocesan Purposes**' Collection will be taken up after Holy Communion.

Remembering Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers **Maureen Fox (Cashel)** who entered eternal life this week. As a parish community we extend our sympathy and support to her family. We pray for **Francis McCullagh** and **Bridget Fox**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. This weekend we also remember the most recently enrolled deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society: **Brenda Brennan, Pauline Montague, Gerald Myles McCullagh, Jim McLaughin, Fr. Patrick McCreagh** and **John Tuohey**.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Hugh James Gormley** and **Rian Stephen Slane**, who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Greencastle Emergency Fund: A meeting for former committee members in **Eddie's Quiet Room** Thursday 15th May at 8.30pm. Telephone Maria on (028) 8164 8357

Overcoming Secondary Stress – the pressures encountered in reaching out to others in Clinical Practice: A lecture by Professor Robert Wicks of the Pastoral Counselling Department, Loyola College, Maryland USA, at the Tara Centre, Omagh on Wednesday 14th May, 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Youth Mass (today): You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8) There will be a Diocesan Youth Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 11th May in St. Columba's Church, Chapel Rd, Waterside Derry at 6pm. Bishop Hegarty will be the main celebrant and all young people are invited to attend. The new Diocesan Youth Choir will provide the music for the Liturgy at this Mass. All young people studying for their exams this year are also most welcome. Refreshments will be held afterwards in the adjacent Parish Centre.

Br. Donagh of the Taizé Community France sends this message to the young people of Greencastle: Here are the links to our web site where you will find articles and photos on the recent prayers in Dublin and Belfast. We will add some more photos soon. Thanks again to all those who helped make both prayers so beautiful. We have had many very positive reactions from those who were present and we look forward to continuing our Pilgrimage of Trust together in Ireland and in Taizé as well. In communion with the Risen Christ, taize.fr/en_article6626.html and taize.fr/en_article6625.html

Refresh your soul – Bringing you the gift of hope @ Lough Derg – 2008: In today's modern world where everything is fast and instant, Lough Derg still manages to maintain a pace where people have to move more slowly, where the mind can be stilled. Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 30th May – Wednesday 13th August cost €50.00, includes boat fare and accommodation. Check out www.loughderg.org, tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 / 028 6863 2391 or email info@loughderg.org.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats 2008: May 3rd – 6th, 10th – 13th, 17th, 19th – 20th, 24th – 27th. August 19th, 20th, 23rd – 27th, 31st. September 1st – 2nd, 6th – 10th, 13th, 15th – 17th, 20th – 24th. The retreats are open to all adults (they are not suited to children). Those unable to make the traditional Three Day Pilgrimage are particularly welcome. The retreats do not require fasting or walking bare-footed. Numbers are limited, so advance booking is essential. Each retreat begins at 10am and ends at approx 5pm. Cost €27:00, includes boat fare and lunch. **Bus to Lough Derg for a One Day Pilgrimage from Greencastle Parish:** Monday 26th May. Please sign up immediately after Mass. 20 places are still available.

Engaged? Getting Married within the next year? An engaged encounter weekend is a recognised form of marriage preparation says Tom & Madeline McCully. It is a communication workshop designed for couples preparing for marriage. The weekend is non-residential and will take place in the Thornhill Centre, Derry on 15th and 16th June. To book call (028) 7135 0612 or (028) 2763 8512 (after 4.30pm).

Bus to Knock: 1st June – Pat McSwiggan, Gortin (028) 8164 7099.

Precious Life: 3 day prayer and fasting against the HFE Bill (Human Fertilisation & Embryology) 12th – 14th May. Telephone (028) 9027 8484 for more information.

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

Sunday 11th May | Dancing by 'Woodlanders'

Recommended Website – www.textweek.com: A comprehensive guide to the scriptural texts for the week, which provides links including commentary, exegesis and reflections.

Lotto Numbers: 6, 12, 20, 23 (1 winner with 3 numbers – £50) **Next Jackpot:** £7,000

Questions people ask:

Q. Saint John says that the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles on Easter Sunday whereas Saint Luke says it was Pentecost, fifty days later. Any explanation?

A. Neither writer intends to specify a calendar date but chooses a day of symbolic meaning. John celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit as the first day of the mission of the Church. 'As the Father sent me, I send you.' The mission of Jesus and then of the Church were empowered by the Spirit. Luke uses the harvest festival at Pentecost, when people of many languages were in Jerusalem, to express the universal mission of the Church. First day or fiftieth? Both are true, each expressing a different aspect of the Spirit in the Church.

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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 the news sheet home with you after Mass**