



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (11th September, 2011)

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Liturgy Schedule for the weeks in Ordinary Time [Year A] (11th September, 2011 – 25th September, 2011)		
Saturday Evening Vigil (10th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 11th September	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday to Thursday and Saturday		
12 th September – 15 th September and 17 th September		
NO MASS		
Friday 18th September	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time		

Saturday Evening Vigil (17th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Imelda Tracey (10 th Anniversary)
Sunday 18th September	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£960**.
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 **Michael Clarke**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

A Week of Guided Prayer: This will be offered at the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh from 25th 30th September.
Parishioners wishing to participate should register at the parish office

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock (today 11th September) Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

Greencastle Retirement Club – Fund Raising Dance: Greencastle Community Centre on Friday 23rd September from 10.00pm to 1.00am with music by Cascades.
Admission is £5.00 (including supper)

GFC Grounds, Carrickmore – Clothing Collection: A big thank you to all who have already contributed to the clothing collection. As usual, the response has been excellent.
 The collection will close on Saturday 17th September so there is still time to do a big clear out before Winter, and help Trócaire in their effort to alleviate the suffering of the famine stricken people in the Horn of Africa.
 Bags or boxes of all types of clothing, shoes, curtains, towels etc. can be left in the container at St. Colmcille's GFC Grounds, Carrickmore daily between 11.00am and 8.00pm. *For further info contact Conor on (028) 8076 1594 / 07785 223 195, Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684, Kay on (028) 8224 4145 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493*

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm xx; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27, Matthew 20: 1-16;
(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: A – L – O – P – R (10 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,750

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 10th September</u> The family of Niamh Tracey	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 11th September</u> The family of Rachael Tuohy
<u>Saturday 17th September</u> The family of Kieran Mulholland	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 18th September</u> The family of Laura Tuohey
<u>Saturday 24th September</u> The family of David Morris	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 25th September</u> The family of Louise O'Brien
<u>Saturday 1st October</u> The family of Stephen Meenan	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 1st October</u> The family of Erin Mulholland
<u>Saturday 8th October</u> The family of Shona McKenna	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 9th October</u> The family of Leanne Morris
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

Home Station Masses During October, 2011: Everyone who wishes to host a Station Mass in their home during October should book it now in the Sacristy in Greencastle.

Legion of Mary – Bus to Knock: Sunday 25th September, leaving Gortin at 8.00am and Greencastle at 8.15am
Book with Peggy Tuohy as soon as possible please

Rouskey Community Centre Classes <i>Registration for all classes are on Wednesday 7th September at 8.00pm to 9.00pm</i>	
Young People's Art Classes with Martin McGrinder Names are being taken Dates not yet arranged	Beginners Computer Class Names are being taken
Yoga Class Starts Monday 19 th September at 8.00pm for 6 Weeks £25	Pilates Classes with Dervla O' Reily Starts Friday 7 th October at 10.00am for 6 weeks £15 (fully booked) Names can be put on a reserve list
Painted Crafts with Jennifer Johnson Starts Monday 19 September at 2.00pm £25 should cover all crafts	Flower Arranging Classes with Pear I Feathers Starts Wednesday 14 th September at 2.00pm for 6 weeks £10 (materials not included) Still places left
All classes must be paid on night of registration. Contact Bridie for more information on 07847459429 or 81648706 or leave message on phone	

Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy): Enrol now for classes in Irish. Essential skills in IT.
Space still available for morning class
Open / Social Night: Monday 19th September at 8.00pm. *To find out more about learning Irish call (028) 8775 7800*

Exclusive Extracts from 'A Troubled See: Memoirs of a Derry Bishop': The latest instalment of Bishop Edward Daly's remarkable life story are to be published in the Derry Journal on 13th and 16th Septembe. "A Troubled See" covers his years as Bishop of Derry (1974–1993) and his current work as Chaplain to the Foyle Hospice. The book will be officially launched in the Great Hall of Magee College on Wednesday 14th September and is available from the Journal offices and all local bookshops.

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

Wednesday 19th October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2nd 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 September (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.
Missionary: That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervour, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of faith.

Cause a stir and host a coffee morning for Foyle Hospice! Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning, sponsored by Bewley's will take place on Thursday 15th September in support of local Hospice Care. Please help Foyle Hospice raise vital funds by hosting a coffee morning; hosts receive a coffee morning pack containing posters, invitations, collection boxes, information and Bewley's coffee.

*For further information or to register please contact Rachel on (028) 7135 9888 or rachelbruce@foylehospice.com
 Visit foylehospice.com or find us on Facebook*

South-West College (Dungannon Campus):

Where is life taking you? South West College is now enrolling on a wide range of full-time, part-time and higher education courses commencing September.

Download a prospectus from swc.ac.uk, call into your local campus or tel. 0845 603 1881
 Getting A Level results this week? Come along to the Higher Education day at your local campus of South West College on Friday 19th August from 9.00am to 4.00pm for information and helpful advice on a wide range of higher education courses accredited by Queen's University Belfast and University of Ulster.

Giving you the opportunity to study locally for less

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.

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*

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.

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*

Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats: Reservations essential for One Day Retreats and Family Day. *Book at the Lough Derg Office (Tel/fax 00353 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org)*

Parish Liturgy for September, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Anne McDermott
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Seamus Keenan	Emmett Clarke Eoghain Clarke	Pat McGuigan Eoin Clarke
Altar Society	Nuala Glass, Merissa Conway and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for all you do in our community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries must make it known.			

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

21st and 22nd October, 11th and 12th November, 2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14th January, 10th and 11th February, 9th and 10th March, 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

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*

What is a week of Guided Prayer?

- It is a way of making a retreat in the midst of your busy life.
- The retreat is scripture based.
- Participants spend some time at home each day reflecting on a chosen passage of scripture, thinking about how it speaks to them in their present life situation.
- Retreatants then come along to reflect with their trained Prayer Guide, in the Pastoral Centre, at a time chosen to suit each person taking part.
- A different passage of scripture is usually given each day.
- The week begins on a Sunday evening with a group meeting, to explain how the week will work, and to look at some ideas about praying the Scripture, and to introduce each participant to their personal Prayer Guide.
- One-to-one sessions are arranged to suit each individual, from Monday - Thursday, and will last no more than half an hour.
- On Friday evening everyone comes together again to bring the week's experience to a prayerful close, and to celebrate.

Workshop For Marriage – Renew your Wedding Vows: Marriage Encounter is a weekend away (Friday 8.00pm to Sunday 5.00pm) for married couples of all ages with a stable relationship. Couples explore, in complete privacy how to come to a deeper, mutual understanding of each other. 30th September.- 2nd October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

For information phone (028) 9062 6503 / (028) 7135 0612 or email marriageencounterweekend@gmail.com

For future weekends see marriageencounter.ie for details

Engaged Encounter Weekend: Engaged Encounter is a Church approved Marriage preparation course presented by married couples and a priest for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. 1st – 2nd October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. *Call (028) 7930 0340 or see marriageencounter.ie*

Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon: Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality
(028) 7135 1233

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.

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

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 Telephone/Email on 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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 12th September – St. Ailbe (Bishop) sometimes claimed as one of the pre-Patrician saints, but the annals note his death in 528. A tradition held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the Pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster. A 9th century Rule bears his name.

Tuesday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom (Bishop and Doctor of the Church) [347-407] One of the 4 great Greek Doctors, and *Golden-Mouthed preacher*. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron Saint of preachers.

Wednesday 14th September – Feast of the Triumph of the Cross The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14th September, 320. On 13th September, 335 the churches in Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Thursday 15th September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mary standing by the cross "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her," whom she also offered to the Eternal Father' (Marialis Cultus).

Friday 16th September – St. Cornelius (Pope and martyr) Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron Saint of cattle and domestic animals.

St. Cyprian (Bishop and martyr) [210-258] Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher.

Saturday 17th September – St. Robert Bellarmine (Bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1542-1621] Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron Saint of catechists.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 18: 21-35:

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?
2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?
3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

Q. Does God intervene on earth? If so, why in some cases and not in others?

A. We believe that God intervened mightily on earth in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He told us to ask, to search and to knock on the door. He told parables about persevering in prayer but he never said that every petition would be answered directly. He gave the example of how a loving parent answers a child but not by giving anything that would be dangerous. We must allow that God, with a wider view of affairs and a timescale that reaches into eternity, answers our prayer in a way that we may not perceive at the moment.

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

The Deep End – Is Forgiveness Possible?

Though they live thousands of miles apart, Phyllis Rodriguez and Aicha el-Wafi have a strong friendship, one which was born out of unthinkable tragedy and loss. On 11th September, 2001, Phyllis' son Greg was killed in the attacks on the World Trade Centre, while Aicha's son Zacarias Moussaoui is serving a life sentence having been convicted of having a role in the attacks. Shortly after the attacks Phyllis and her husband wrote an open letter entitled 'Not in our son's name', opposing a military response, and joined other relatives of victims in forming Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. She also spoke out against the death penalty after Moussaoui was convicted. The two women became friends after Phyllis and other relatives of victims were invited to meet Aicha, Moussaoui's mother. What an interesting selection of readings we have to reflect on for this Sunday, the 10th anniversary of the attacks of 11th September, 2001. The theme running through the readings is forgiveness. We must forgive our brother as many as seventy-seven times, Jesus tells us, and we must forgive from the heart. Ten years ago many posed the question of whether forgiveness was possible after some of the worst terrorist attacks the world had seen. The friendship between Phyllis and Aicha shows us that all things are possible. Let us hear the words of Phyllis: 'When Greg was killed I thought, I will never forgive the people who murdered my son, but I have come to see forgiveness as more than a word; it's a context, a process. I don't forgive the act, but trying to understand why someone has acted in the way they have is part of the process of forgiving.'

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Changes in the Mass texts affect other liturgies The most obvious change is the response 'and with your spirit,' replacing 'and also with you.' This change can be made without raising difficulties. In the Rite of Communion for the Sick, someone who is housebound may well see saying the new version of 'Behold the Lamb of God . . . ' and 'Lord, I am not worthy . . . ' as expressing their unity with the parish community which is using the new wording.

First Sunday of Advent (27th November) It is our understanding that the new edition of the Missal will be available from late August, published by Veritas in two editions, an altar edition and a smaller 'oratory edition.'

Full use of the new edition of the Missal takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

Yours sincerely, Monsignor Eamon Martin VG