

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

**Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg**  
**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 – Day of Prayer for Emigrants**  
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### Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time. 12<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am Mass
Station Mass in the home of Annie and Margaret Morris (Aughascribba)		7.00pm Confessions
		7.30pm Station Mass
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
St. Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church		10.00am Mass
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am Mass
For the choir and all involved in the Do This In Memory Programme	Saint Patrick's	7.30pm Practice for Saturday night's Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time		8.00pm Mass
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am Mass:
		(Bridget O'Hagan – 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Saint Patrick's	5.25pm Public Recitation of the Rosary
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
		Do This In Memory Programme
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass:
		(Michael O'Neill – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass	Saint Mary's, Ardmore	3.00pm (all are invited to attend)

### Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

### Praying the Rosary During the Month of October

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,230**.  
**Please support your parish 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 promptly returned to those parishes.*

**Next Sunday is Mission Sunday:** Next week marks the annual worldwide Catholic celebration of Mission Sunday the theme for which is **Reach Out**. Our prayers and donations on Mission Sunday help to support mission projects and allow Catholic communities worldwide to become self-sufficient and progress according to their own needs and traditions. **A special collection will be taken up next Sunday** by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in aid of the Church's mission activities. Website resources: [www.wmi.ie](http://www.wmi.ie) These were our financial contributions as a diocese and parish in 2007 and 2008

2007	Contribution to the Missions	2008
€159,588 (£146,744stg) £1,415stg	From Derry Diocese From Greencastle Parish	€136,371 (125,395stg) £1,250stg

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Bridget O'Hagan** and **David Morris** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**'Do This In Memory of Me':** Our parish programme, in preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, will continue at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle next weekend (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October).

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year (dates not decided yet – possibly early June) led by Fr. Kevin McElhennon, Killyclogher  
*More info the full news sheet online*

**"Footprints of God":** Fr. Kevin McElhennon will lead a series of reflection evenings from February to April which will be of interest to those preparing for the pilgrimage above.  
*More info in the full news sheet online*

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry:** Mass in honour of St. of Avila on her feast day, Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 8.00pm.

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### Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley		Helen McKenna
Offertory Gifts	The family of Luke Breslin	The family of Conan Maguire	

**Prayers of Intercession:** We need committed and responsible teenagers to lead these prayers for us at each Sunday Mass, will you volunteer?

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Next September marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. If you have ideas on how we as a parish can mark this occasion, or would like to form an anniversary committee please share them with Fr. Hasson as soon as you can.

### Youth in the Community

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre invites applications for the post of **Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry**. For application form, job description and personnel specification call (028) 7126 4087 during office hours. Completed applications must be returned to: The Director, Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, The Gate Lodge, 2, Francis St. Derry BT48 7DS no later than 1.00pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

**'Choosing your Future':** A conference with **Jean Vanier** in the Millenium Forum, Derry – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 10.00am to 1.30pm. This conference is for young people but there are a limited number of tickets available for adults at £15. To book contact The Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**Sacred Heart College, Omagh presents 'Memorable Melodies':** A fundraiser to purchase resources for the Music department, in the Strule Arts Centre, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm. Your support and attendance will be welcomed. Tickets available in the Strule Arts Centre or at [struleartscentre.co.uk](http://struleartscentre.co.uk)

### Remaining Parish Stations for October, 2009

Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Muninamale	RoseAnn and Nuala McGarvey
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Sheskinshule	Sarah and Michael Warnock
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Crouck	Deidre and Pat Coyle
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Broughderg	Sarah Coyle
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Muninamale	Maggie Bradley
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm</b>	Cashel	Kathleen and Michael McCullagh.

Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, 2009.

If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home this month, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the area. It would be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a 'Station'.

### Global Handwashing Day 2009 (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October) – Clean Hands Save Lives!

**Help to contain the Swine Flu impact:** Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.  
*Irish News (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2009)*

### BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Dance, with music by <i>Country Sensations</i>	<b>SCOR:</b> Anyone interested in being part of a quiz team for the junior scor please contact Pat Clarke
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	BADA Committee Meeting	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Annual Pioneer Dance, with music by <i>Larry and Co.</i>	
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Table Quiz at 8.30pm	

**Green Elves Playgroup** thanks supporters, who raised **£708.50** through the sponsored climb up Croagh Patrick on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Loughmacrory Accordion band** invite past members from Greencastle, to rejoin them at a meeting in Loughmacrory Old Hall Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. For more information contact 07753 422670 with the intention of reforming.

**Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy):** More places still available for free accredited computer classes day / evening. Contact [kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie](mailto:kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie) Tel: (028) 8775 7800.

**Independent Literacy Centres:** An opportunity for individuals to run their own Computer Based Literacy Programme for children and adults with Dyslexia and other learning difficulties. Touch-Type, Read and Spell (TTRS) currently operates in several training centres throughout the UK and Ireland. Please contact TTRS on (028) 4173 8413 or 07811355462 if you are interested in setting up a TTRS centre in your area. Training and start-up help provided.

Our parish thank **Naomh Padraig Senior footballers** for the dedication and commitment to their sport this year

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 16:15-20. Lectionary I, page 555

**Lotto Numbers:** 1, 4, 10, 21 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,650

### Pilgrimages and Retreats

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010):** Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

**IHCPT – Young People's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter 2009):** Around 500 young people from all over Ireland spend a week on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the IHCPT, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust at Easter. ([www.irishpilgrimage.com](http://www.irishpilgrimage.com)) The Irish Pilgrimage Trust welcomes applications from young people with:

- A Physical Disability or illness/suffering/trauma/bereavement (aged 11-18).
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Jet Set Group- Physical Disability (18-25)
- Jet Set Group-Learning Disability( 21-30)
- The organisation also has Family Groups for very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative

**The IHCPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel.** If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes or you would like further information about the pilgrimage please contact Damian on 07968312770 or IHCPT, Kilcuan, Clarenbridge, Co Galway, Tel: 00353 91 796622 for further details and an application form. Please note closing date for applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009

**St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot. Co. Donegal:** A space of quiet, prayer and solitude. Available for individual retreats and spiritual guidance. Residential accommodation and meals in the Centre's hermitages. Promotions offer €45 per night. "Come away by yourself to a desert place and rest for a while." Contact Fr. Neal Carlin on 00353 74936 8370 or [sacre@eircom.net](mailto:sacre@eircom.net) for enquiries and bookings.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year (dates not decided yet – possibly early June) led by Fr Kevin McElhennon, Killyclogher. For 10 days we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. This once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage will bring to life the people, places and stories of the Bible, and promises to be an enjoyable and enriching experience. Price: £1,190 (price may be less depending on numbers going and is fully inclusive - flights, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, guide, full tours etc.). If you are interested or thinking about going and would like to know more about the pilgrimage, come along to either of the information evenings this Monday (12<sup>th</sup> October) or Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> October) in Christ the King Church, Strathroy at 8.00pm (after 7.30pm Mass). Or contact Fr. Kevin directly at (028) 8225 1055.

**"Footprints of God":** Fr. Kevin McElhennon will lead a series of reflection evenings from February to April entitled "In The Footprints of God". These evenings are offered to everyone who would like to journey reflectively through the Gospel stories. By reflecting on the Gospel stories, and getting to know the people and places of the Gospels, we hope to deepen our faith and enrich our relationship with Jesus. Though open to everyone, these reflections will be especially beneficial for anyone who is intending to join us on our Holy land Pilgrimage (see above) as it is hoped that these reflections will enhance our experience and enjoyment of the Holy Land. Details of our planned Advent Reflection evenings will be published in a couple of weeks.

### Questions people ask:

- Q. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that true worship is 'in spirit and in truth', that is, in the sincerity of a person's own heart and mind, rather than temples or churches. So, why do Catholics insist on going to church to worship?
- A. Your interpretation of 'in spirit and in truth' is misguided. The apostles and others who knew Jesus firsthand did not consider worship to be a purely personal affair but they continued to go to the temple and to meet in their houses for the ceremony of breaking the bread in memory of Jesus. The Eucharist is worship of the Father, through the Son (who is the Truth), in the sanctifying power of the Spirit.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))

**Global Handwashing Day 2009 (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October):** Everyone can get involved in Global Handwashing Day celebrations, slated for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. At [globalhandwashingday.org](http://globalhandwashingday.org) you will find useful tools and resources to make Global Handwashing Day a success in your country, city, town, community and school. **The driving theme for Global Handwashing Day is children and schools, and the main objectives of this global celebration are:**

- Foster and support a global and local culture of handwashing with soap
- Shine a spotlight on the state of handwashing in each country
- Raise awareness about the benefits of handwashing with soap.

Although people around the world wash their hands with water, very few wash their hands with soap at the critical occasions. More handwashing with soap means lower rates of infectious disease:

**Clean Hands Save Lives!**

### This Week's Calendar of Saints:

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St. Callistus I** After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, he was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus and died at the hands of a mob in 222.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-1682) established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lacemakers, and headache sufferers.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – St. Gall** was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz On Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630.

**St. Hedwig** (1174-1243), wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.

**St. Margaret Mary** (1647-1690), visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St. Ignatius** Bishop of Antioch. Died a martyr in Rome c.107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 10:17-30:

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold of us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?
2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go but when have you found that you gained by having the freedom to let go of something you had previously clung to?
3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

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**VATICAN CITY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009 (VIS):**

Made public today was the Holy Father's Message for the 83<sup>rd</sup> World Mission Day, which is due to be celebrated on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October on the theme: "*The nations will walk in its light*". The message, published in six languages, bears the date of 29<sup>th</sup> June, Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

Excerpts from the English-language version are given below:

"The goal of the Church's mission is to illumine all peoples with the light of the Gospel as they journey through history towards God, so that in Him they may reach their full potential and fulfilment. ... It is in this perspective that the disciples of Christ throughout the world work, struggle and groan under the burden of suffering, even offering up their own lives. I strongly reiterate what was so frequently affirmed by my venerable predecessors: the Church works not to extend her power or assert her dominion, but to lead all people to Christ, the salvation of the world. We seek only to place ourselves at the service of all humanity, especially the suffering and the marginalised, because we believe that 'the effort to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today... is a service rendered to the Christian community and also to the whole of humanity'".

"In truth, the whole of humanity has the radical vocation to return to its source, to return to God, since in Him alone can it find fulfilment through the restoration of all things in Christ. ... This new beginning can already be seen in the resurrection and exaltation of Christ, Who draws all things to Himself, renewing them and enabling them to share in the eternal joy of God. ... The Church's mission is to spread hope 'contagiously' among all peoples. This is why Christ calls, justifies, sanctifies and sends His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God, so that all nations may become the People of God".

"The universal Church, which knows neither borders nor frontiers, is aware of her responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to entire peoples. ... The measure of her mission and service is not limited to material needs, or even to spiritual needs confined to the sphere of temporal existence; rather, it is transcendent salvation, fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. This Kingdom, although ultimately eschatological and not of this world, is also in this world and within its history a force for justice and peace, for true freedom and respect for the dignity of every human person. The Church wishes to transform the world through the proclamation of the Gospel of love. ... With this message I renew my invitation to all the members and institutions of the Church to participate in this mission and this service".

"It is therefore necessary to renew our commitment to proclaiming the Gospel which is a leaven of freedom and progress, brotherhood, unity and peace. I would 'confirm once more that the task of evangelising all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church', a duty and a mission which the widespread and profound changes in present-day society render ever more urgent. At stake is the eternal salvation of persons, the goal and the fulfilment of human history and the universe".

"On this day dedicated to the missions, I recall in prayer those who have consecrated their lives exclusively to the work of evangelisation. I mention especially the local Churches and the missionaries who bear witness to and spread the Kingdom of God in situations of persecution, subjected to forms of oppression ranging from social discrimination to prison, torture and death. Even today, many are put to death for the sake of His Name".

"The Church walks the same path and suffers the same destiny as Christ, since she acts not on the basis of any human logic or relying on her own strength, but rather following the way of the Cross, becoming, in filial obedience to the Father, a witness and a travelling companion for all humanity.

"I remind Churches of ancient foundation and those that are more recent that the Lord has sent them to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and He has called them to spread Christ, the Light of the nations, to the far corners of the earth. They must make the 'Missio ad gentes' a pastoral priority.

"I am grateful to the Pontifical Mission Societies and I encourage them in their indispensable service of promoting missionary animation and formation, as well as channelling material help to young Churches".

"Missionary zeal has always been a sign of the vitality of our Churches. ... I therefore ask all Catholics to pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase in the Church's passion for her mission to spread the Kingdom of God and to support missionaries and Christian communities involved in mission, on the front line, often in situations of hostility and persecution.

"At the same time I ask everyone, as a credible sign of communion among Churches, to offer financial assistance, especially in these times of crisis affecting all humanity, to enable the young local Churches to illuminate the nations with the Gospel of charity"

**The Deep End – Bargain Basement Wisdom:**

A wise man once wrote for his gravestone: 'As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me.' When he died a wiser one taped a note to it that read: 'To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went!' Ah! That's wisdom.

Wisdom is applying truth to the art of living. The truth comes free in the word of God but applying it comes at a price. Today's Second Reading (Heb 4:12-13) marks the price: having our soul and spirit, our joints and marrow separated by something sharper than any two-edged sword. Not everyone wants to endure that. The rich man in today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:17) doesn't want to, and he loses out. He abandons Jesus and departs poorer than when he came even though his wealth remains intact. Not only does he leave the poorer, he leaves grieving.

Instinctively he knows that there's more to his life than wealth. Jesus' word pierces him like a two-edged sword, but he's unwilling to allow it to separate him from his wealth. He loses out. He knows it, yet still won't change. He wants wisdom; is offered it, but thinks the price is too high. He wants a bargain-basement type that just doesn't exist.

Change wealth to anything else we long for in the secret of our heart – anything that blocks our way to God. That's the spot God's word needs to hit, to separate us from it so that we come to possess wisdom because we've allowed God to possess us.

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