

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

Saint Patrick's Church      Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Greencastle      Broughderg

**The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.**

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### Mass and Confession Schedule for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time 12<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November St. Josephat, bishop & martyr	Saint Patrick's	9:30am Mass for the D.D.S. (Members & benefactors)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November St. Laurence O'Toole, bishop	Saint Patrick's	7.30pm Mass for deceased members of GAA Club
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude, virgin	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 'Do this memory of me', First Holy Communion Program
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

#### Confession Schedule

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

**The Retired Priests' Fund:** Collection will be taken up after Holy communion today.

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1095**.

**The Offerings Envelope:** On behalf of the parish, Stella extends her thanks to all volunteers who recently distributed the new envelopes to parishioners. If you are a new wage earner and would like to contribute to the parish financially please contact Stella directly.

**Remembering Our Dead:** Please remember in your prayers **Brendan Morris** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Diocesan Mass For Deceased Teachers:** The Annual Diocesan Mass for deceased teachers will be celebrated in Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Bishop Hegarty will celebrate the Mass and all are welcome.

**Diocesan Mass For Deceased Young People.** Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> in Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry. The Mass will be an opportunity for family and friends who have lost young loved ones to come together in a spirit of prayer and hope. If you have been bereaved or affected by a young death we invite you to come remember the life of your loved one. All are welcome.

**Acknowledging The Past: Remembering Together In Church & Society.** Conference at Tara Counselling & Personal Development Centre, Omagh. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**'Do This In Memory of Me':** Our First Holy Communion parish programme will continue at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle next weekend. (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November). In preparation there will be choir practice and a meeting for all involved, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Church 7.30-8.00pm.

**Dates for your Diary 2008:** The Diocesan Office has informed us that Bishop Hegarty will come to Greencastle on **Tue. 1<sup>st</sup> April** to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our parish community will celebrate with the children who will be admitted to First Holy Communion, **Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Derry Diocesan Society for sick & infirm priests:** Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges, by paying, once for all, £10. Likewise, any person whosoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members - deceased** 1. A Mass every day in some parish in the Diocese (this will take place in Greencastle on Monday). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the First three Sundays of each quarter. **Living** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on church notice-board. 2. When a living member dies, the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Mal.3:19-20, Ps.97, 2 Thess. 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

**November Thoughts – From Absence to Presence:** The session reminded me of something I'd heard from Ronald Rolheiser, the Canadian theologian. "My mum was not the easiest person to live with, he said. "But of all the people I have met, she was the most generous, and our house was always full of visitors." He went on: "so when I am generous, my mum is alive. When I am warm and welcoming, my mum is alive. When I ask myself what my mum would do, she is alive. When I miss her, she is alive." There is a spiritual wisdom in being able to be reunited like this. There was no doubt that, as the group continued to reflect on people they lost, they were reunited with them, not in some spiritualist sense, but in a rich and deep vein.

*David Wells. 'The Tablet' 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2007.*

**Volunteering for Service in your Community:** In addition to the ordained ministries there are roles in the liturgy which are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the liturgy, to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels and appointments clean and well-ordered or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season. You are now being encouraged to offer yourself and your talents for the good of the local Church community and over the next few weeks we will take a look at individual roles that you can volunteer for.

**Gift Voucher For Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2008:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apparitions. Gift vouchers are available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 from the Pilgrimage Office, 164, Bishop Street, Derry. Tel: (028) 7126 0293 at the following times; Tuesday & Thursday 11.00am to 2.00pm, Saturday 11.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

**Support/Services Groups. Northern Board:** Check out [www.mindingyourhead.info](http://www.mindingyourhead.info)

Suicide Prevention Helpline. 0808 808 8000

Rural Support Helpline. 0845 606 7607

Aware Defeat Depression. 0845 120 2961

CRUSE helpline. 0844 477 9400

Samaritans helpline. 0845 790 9090

CAMHS Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services. (028) 9441 5700/(028) 9442 4359/(028) 2766 7250.

**Scor na n-og, 2007:** Go Raibh Maith agaibh, to all who represented Cumann Naomh Pdraig agus Sperrin Og. Performances were outstanding. Give your support to our youth at the Scor Semi-Finals tonight at 6.00pm at Eglis Ard Mor Dermot, Caomhin, Carla, Lucy, Emma, Maria and Emma.

**"A Private Affair":** One-act comedy in Clanabogan Hall offered by Clanabogan Drama Circle (Director, John McDermott). Tonight (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November) at 8.00pm

**Lotto Numbers:** 12, 15, 16, 21 (6 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5750

**Parish News Sheet:** Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. **Please take news sheet home with you after Mass.**