



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (12th August, 2012)

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Last Sunday was a special day on our Christian journey

Thank you to everyone in our faith-community who contributed practically to the organisation behind the Mass, to everyone who participated in it and welcomed the visitors to our parish and to everyone who could not be present but who felt united to and supportive of us as we gathered in prayer. May the blessing received continue to nurture us.

Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (13th August, 2012 – 19th August, 2012)

Saturday Evening (11 th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Patrick Bradley (Anniversary)
Monday 13 th August St. Pontian (pope) and St. Hippolytus (priest) (both martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14 th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm Confessions
Wednesday 15 th August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feastday 11.00am Mass
Thursday 16 th August St. Stephen of Hungary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 17 th August Our Lady of Knock	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Saturday 18 th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (18 th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Kathleen Keenan (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 19 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily Thank you for your support especially during the summer season

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £910.

Annual Sisters of Nazareth Collection: To be taken up on Wednesday 15th August, please use the designated envelopes.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

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 **Patrick Bradley**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for **Peter Donnelly, Rose Hollywood, Francis McCrory and David O'Hagan**, the most recently enrolled members of the DDS.

Lough Derg – Bringing You the Gift of Hope: Whether you are seeking healing, reconciliation or simply a few days peace and quiet from the stresses of modern life Lough Derg is a calm place, a safe place and a unique place. Lough Derg ... You Just Gotta Go. To find out more about what's happening throughout 2012, and to book online go to loughderg.org, where you can view the full Season Guide and info on Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage. The traditional Lough Derg 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15th August. Pilgrims can arrive at Lough Derg on any given day until Monday 13th August between 10.15am and 3.00pm. If you can't make it for the traditional three day pilgrimage, then why not come for a day? Day Retreats and a special programme of workshops and guided prayer retreats will resume on Friday 17th August.

Call (+353) 71 98 61518 or download a copy of the detailed Season Guide now at loughderg.org

Next Sundays Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15, r/v 9; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58;
(Lectionary I, page 788) (**Sunday: Year B**) (**Weekday: Year 2**)

Lotto Results: E – F – G – H – R (8 people with 3 letters - £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,500

Offertory Gifts: During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

Pope: No Reason to Reject Joy, Even in Broken World Welcomes Bavarian Pilgrims with Reflection on Culture of Gladness By Kathleen Naab

Benedict XVI responded to a birthday present from his homeland with a reflection on the beauty of life and the greatness of joy. The Pope on Friday evening welcomed nearly 1,000 Bavarian pilgrims who took a train from the Holy Father's homeland of Bavaria to Castel Gandolfo, as a birthday gift for Benedict's 85th, which he celebrated April 16. The group, which included traditional bands and dancers, all in traditional costume, was led by the archbishop of Munich and Freising, Cardinal Reinhard Marx. In the Holy Father's words of gratitude at the end of the event, he reflected on the Bavarian culture as one "of gladness." "It is not simply a matter of entertainment, but of a culture of gladness, imbued with joy; it is born of an interior acceptance of the world, of an interior 'yes' to life that is a 'yes' to joy," he said. "It is founded upon the fact that we are in harmony with creation, in harmony with the Creator himself, and for this reason we know that it is good to be a person." The Pope said that in Bavaria, it is "easy to recognize that God is good and be glad about it" since the region is so beautiful. At the same time, the Pontiff continued, God has made the region beautiful with the collaboration of the local people. "[T]he men who live in this land, precisely from their 'yes,' knew how to give it its complete beauty; it became so beautiful only through the culture of persons, through their faith, their joy, songs, music and art. The Creator did not wish to do this alone but only with the help of men." Worthy sentiments?

Ever the teacher, Benedict XVI went on to note that "someone could ask whether it is right to be so happy when the world is so full of suffering, when there exists so much darkness and evil? Is it right to be so high spirited and joyful?" "The answer can only be 'yes!'" he affirmed. "Because saying 'no' to joy we do nothing of use to anyone, we only make the world darker. [...]"

"From our faith we know and every day we see that the world is beautiful and God is good. And because of the fact that he became man and dwelled among us we know it definitively and concretely: yes, God is good and it is good to be a person. We live in this joy, and from this joy we try to bring joy to others, to reject evil and to be servants of peace and reconciliation."

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.

Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.

Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those

who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.

Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

F. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

St. Aengus' Church, Burt Co Donegal – Mass for Motorcyclists: Sunday 26th August at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated to pray for all who have fallen in the last year and to ask for God's blessing in the year ahead. It will be followed by a short fund-raising run out to Ned's Point RNLI station.
All are very welcome to attend

Silver Saver Campaign: 9 out of 10 people in Northern Ireland are worried about the cost of their food and groceries. It is no surprise considering UK food prices have risen by 26% since 2007. The Silver Saver campaign by Age Sector Platform has been created on the back of one of the most popular motions from the 2012 Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament calling on food retailers to introduce a pensioner 'Discount Day' to help older shoppers cope with the rising cost of living and enable them to maintain a balanced and healthy diet. Show your support by signing a petition which will be used to lobby local and national food retailers.

The petition can be signed online via silversaver.org.uk

Supporters may also call (028) 9031 2089 to request postcards which can be signed and returned

Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore.

Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden: Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be held in St. Canice's Oratory in the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derry at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15th August.

Refreshments afterwards in the IOSAS Centre, all are welcome

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events

Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th August: Dances

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

General – Prisoners: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity

Missionary – Youth Witness to Christ: That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1st September.

Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph.

Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd August from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years.

For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January
8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June
Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee**

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)

Rouskey Community Centre

Children/Young People Art Classes with Martin Mc Grinder: Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August. Ages 4 to 8 from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 1.15pm to 3.15pm, and ages 9 to 14 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. £15 per child/young person. Family of 4 or more £50. Re- registered your child/ young person times now available. Only limited number of place available.

Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 / 07847 459 428 or my new number 07591 047 556 (leave message on phone). Hire of centre or equipment. Any donation is appreciated for hire of equipment.

Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul.
And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts!

Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12th July, 2009)

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

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 a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 2nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	
Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed	

Friday 2nd November St. Patrick's **8.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie II T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

Sunday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal [1572-1641] At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.
[not celebrated this year]

Monday 13th August – St. Pontian (pope) and St. Hippolytus (priest) (both martyrs) Pontius became bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235. Hippolytus was a Roman priest. Both died of ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs.

Tuesday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventional Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Wednesday 15th August – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast honours the fullness of blessedness that was Mary's destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. Today is the patronal day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

Thursday 16th August – St. Stephen of Hungary [975-1038] First King of Hungary and its patron Saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

Friday 17th August – Our Lady of Knock

The Deep End – An Uphill Struggle:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Earlier this year the following reflection was read out at a First Communion I attended:

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?

Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities.

The people who speak to Jesus in today's Gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus accuses them of failing to look for anything deeper; they are really only there because they have been fed! They will only be convinced if Jesus can give them some physical sign. 'Our fathers had manna to eat in the dessert,' they remind him. But Jesus offers something more: bread from heaven; food that endures to eternal life. The disciples need to look beyond the obvious.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 6:41-51:John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We have to be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?
2. One thing which closes our minds to what another is saying is when we label them disparagingly, as the Jews did to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?
3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?
4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

Questions people ask:Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

- Q. Is there any basis in the Bible for the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary into heaven?
- A. While there is no specific reference to her assumption, the Bible provides the basis for the doctrine. 'Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life; but all of them in their proper order; Christ the first fruits, and next, at his coming, those who belong to him' (1 Cor. 15:22). First in those who belong to him was surely his blessed mother. The liturgy celebrates her Assumption as 'the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of sure hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way.' The story in Revelation, Chapter 12, about the woman clothed in the sun, whose child crushes the head of the serpent may be understood as referring to Mary's Assumption into heavenly glory.

Sit Down and Talk, Pope Urges Married CouplesBrasilia, Brazil, 23rd July, 2012 (Zenit.org)**Sends Message to Teams of Our Lady By Junno Arocho**

Benedict XVI sent greetings to participants of the 11th International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady, which is currently being held in Brazil. The message was sent through the Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Founded in 1939 in Paris by Father Henri Caffarel, the Teams of Our Lady is a movement of married spirituality in the Catholic Church and aims to help couples discover the riches of the sacrament of marriage and to live out a married spirituality. In his statement, Cardinal Bertone conveyed the Holy Father's well wishes to the participants and lauded the "far-sighted pastoral intuition of the Servant of God Henri Caffarel..." The cardinal also expressed the urgency of the problems faced by married couples in an increasingly secularized society. "In this context, the couples of the Teams of Our Lady proclaim, not so much with words but above all with their life, the fundamental truths about human love and its most profound meaning: 'A man and a woman who love one another, the smile of a child, the peace of a home: here is an exhortation without words, but extraordinarily persuasive, in which every man can already anticipate, as by transparency, the reflection of another love and its infinite appeal,'" the statement read. The papal message lauded the movement's commitment to encouraging its members to be strengthened by the sacrament of marriage and of the Eucharist. He urged them to "cultivate this valuable habit of sitting together to talk and to listen to each other, to understand one another again and again in face of the surprises and difficulties of the long journey." Cardinal Bertone also conveyed the Holy Father's wish that members of the movement continue to be witnesses of the Catholic faith in the world. "His Holiness Benedict XVI invites Christian couples to be 'the smiling and sweet face of the Church,' the best and most convincing messengers of the beauty of love sustained and nourished by faith, gift of God offered with abundance and generosity to all, so that every day they can discover the meaning of their life," the statement read. The cardinal concluded the message by imparting the Holy Father's Apostolic Blessing to participants at the gathering in Brazil.