



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (12th September, 2010)
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Mass Broadcast Via BBC Radio Ulster: Today we welcome BBC Northern Ireland and their listeners to our parish community. Mass will be broadcast as part of their religious programming for Sunday morning at 10.15am. It is important that the congregation be seated in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg by 10.00am. There will be a practice for the choir, readers and all participants in our liturgy on Saturday 11th September at 7.00pm. Because of the earlier timing for the Broadcast Mass, we need to bring forward the time for Mass in St. Patrick's, Greencastle to 8.30am.

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (12 th September, 2010 – 19 th September, 2010)			
Saturday Evening (11th September)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brian Hollywood (9 th Anniversary)
Sunday 12th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8:30am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.15am Mass: To be broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster (please be seated by 10.00am)
Monday 13th September St. John Chrysostom (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14th September Feast of the Triumph of the Cross		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 15th September Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 16th September St. Cornelius (Pope) and St. Cyprian (Bishop) [both martyrs]		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 17th September St. Robert Bellamine (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Paul McCullagh (Month's Mind)
Saturday 18th September Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Imelda Tracey (9 th Anniversary)
Saturday Evening (18th September)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Kathleen Keenan (Month's Mind)
Sunday 19th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,175**. 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. Thank you also for the **£250** received this week in support of the Nazareth Sisters in this diocese.

Other Collections: A generous donation of **£200** was received in aid of the work carried out at Our Lady of the Wayside Church for the Jubilee anniversary. Thank you for the **£50** contribution towards the work of the Nazareth Sisters in the diocese and **£30** for the Trócaire Collection for the needs of Pakistan.

Trócaire's director has issued a note of thanks to the diocese that held collections in aid of Pakistan last month:
 Trócaire's director Justin Kilcullen has extended a heartfelt thank you to the parishes of the diocese who collected for survivors of the Pakistan floods last month. "Over the last five weeks Trócaire has evacuated 20,000 people from the dangerous floodwater and is supporting about 100,000 people with food, clean water, shelter and hygiene kits. We will be able to continue our work thanks to your generous support. Despite our own economic crisis it is inspiring to see the unwavering empathy of people across Ireland towards those in need. Your support will save lives and we thank you for it."

A cheque for **£1,010** and 3 Gift-Aid envelopes have been sent from our parish of Greencastle to this appeal – anyone wishing to send further contributions to this collection should make direct contact with Trocaire in Belfast.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith community we pray for **Roseann McGarvey (Muninamale)**, whose Requiem took place on Friday, we offer our prayerful support to her family, relations and friends .
 We also pray for **Imelda Tracey** and **Michael Clarke**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (Lectionary I, page 910)
(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication

Parish Liturgy for 11 th and 12 th September	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (8.30am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Ciaran Tuohy	Erin Hood	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts 11 th and 12 th September	The Family of Aine Lucas	The Family of Ciaran Coyle	
Offertory Gifts 18 th and 19 th September	The Family of Michael McCann	The Family of Orla Coyle	
Offertory Gifts 25 th and 26 th September	The Family of Daniel McCrory	The Family of Niall Coyle	
Offertory Gifts 2 nd and 3 rd October	The Family of Leah McGuigan	The Family of Shaun Coyle	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school year. Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.			

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2010 please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates: Monday 4th, 11th and 25th; Tuesday 5th, 12th, and 26th; Wednesday 6th, 13th and 27th 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 local area. It would be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a 'Station'.

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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).

Thursday 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, reacher and preacher.

Friday 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.

Sunday 19th September – St. Januarius (Bishop and martyr) Not celebrated this year.

Tuesday's Child Children's Charity, Belfast – Free Air-Lift of Humanitarian Aid for Pakistan Flood Victims:
 We need the following items as a priority: baby food, baby formula milk, baby feeding bottles, nappies, ready to eat non-perishable food, Dioralyte (for rehydration), **water purification tablets**, blankets (new), lightweight **sleeping bags** (new), children's rucksacks, clothes (new), shoes (new). Can you help? Please call us on (028) 9050 2725 or email info@tuesdayschild.org.uk.
Further details available on our website at www.tuesdayschild.org.uk.

Hike to Croagh Padraig: Do you fancy a trip to Westport, Co Mayo combined with a hike up one of Ireland's most famous mountains, *Croagh Padraig*? The trip will be on Saturday 18th September for those aged 16-35 and it will cost around £35. This fee will include transport from Derry and dinner in Hotel Westport.
For more info or to book a place contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Upcoming BADA Events	Sunday 12 th September	Dance with music from <i>The Cascades</i>
	Sunday 26 th September	Sponsored Walk (leaving Centre at 3.00pm)

Lotto Results: B – G – V – X – Z (1 winner with 4 letters – £100) **Next Jackpot:** £3,150

The Pope's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General: That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.
Mission: That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

GFC Grounds, Carrickmore – Clothing Collection: A collection of clothes etc. is currently taking place at the GFC Grounds, Carrickmore with all proceeds going to Trócaire for their work with the flood victims of Pakistan. It will continue until the end of September. Bags of clothes, shoes, bed linen etc. can be left in the green container in the upper car park daily between 10.00am and 8.00pm. The container will be locked nightly.
For further info contact Conor on (028) 8076 1594 / 07788 266 897, Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493.

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrencrossfire.org for information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

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 3 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 www.familycaresociety.net

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

Foyle Hospice – Host a Coffee Morning: In aid of Foyle Hospice on Thursday 16th September or any suitable date in September! Foyle Hospice will provide a full coffee morning pack for your own event or you can also join us here at the Hospice on Thursday 16th September from 10.00am – 12.00pm.
For more info or to request a pack please contact Rachel at Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre 61 Culmore Road, (028) 7135 9888, e-mail rachelbruce@foylehospice.com or visit foylehospice.com

Foyle Hospice – Male Walk / Run and Boy's Mini Marathon: Will take place on Sunday 26th September starting at Sainsbury's Car Park at 1:30pm. Two bridges walk / run approx. 6.5 miles and Mini Marathon approx. 2.5 miles. Entry fee £6/€7.
Registration forms available from Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre, 61 Culmore Road, Tel: (028) 7135 9888, Foyle Hospice Shop, Waterloo Place, Tel: (028) 7136 2927 or visit foylehospice.com

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:
Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.
For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting: This will be held in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry on Monday 13th September starting with 7.30pm Mass. There will be two 1st class relics of St Pio at the meeting.
All are welcome

South West College Information Evening – Last Chance to Enrol: Tuesday 14th September, 6.00pm-9.00pm. Dungannon, Enniskillen and Omagh Campuses. Last chance to enrol on all part-time courses, including Higher Education options.
For more info call 0845 603 1881 or visit swc.ac.uk

World Mental Health Awareness Day – Walk and Talk (Sunday 10th October): 4 mile trail Goshford Park, Armagh. Registration 12:00noon – walk starts at 1.00pm - Registration £10.
 For further information and to obtain sponsor forms please e-mail info@niamhlouisefoundation.com or call the Coalisland Office on (028) 8774 0354, Cookstown office on (028) 8676 9366 or Richhill on (028) 3887 9870.

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.

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Janet Shields (Daliada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
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Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end
Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Places are still available (€30 including boat and light lunch): 13 th , 14 th , 15 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th and 21 st September. Pilgrim Path 9km Sponsored Walk: Sunday 12 th September. Starting 12noon at the lakeshore Visitors Centre. For further information on any of these events or to make a reservation please contact The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 ((028) 6863 2391 from NI) or email info@loughderg.org . Check out loughderg.ie	

Youthlife

Growing Through Change Programme Friday 24th – Sunday 26th September, 2010

There is no more traumatic event in a child's life than the loss of a parent. The trauma is difficult for children to deal with because their limited experience does not yet contain the tools to cope with such a situation.

The **Growing Through Change Residential Weekend** is a structured programme presented by a team of trained young volunteers who themselves have experienced loss. Young people take a strong leadership role in all aspects of the weekend. They will be presenting their personal stories of grief and loss and will be reaching out to their peers with compassion and care. In small discussion groups the Youthlife team will create a confidential, supported and neutral environment for young people to feel safe to explore and share their individual stories with the support and acceptance of their peer group.

The weekend is residential and takes place in the Residential Centre, Ulster American Folk Park from 8.00pm on Friday 24th until 5.00pm on Sunday 26th September. The activities of the weekend consist of: personal experience presentations by young volunteers, small discussion groups, audio and visual presentations, role plays, recreational and fun activities.

For further information and application forms please contact

Bridie or Pat at the Youthlife Centre

Tel: 028 71377227 Mobile: 07912507388

Email: youthlife_be@hotmail.com

or visit our web site youthlife.btik.com

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 15:1-32:

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?
2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.
3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you, or for others?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. May I receive Holy Communion twice in the same day, for instance if I attend two funerals?
- A. I quote the Catechism: 'The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion each time they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist'. (#1417) So, if you attend Mass twice, or even more often, in the same day, it is warmly recommended that you receive the Blessed Eucharist as the completion of your participation with the Lord. The law which restricted people from receiving no more than once a day came in when people were going from one altar to another for Communion without taking part in the full ceremony.

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

The Deep End – 'Tea-ing' Off:

You've heard of black tea, green tea, herbal tea, and high tea. Well now there's philosophical tea. A new fad is sweeping La France. There, children as young as eight are acquiring a taste for philosophical tea. Difficult though it may be to swallow at this remove, nevertheless, many parents in France want their children to cut their metaphysical 'munchers' on heavy issues over light refreshments. Children, they believe, should be encouraged to debate life's mysteries from the time they discover the words 'what' and 'why' to give them an early handle on a complex world. The tea parties are held in cafés, public libraries and homes. Cakes and fruit juices feature prominently to sweeten debates drizzled with Descartes, sprinkled with Socrates, or piquant with Plato. No more than ten kiddies form a party. They vote on the topic of choice for the day and plunge into profundity with a vengeance.

Our brat in today's Gospel reading (Luke 15:1-32) aka the prodigal son also plunges into profundity – but not by choice. He isn't interested in insight, or in grappling with life's mysteries. All he wants are life's pleasures. He gets them, such as they are, and – surprise! surprise! – ends up more miserable than he was before he had them. Had he developed a taste for philosophical tea he might have fared better. Had he used his head to wise up he would have fared better. We are blessed with the most complex organ in the universe. It's called a brain. Surprising how long it takes for some to find it.

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