

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (13th February, 2011)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Sixth Week in	n Ordinary Time [Year A] (14th	h February, 2011 – 20th February, 2011)
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
Do This In Memory (Week 6)		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
, ,		Gerald McCullagh (3rd Anniversary)
Sunday 13th February	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
		11.00am Mass
Monday 14th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Cyril (monk) and St. Methodius (bishop) (bot	th Patrons of Europe)	
Tuesday 15th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 16th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 17th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:
St. Fintan (abbot)		Jim McLaughlin (3rd Anniversary)
Friday 18th February	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass::
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time		Rose Meenan (5th Anniversary)
Saturday 19th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time		
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
Sunday 20 th February	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
		11.00am Mass:
		Bridget and John Quinn (Anniversaries)

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. 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. Eucharistic Congress 2012 Support Collection: A total of £520 was taken up on Sunday 6th February.

Further contributions are appreciated.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Gerald Myles McCullagh, Cecelia Woodhall, Jim McLaughlin, Rose Meenan and John Hollywood whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Samaritans Volunteers - Spring Recruitment Campaign: Would you like to find out about the vital service that Samaritans provide? Maybe you could help in our work? Come along to our information evenings on Tuesday 15th February, at 7.30pm in Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh.

Call (028) 8225 1530 or email recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com for information/application form

There has been a lot of media coverage about the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence and accepted without prejudice can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Could you help us to provide this vital service?

Parish Buildings Committee Meeting: Monday 21st February at 9.00pm		
Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) - Mass for the Sick: Tuesday 16th February at 8.00pm.		
Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 14th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Vincent Hollywood)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Angela Slane and Caroline Fox)
Tuesday 15th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Martina Cullen)
Next Sunday's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48		
	(Lectionary I, page 656)	(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)
Lotto Results: F-H-	L – T – X (5 winners with 3	3 letters – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £4,250

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

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
46	Saturday 12th February *	Sixth Sunday	Sunday 13th February
40	The family of Aine Lucas	in Ordinary Time	The family of Ceiran Coyle
47	Saturday 19th February	Seventh Sunday	Sunday 20th February
47	The family of Meaghan Clarke	in Ordinary Time	The family of Niall Coyle
40	Saturday 24th February	Eighth Sunday	Sunday 27th February
48	The family of Patrick McElhatton	in Ordinary Time	The family of Orla Coyle
* Do This In Memory Week 6			
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task			

Gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist: A Eucharistic Novena of prayer will take place from Monday 28th February to Thursday 3rd March at The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh for the combined parishes of Drumragh, Cappagh, Greencastle, Newtownstewart. Castledera, Drumquin and Gortin to reflect on different parts of the Mass. This is part of a program for this area of the diocese to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress planned for Dublin in 2012.

Please take a promotion leaflet home with you this evening, read it and invite friends and neighbours to attend.

Check out the Novena website at eucharist2012.com

Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognize you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

Millennium Forum, Derry - The Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March, Guest of honour will be Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired Archbishop of Washington DC

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Cost: £599.

Booking forms are available in the Sacristy at St. Patrick's Church now

The Christian Brothers Grammar School 150th Anniversary Celebration: An open invitation has been extended to everyone associated with our school, including past pupils, parents of past pupils and retired members of staff to come along to our celebration. Mass will be held at the school on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm with old video footage, photographs and an opportunity to catch up with familiar faces afterwards.

Please park in Henderson's car park beside our astroturf and enter via the side gate to the Sports Hall

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 14th February - St. Cyril (monk) [826-869] and St. Methodius (bishop) [815-885] (both Patrons of Europe)

Brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were in an alphabet, now called Cyrillic, which they devised. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and in 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.

Thursday 17th February - St. Fintan (abbot) Born in Leinster, he received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary under the abbot Colum and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. He died in 603.

> Seven Founders of the Order of Servites (religious) In the early 13th century seven young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As the result of a vision they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of St. Augustine.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - Matthew 5:17-37:

- 1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour but challenge how we feel in our hearts. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
- Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
- For Jesus persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force? John Byrne OSA (iohn@orlagh.ie)

Dates for the Diary in 2011 Sacramental Celebrations

Friday 1st April	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Wednesday 13th April	Our Lady of the Wayside	5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Fifth Week of Lent		(Bishop Lagan)
Sunday 5 th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension	•	·

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15 th May	St. Patrick's	
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside	

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

Wednesday 30 th M	arch	Sunday 22 nd May	
Monday 11th July	Tuesday 30th August	Wednesday 19th October	
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while			
the Sunday Mass wil	be celebrated at 11.00am in Our L	ady of The Wayside Church.	

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2 nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3 rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls
		(remembering all who died during the year)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 12th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 26th March	Third Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 1st April		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5 th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Couples planning to Marry in 2011 please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible. ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

11 th and 12 th March	8 th and 9 th April
13 th and 14 th May	10 th and 11 th June

Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street,
Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com
Courses are limited to 15 couples. Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.

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

General: That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognised.

Missionary: That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy

The Rare Oul' Times: The Nomadic theatre Company, Saturday 19th February at 8.00pm. Admission is £10.

South West College Dungannon – Careers Convention and Open Day: Tuesday 22nd February.

NIE Energy, as part of Age NI's *Spread the Warmth* campaign, is inviting people to pledge an act of kindness towards older people this winter. For every individual's pledge to carry out an act of kindness for an older person, NIE Energy will donate £5 to Age NI to help provide practical help for older vulnerable people this winter. Your act of kindness can be something as simple as bringing the bins out and in for an older neighbour or offering a lift to someone who doesn't drive. If you are interested in participating, visit nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php.

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 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.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: This will take place on Saturday 9th April. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm from Saturday 29th January.

(028) 7126 0293

Recommended Website – *godtube.com*: GodTube is a free video sharing website much like the infamous YouTube but which specialises in Christian-themed videos. The website has a huge selection of themes, from Christian music videos to fascinating insights on how the liturgy is celebrated in other countries and cultures.

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 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

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.

Questions people ask:

- Q. I was abused physically and emotionally by a very violent father during childhood. How can I be expected to regard God by the title of father?
- A. You might use some other name such as Lord, or Maker or simply God. Since it was Jesus who instructed us to call God our Father, pray to Jesus to heal that unhappy association which inhibits you. Jesus never meant the Father to be understood in an authoritarians sense, much less in an abusive way, but as the loving source of life, the giver of talents, the merciful one who forgives the prodigal son with a celebratory banquet.

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

The Deep End – Getting to the Heart of Relationships:

Through Moses and the Law God had given instructions for how people were to live together, to ensure that God's people would not begin to oppress one another. In today's Gospel, as we continue our reading of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses, as Liberator. He presents God's demands not by dispensing with the Law but by asking for a deeper observance, a more sincere fulfilment. True and loyal service of God begins in the heart. How we are and how we live is a choice. God's law reveals our human potential and perhaps we should interpret these clauses as 'verbal beacons'. In striving for that perfection we better ourselves.

The entire Sermon on the Mount focuses on right relationships and the right kind of worship? If we offer gifts at the altar on Sunday but fail to be 'Christian' to the world on Monday, that is not worship. Action is key. Today's scripture focuses on God's view of who we are – in terms of who Jesus says we ought to be in our relationship with God, with family and friends, and with our world.

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