




Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughgerrig
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (13th November, 2011)
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Bishop Hegarty has written to inform us that due to his medical condition he is no longer capable of fulfilling the role of Diocesan Bishop and has submitted his letter of resignation to the Holy Father. Bishop Hegarty was installed as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 6th November, 1994. He asked for the support of our prayers in his letter and on behalf of the parish faith-community Fr. Hasson has written to him with a supportive response. Anyone who wishes to write him personally can do so to *Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral PO Box 227, Derry BT48 9YG*. He will of course remain as Bishop of Derry until his resignation is accepted.

Liturgical Schedule for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (14th November, 2011 – 20th November, 2011)

Saturday Evening (12th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 13th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 14th November St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Brendan Morris (14 th Anniversary)
Tuesday 15th November St. Albert the Great (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 16th November St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 17th November St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 19th November Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (19th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Miichael Hollywood (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 20th November Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,110**.

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.

New Weekly Collection Envelopes: If you have been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She extends her thanks to you for all your support, patience and help in getting this task completed.

Inviting to Mass: if you are a homemaker or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily during November and pray for your deceased relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Brendan Morris** whose anniversary occurs at this time

Baptism: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Charlie Joseph McCrory** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Book of the Names of the Dead: This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.

If you wish to enter a name not already in the book, please feel most welcome to do so

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46;
 (Lectionary I, page 729) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: G – O – P – W – Z (1 person with 4 letters – £100) Next Jackpot: £6,200

Our best wishes to Janet Devlin as she progresses on the X-Factor TV show

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 12 th November The family of Shauna McGurk	Offertory Gifts Rota Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 13 th November The family of Emma McElearney
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Trócaire: You are invited to give someone special in your life a very special gift this Christmas by choosing from their offer of the nine life-changing gifts. *A leaflet is available at the church door.*

Do This In Memory Programme: The next liturgy will take place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Saturday 19th November).

Young People's Production of Wizard of Oz: Sunday 20th November at 3.00pm in Gortin Parochial Hall.

Youthlife – Growing Through Change Programme

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November

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

The loss of a loved one brings with it many different feelings and emotions. These can appear so unbearable that the young person may feel that s/he cannot cope. Young people need to know that it is alright to show their grief in their own way without feeling guilty or wrong. We are offering an opportunity for young people to get away for a weekend where we will help them to begin to understand why they are feeling this way and to show that these feelings are normal and that they will not always feel this way.

The weekend is residential and takes place in the Residential Centre, Ulster American Folk Park from 8.00pm on Friday 18th until 5.00pm on Sunday 20th November. The activities of the weekend consist of personal experience presentations by young volunteers, small discussion groups and audio and visual presentations.

For further information and application forms please contact Bridie or Pat at the Youthlife Centre:

Tel: (028) 7137 7227 **Mob:** 07912 507 388 **Email:** youthlife.info@gmail.com **Web:** youthlife.org

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry)

Call the Carmelite Fathers Office on (028) 7126 2512 to book

Mass for the Sick: Tuesday 15th November at 8.00pm.

One-Day Retreat for Senior Citizens and their Friends: Wednesday 16th November, beginning at 11.00am.

Weekend Retreat: Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November, conducted by Sr. Josephine Walsh.

Program Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress in 2012: This began as a combined parishes initiative from and for the parishes of this part of the Tyrone deanery in Advent, 2010. Different aspects of the Eucharist were highlighted during Advent, 2010 and Lent, 2011. The program continues with an emphasis on the 'Our Father'. You are invited to participate in a Mass in **Christ the King Church, Strathroy at 8.00pm on Wednesday 23rd November**. Your attendance is welcomed

Diocesan Sung Mass – Feast of St Cecilia: Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral: Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All those directly involved in Church ministries are welcome e.g. sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, musicians, choirs, flower arrangers.

It is hoped that parishes will bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the Bishop

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: In 2012 the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. The cost is £599. There are early payment schemes available in the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry; Pastoral Centre, Maghera; St Eugene's Cathedral; Thornhill Centre and Strabane.

For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org.

Gift vouchers are also available for purchase through Thornhill Centre.

Owenkillew Credit Union: We are pleased to announce another very successful year. The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 4th November and a dividend of 3% on shares and a loan interest rebate of 35% was declared. Minors earned 3.13% on their deposits.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 14th November at 9.00pm.

Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing: Sunday at 7.00pm sharp.

Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 14 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Lucy Conway)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Mickey Fox)
Tuesday 15 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Tracey Gumley)

**An Bruach Dearg
Community Centre
Upcoming Events**

Every Wednesday Night

Zumba Classes from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

Every Friday Night

Card playing at 8.30pm

Tuesday 22nd November*

Information Evening, beginning at 8.00pm.

*For everyone interested in all Levels of ICT Basic Computers Internet and Email Level I Level 11 or higher, Farmers APHS online, this is to discuss what suits the individuals interested. A tutor will be available to answer your questions.

Our parish congratulates the local GAA Sperrin Og football team on winning the All-Ireland Club Championship semi-final for ladies last weekend, best wishes in training for the upcoming final

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General: For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.
Missionary: That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfil the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

Institute of Irish leadership (Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone) – Enrolment for Beginner Classes in Irish:
Essential Skill in IT Spaces still available for day classes. Minimum of 10 people required.
Consultation of Mental Health in Rural Areas Wednesday 9th November (12.30pm – 1.30pm).
Irish Book Fair Tuesday 15th November, 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Craft Shop.
Talk on Tories/Raparees/Outlaws in Early Modern Ireland (1530-1800) Booking advisable (admission £5.00).
Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800 **Web:** instituteofirishleadership.org

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 0 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

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):
 2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14th January, 10th and 11th February,
 9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.
Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge: ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

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.

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*

Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon: Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality
 (028) 7135 1233

Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week: This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7th February at 10.00am.
 The theme is *Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World*

Parish Liturgy for November, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Barry Maguire
Prayers of the Faithful	James McCullagh	Rosemary McCullagh	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Francis Keenan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	<i>Volunteers required</i>		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal – Diocesan Sung Mass:
 Feast of St. Cecilia (22nd November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.
Posture during Mass: Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the *General Instruction* (43) for observation throughout the diocese:
 1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect;
 2. Standing from the *Orate Fratres* (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the *Sanctus*;
 3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass.
 4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News

- A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon.
- Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry – Mass for deceased teachers.

Volunteers urgently needed for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012:
 The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more!
 If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website iec2012.ie/volunteer and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin **19th November in the RDS**. For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900.

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 Telephone/Email on 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.
 Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES
Tel: (028) 9033 2470 **Email:** belfast@camara.ie **Online:** camara.ie

Age NI First Connect Service: First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at: Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

Monday 14th November – **St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop) [1128-1180]** Lorcán Ua Tuathail, also known as St

Laurence O'Toole, was born at Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland and died at Eu, Normandy, France, he was canonised in 1225 by Pope Honorius III..

Tuesday 15th November – **St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1206-1280]** Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne, was called the 'Universal Teacher' for the vast range of his interests. Patron Saint of scientists.

Wednesday 16th November – **St. Margaret of Scotland [1045-1093]** Wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, helped by her example and influence, the work of reform in the church.

St. Gertrude [1256-1302] A Benedictine nun from the age of 5, she cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart and advocated frequent Communion.

Thursday 17th November – **St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious) [1207-1231]** Queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20, Franciscan tertiary until her death at 24. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.

Friday 18th November – **Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rome**

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 25:14-30:

1. Jesus was angry at the way the Jewish leaders treated God's gift of revelation to his people. They had turned it into a burden when it was intended to be life-giving to all. One of the ways they had done this was by putting strict observance of a multiplicity of rules at the centre of religious practice rather than a deep faith and trust in the forgiving love of God. What part have rules played for you in your life? Have they been life-giving?
2. Sometimes we can get a lesson on what is truly important in life from the example of people who are living in circumstances that on the surface are unorthodox, unconventional and sometimes irregular. What lessons have you learned from such witness?
3. We can fall into the trap of seeing our own gifts and talents as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?
4. The master in the story is also someone we can celebrate. He is the kind of person who does not cling to power. He entrusts his property (his cause) to others. Perhaps you have known leaders who have done this? Have you done it yourself? As parents, have you entrusted the lives of your children to them so that they can live life to the full by taking responsibility for their own lives? *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

Questions people ask:

Q. Are the souls in purgatory in terrible suffering?

A. Our Catholic Catechism is very consoling on this point. 'All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven' (Catechism, 1030). These blessed people know they are saved. They are very close to God. So they must be very happy, yet suffering the pain of recognising how poorly they had appreciated God's love and used their God-given talents. I think it is like the child who has been bold but now cuddles up in the parent's loving arms, crying in the recognition of how wrong he/she had been. The suffering of purgatory is the result of knowing how much we have been loved and how poor was our response to that love.

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

The Deep End – The Midas Touch:

When you were at school or college, was there that one person who was good at everything, who got As in every subject, was a skilled sportsperson, a gifted musician, and was involved in every activity going? We all know people who seem to be good at anything they turn their hand to. Everything they touch turns to gold.

In the parable in today's Gospel, the skills of the servants really do result in gold! The 'talents' which the servants are given are units of currency – the first two servants double their money, while the third, afraid to take a risk, buries his in the ground. But the point is not the amount of talents given to each. What pleases the master is how the talents are used. The greatest crime is to 'hide your talent in the ground', to fail to use the gift you have been given.

This parable is often seen as an exhortation to use our God-given talents and to take risks for his sake. God gives talents to every person, and they vary from person to person. However, we eventually have to give an account of these gifts and what we did with them.

The poet John Milton reflected on this parable in his sonnet 'On His Blindness':

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent, which is death to hide,
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest He, returning, chide.

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