

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

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

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### Liturgy Schedule for the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time. 15<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2009

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School</b>	10.00am Mass marking the end of the academic year for Year 7
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June The Sacred Heart of Jesus	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Pledge for Confirmation Class 2009
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June The Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass  6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass: (Barney O'Neill – 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,115** and the further **£10** for the White Fathers Missions.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** will take place in Ireland in 2012. To help finance this project the Irish Bishops Conference has asked each parish to take up a special collection today, the Feast of Corpus Christi. There is no special envelope in the regular box of envelopes so the collection will be taken up after Holy Communion. Your contribution, however small, will be much appreciated.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray this week for **Anne Donnelly** who was buried this week and as a parish community we offer our sympathy and support to Paul, Lee and her extended family. We also pray for **Packie Donnelly** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Bishop Hegarty has expressed his thanks to the Greencastle parishioners who travelled last Sunday along with pilgrims from all parts of the diocese. He also offered blessings to those unable to travel.

**Looking Ahead – Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries:** This will take place on the evening of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July** directly after the **Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg **after 11:00am Mass**. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

**'Do This In Memory of Me' Final Session:** Our First Holy Communion parish programme 2009 will conclude at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle this weekend (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June).

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Job 3:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;  
Mark 4:35-41 (Lectionary I, page 765)

**Lotto Numbers:** 9, 10, 17, 20 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,250

**On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June (Feast of the Sacred Heart)** the young people who were Confirmed in our parish on 25<sup>th</sup> March will be invited to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Every year those who have been confirmed are invited to take this pledge so this occasion can be an opportunity for those who took this pledge in **2008 (21), 2007 (19), 2006 (14), 2005 (18), 2004 (13)** and **2003 (17)** to renew their commitment. Please share this invitation as widely as possible.

Following the pledge ceremony The **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association** will present Pins to young people who sign up with them. Also if there is anyone eligible for gold or silver pins please contact the PTAA committee immediately. GAA Tyrone footballer Stephen O'Neill who is a member of the **PTAA** will present these pins.

*This might be a good time to suggest that we again read the Irish Bishops' Pastoral letter published in 2007- 'Alcohol the Challenge of Moderation'.*

**"Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests" is the theme of the Special Year for Priests** announced by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. The Pope will inaugurate the Year on 19<sup>th</sup> June, presiding at Vespers in St. Peter's Basilica where the relics of the saintly 'Cure of Ars' will be brought for the occasion by Bishop Guy Bagnard of Belley-Ars, France. He will close the year on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, presiding at a "World Meeting of Priests" in St. Peter's Square. During the course of the Year, Benedict XVI will proclaim St. Jean Marie Vianney as patron saint of all the priests of the world. A "Directory for Confessors and Spiritual Directors" will also be published, as will a collection of texts by the Supreme Pontiff on essential aspects of the life and mission of priests in our time. Over the next few weeks the following priests in our diocese will be celebrating special jubilees. Please pray for them:

<b>55 years</b>	Fr. Joseph Morris – Native of Greencastle	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 1954	Culdaff (retired)
	Fr. George Doherty CC. Greencastle 1954-'57	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 1954	C. C. Desertegney
<b>50 years</b>	Fr. Kevin McKenna	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 1959	P.P. Dungiven
<b>45 years</b>	Fr. Neal Carlin	31 <sup>st</sup> May, 1964	White Oaks, Muff.
	Fr. Liam Donnelly	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 1964	C.C. Ballykelly
	Fr. Brian Mc Goldrick	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 1964	P.P. Doneyloop
<b>40 years</b>	Fr. Stephen Kearney	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 1969	P.P. Newtownstewart.
	Fr. Edward Kilpatrick	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 1969	P.P. Lifford
	Fr. Anthony Mailey	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 1969	C.C. Iskaheen.
<b>35 years</b>	Fr. John Forbes	8 <sup>th</sup> June, 1974	P.P. Badoney, Lower-Gortin
	Fr. Andrew McCloskey	9 <sup>th</sup> June, 1974	
<b>30 years</b>	Fr. John Farren	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 1979	P.P. Iskaheen
	Fr. Neil Farren	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 1979	P.P. Ardmore.
<b>25 years</b>	Fr. John Downey	3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 1984	C.C. Ballinascreen
	Fr. Patrick O'Hagan	10 <sup>th</sup> June, 1984	C.C. Melmount
	Fr. Seamus O'Kane.	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 1984	
<b>20 years</b>	Fr. Patrick Baker	25 <sup>th</sup> June, 1989	C.C. Maghera
	Fr. Manus Bradley	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 1989	
	Fr. Thomas Canning	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 1989	C.C. Drumragh.
	Fr. John Gilmore	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 1989	P.P. Aygharan
	Fr. Kevin McElhennon	2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 1989	C.C. Cappagh.
	Fr. Stephen McLaughlin	25 <sup>th</sup> June, 1989	P.P. Creggan.
<b>15 years</b>	Fr. Edward Gallagher	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 1994	C.C. Limavady.

### Age Concern Cookstown – A new Befriending Scheme for Cookstown District Area:

Contact Fiona Fingleton on (028) 8676 9005 for details.

**Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh – Reminder of Services Available:** You can attend the **Cardiac Assessment Unit** in TCH at any time. Should you develop pain in the chest, shortness of breath, palpitations or fainting episodes – the nursing staff can assess your heart – in the unit. If the need arises you may be transferred to another hospital later. You can refer yourself or be sent by your General Practitioner to this Cardiac Assessment Unit. For Advice call **(028) 8283 3129** – Cardiac Assessment Unit open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. In an emergency call the Cardiac Ambulance on **(028) 8224 9149**

**Preserving the Oldest Library in Christendom – The Saint Catherine’s Monastery Library Project on Mount Sinai:** Professor Nicholas Pickwood will give an illustrated lecture on this most important site next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in Room MD 108 at the University of Ulster Magee campus, Derry. This lecture should be of interest to a wide audience including anyone concerned with ancient books and manuscripts and as well as Biblical and secular history. Admission is £5.00 and includes refreshments. To book tickets / for further information, please contact the Cultural Development office in Magee on (028) 7137 5658 [www.culture.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.culture.ulster.ac.uk)

**MENCAP Fund-Raiser:** 10 mile walk / run from St. Mary’s Hall Dunamore Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12noon. Registration from 11.00am ...your support is appreciated.

### **Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation**

*A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference*

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.

We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.

We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.

What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol.

If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

*Full text can be read at [www.catholiccommunications.ie](http://www.catholiccommunications.ie)*

### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 14:12-26, 22-26:**

1. The symbolic gesture of Jesus at the Last Supper symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?
2. In his encyclical letter *Deus Caritas Est* Pope Benedict XVI wrote, ‘A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented’. What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?
3. Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these experiences that you can bring with you to the Sunday Mass?  
*John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

### **Questions people ask:**

Q. What did Jesus mean by the blood of the new covenant?

A. The Bible is a library of two testaments. The Old Testament is about God’s first covenant with his people, a covenant given through Noah, Abraham and Moses. The New Testament is the documentation of the new covenant, inaugurated by Jesus Christ, by which we are raised up as children of God. Before the time of Jesus, people regularly renewed their side of the covenant by offering blood sacrifices. The new covenant was ratified once and for all in the blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary.

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### **Some Facts Regarding the Eucharistic Congress:**

The First International Eucharistic Congress was held in Lille (France) in 1881.

Up to the 1920’s the Eucharistic Congresses focused primary on the Eucharist itself (liturgy, adoration, real presence, frequent communion etc.).

From the 1920’s there was a change of emphasis. While the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass remained central to the Congress, there was also a growing emphasis on what it meant to be a Eucharistic people in the particular context of place and time.

The theme of the 1932 Dublin Congress was: *The Eucharist and Ireland*.

The last two Congresses were held in:

2004 – Guadalajara (Mexico) – The Eucharist: Light and Life of the New Millennium.

2008 – Quebec City (Canada) – The Eucharist: Gift of God for the Life of the World.

The 2012 Congress in Dublin:

- Will be the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress

- Will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council.

The Pope decides the theme for each Eucharistic Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the theological commission established by the Bishop of the host diocese. We hope to know the theme by late spring or early summer.

Once the theme for the Congress has been decided, a theological commission appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in consultation with the episcopal conference, will prepare the conference document. This will be a short booklet, which will explore the theme and suggest ways in which it can be developed in the programme of evangelization and catechesis which will take place in each diocese in Ireland, and further afield.

A Congress logo will be designed and a Congress ‘hymn’ will be prepared to give expression to the theme.

Events at the last International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec included:

A daily celebration of the Eucharist

Talks, reflections and workshops on the meaning of the Eucharist and its implications for Christian living.

A packed lunch shared by 13,000 participants

Choral concerts and plays

Dedicated venues for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A gathering place for young people

A Blessed Sacrament procession through the streets of Quebec City

A closing Mass with a telecast from Pope Benedict.

### **The Deep End – Not à la Carte:**

Johnny got the message early in life. When asked by his religion teacher what he thought of God he replied with a gravity beyond his young years, ‘I bet it’s very hard for him to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.’ Out of the mouth of babes!

In today’s First Reading from the Book of Exodus (24:3-8) the word ‘all’ is used repeatedly. In brief: all the people promise obedience to *all* the words of the Lord. There’s no half measure, no à la carte approach to God’s commands. There wasn’t then, and there isn’t now.

Today we celebrate the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, or *Corpus Christi* as it’s more popularly known. The Eucharist that Christ gave us is a meal open to all people who have committed themselves in faith to Jesus as Saviour.

The Eucharist, while it needs to be celebrated in a manner that expresses life, joy and community, is not an entertainment event. It’s joyful yet serious, lively yet dignified and, in a sense, ‘ordinary’ yet holy.

What we need to realise too, however, is that it also requires effort on our part to prepare for it and further effort to celebrate it well. That’s where the ‘all’ comes in again. We can’t prepare for the Eucharist with only part of our life.

Following Jesus is a total life-long commitment. How could anyone celebrate Mass on a Sunday, having lived like a pagan on Saturday?

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