

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Triumph of the Cross. 14th September, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. 15th September – 21st September, 2008

Monday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 16 th September St. Cornelius, pope and martyr St. Cyprian, bishop and martyr	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 17 th September	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 18 th September	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 19 th September	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass (Imelda Tracey – 7 th Anniversary)
Saturday 20 th September Korean Martyrs Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 21 st September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass (Michael and Rosaleen Clarke – Anniversary)

Confession Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,190**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Michael and Rosaleen Clarke, Imelda Tracey and Brian Holywood.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Places are still available on the following days:
15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September. Reservations essential for One Day Retreats. Book at the Lough Derg Office. Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle.

Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:

Monday 6th, 13th and 27th; Tuesday 7th, 14th and 28th; Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th.

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 town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses: Omagh Pascal Centre, Brook Street 24th and 25th October, 21st and 22nd November, and 5th and 6th December. Couples planning to marry should register for a course as soon as possible. Tel: (028) 8224 2439, email accordomagh@accordni.com

Marriage Preparation Workshop: 26th and 27th September, 2008 in Thornhill Centre, Culmore Road on Friday from 7.00pm to 10.00pm and Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Booking forms available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Tel: (08) 7136 2475.

Recommended Website – www.pccs.it: The homepage for the Pontifical Council for Social Communication offers links to Vatican media services and Catholic press from across the globe.

University Students – The Catholic Chaplaincy @ Queen's, Belfast

Email: cc@qubcc.org

Website: www.qubcc.org

The Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue

Reopens on **Sunday 28th September** for 8.00pm Mass.

The Chaplains' café and the rest of the Chaplaincy facilities

(Corpus Christi Chapel, library, lounge and prayer room)

Re-open on **Monday 29th September** at 9.00am

Daily Mass Monday to Friday at 12.15pm

Sunday Mass at 12noon and 8.00pm

Welcome night for all students: Wednesday 8th October at 7.00pm

The Dedication of Studies Mass will be on Sunday 12th October at 8.00pm

Please sign up with the Chaplaincy as part of the Online Enrolment Procedures

This Week's Calendar:

Monday 15th – 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).

Tuesday 16th – Saints Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, bishop, both were martyrs. Cornelius became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253, patron for cattle and domestic animals. Cyprian (210-258), bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyred.

Wednesday 17th – St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church. Robert (1542-1621), Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

Friday 19th – St. Januarius, bishop and martyr. Januarius, bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305 along with six companions.

Saturday 20th – Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, martyrs. Andrew Kin Teagon, the first Korean priest, Paul Chong Hasang, a catechist and one hundred and one others were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea (1839-1867).

The Deep End – At Cross Purposes:

If Jesus had been hanged instead of crucified would we be celebrating the Triumph of the Rope? No irreverence is intended here. It is a serious question. The symbolism of hanging from a rope would not be as strong, nor the image as powerful, as that of an outstretched man, naked, pinned in agony to a cross. Yet redemption would just as surely have been achieved. The means of death was not important. The fact of death was.

While today's feast focuses on the symbol, the external sign, we cannot be blind to what really counted: Jesus' love for his Father. Concentrating on, and glorifying, the cross can be dangerous, even unchristian. It can give the impression that the pain is all-important, not the love that overcomes the pain.

Had Jesus not had to die for what he said and did would he still be Saviour? An unqualified yes to that! If it was his love that brought salvation, then the suffering was tragically unnecessary. But because of our sorry state, it was inevitable.

That's why today's Gospel reading (John 3:13-17) tells us that the Father sent the Son into this world, not to condemn it but to save it. That mission is what triumphed, not the cross. Without the love in his heart Jesus would not have had his cross to bear. He would not have had to face the enemy to the bitter end – and he would not have been a man to take seriously.

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Food Safety in Catering (Level 2): Old schoolhouse on Wednesday 13th October, 7.00pm – 10.30pm. *One evening only.* Cost – £40. Open to beginners or those who have previously taken a food hygiene course. To enlist for evening call Anne on (028) 8164 8803.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27;
Matthew 20:1-16 (Lectionary I, page 702)

Lotto Numbers: 10, 11, 12, 24 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,900