



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday [Year B] (15th April, 2012)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year B] (16th April, 2012 – 22nd April, 2012)

Saturday Evening (14th April) To help prepare for June's IEC to pray in solidarity with those who gathered for this weekend's Diocesan Congress in Derry there will be Exposition of the blessed Sacrament until the Sunday 15th April Second Sunday of Easter [Year B] <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Jimmy McCullagh (1 st Anniversary) 11.45pm Night Prayer 9.00am Mass: Margaret Morris (Month's Mind) Willie Joe Morris (5 th Anniversary) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 16th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 19th April Second Week of Easter <i>Today is the anniversary of the election in 2005 of Pope Benedict XVI as Supreme Pastor of the Church. Please remember him and his ministry in your prayers.</i>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 21st April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (21st April) Sunday 22nd April Third Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh (12 th Anniversaries) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Michael and Rosaleen Clarke

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,415**.

Annual Lenten Trócaire Collection: A total of **£2,310** was donated.

Support for the Shrines of the Holy Land: On Good Friday a sum of **£140** was taken up.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

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.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Willie Joe Morris, James Clarke** and **James Clarke Snr.** whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sammy and Doris Rutledge Foundation – Fundraising Walk: To raise funds for Aware defeat depression, Cancer and Grovehill animal sanctuary. 15th April from Glenhull through Coneyglen (approximately 5 miles). Assembly at McCreas Bar, starting at 2.00pm.

Donation or sponsorship forms available from Susan Bradley, Mountfield (028) 8077 1562

Next Sundays Readings: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9, r/v7; John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48; (Lectionary I, page 465) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: F – H – J – P – Z (4 people with 3 letters, winning £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,300

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 14 th April The family of Caitlin Clarke	Offertory Gifts Rota Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 15 th April The family of Lucy-Marie McCrory
Saturday 21 st April The family of Joseph Warnock	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 22 nd April The family of Emma Maguire
Saturday 28 th April The family of Niamh Tracey	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 29 th April The family of Ronan Hollywood
Saturday 5 th May The family of Kieran Mulholland	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 6 th May The family of Ryan Gumley
Saturday 12 th May The family of David Morris	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 13 th May The family of Kira Donnelly
Saturday 19 th May The family of Megan Coyle <i>First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is scheduled for the 11.00am Mass which will take place in Saint Patrick's Church Greencastle. 9.00am Mass will be in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg on this date.</i>	Feast of the Ascension	Sunday 20 th May The pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes PS
Saturday 26 th May The family of Shona McKenna	Feast of the Pentecost	Sunday 27 th May The family of Stephan Meenan

Greencastle Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and Friends – Buffet and Dance:

Friday 20th April at 8.30pm in Shepherd's Rest, Sixtowns, Draperstown.

Cappagh Badoney Branch CCE: A lively session of music singing dancing and storytelling will be held in Plumbridge Parochial Hall on Friday 20th April at 9.00pm. Local musicians and musicians from other CCE branches will provide the entertainment.

Tea will be served. Come along and listen or take part. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to (078) 4290 3949

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

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

Couples Planning to Marry in 2012: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

(028) 8225 1116

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get that little bit of extra help from volunteers. It is a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends:

Sunday 22nd April. Bishop Lagan will celebrate. 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.

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme 'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.



These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

<p>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.</p> <p>Missionary: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African Continent.</p>
<p>It touched my heart to see a world of so much suffering, all the suffering, sadness and poverty of human existence; but also to see how State and Church work together to help those who suffer. ... It is, I believe, evident that by helping the suffering man becomes more human, the world becomes more human.</p> <p><i>Pope Benedict XVI en route back from Africa (Monday 23rd March, 2009)</i></p>
<p>The Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee has received a very positive response over the past year to the request by Bishop Hegarty for the promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in all the parishes of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration has already been strengthened or renewed in twelve parishes of the Diocese. Please pray that Eucharistic Adoration will continue to extend throughout the Diocese, as the International Eucharistic Congress draws near, and especially in four more parishes where Adoration is being promoted by members of the Diocesan Committee in the coming months.</p>
<p>How to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012):</p> <p>Call the IEC2012 Booking offices on (01) 2981122 Book Online on the website at iec2012.ie/registration</p> <p>Download a paper booking form from the Congress website and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14</p> <p>Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. BOOK NOW!</p>
<p>YARD Project – Family Information and Support Day: Are you worried about a relative or friend's drinking, gambling or drug-taking? Would you like more information about how you can help your loved one and take better care of yourself? The YARD Project, based at Columba House, 11 Queen Street, Derry are holding a Family Information and Support day on Saturday 31st March from 10.00am to 4.30pm. An opportunity for you to hear from people who have been in your situation and found the support they needed to move forward.</p> <p><i>Places are limited so please contact the YARD Project on (028) 7126 9113 to make a reservation</i></p>
<p>Special invitation to Young People to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: Young people from 17 to 25 years of age from all across Ireland are invited to celebrate their faith at this summer's International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (from 10-16 June) in an event that is being described as one of the most ambitious youth ministry programmes ever presented in this country. 'Go! Be Church!' is the name of the Youth Programme, where around 2,500 young people will gather and experience a lively and international Church while rediscovering the meaning of communion. Come and participate in this event with workshops, dramas, interactive catechesis, concerts, social activities, games, art, fun and much more! Booking is required and youth can register as individuals or groups on www.iec2012.ie/registration. For more information on the youth programme go to www.iec2012.ie/youth. Liturgical Music for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 announced: The musical repertoire for each of the liturgies of the Congress from 10th June to 17th June has now been released. The goal of the music programme for IEC2012 is to encourage the entire assembly to participate as fully as possible in the liturgies of the week. A core choir will lead the music each day with the participation of many others gathered in the RDS and, on the final day, in Croke Park. We hope to involve choirs and singers from all Ireland. It is important for choirs to register for the Congress as soon as possible if you wish to sing in the Congress liturgies as part of the massed choirs. We suggest that you register as a group, giving your choir name as the group name and send an email to our offices. To book for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/registrations or call 01 2981122. To download the music for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/music</p>
<p>20th Anniversary Tour: A very special Fr. Liam Lawton 20th Anniversary Concert will be held at Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, on Wednesday 9th May. Tickets are on sale from the theatre directly or box office at (028) 8224 7831 or (048) 8224 7831. Also online through struleartscentre.co.uk</p> <p><i>For more info available from liamlawton.com</i></p>
<p>Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.</p>

<p>International Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012</p> <p>Lord Jesus,</p> <p>You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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 under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?</p> <p><i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i></p>
<p>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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p>The pope said that the Holocaust should teach "new generations" that "only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon" can lead to "fraternity and peace in truth."</p> <p>He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"</p>
<p>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 20:1-9:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace? 2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your life journey, your faith journey? When has your faith been deepened through such experiences? 3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his Resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge about some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher? 4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner? <p><i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i></p>
<p>Questions people ask:</p> <p>Q. How should one approach the Gospel stories of the risen Jesus appearing to various disciples?</p> <p>A. In each story the Lord chooses a different way of making his new manner of presence known. Each story shows how Christians down the ages have come to know the presence of the Lord in their lives. With Mary Magdalene, recognition of the Lord comes in the experience of being called by name by the Lord. On the road to Emmaus faith comes at the breaking of the bread, an early name for the Eucharist. Thomas comes to faith in seeing and touching the wounds of the Lord. Many people have developed a deep personal faith by discovering the Lord through getting in touch with the wounds of life such as addiction, suffering or being the victim of injustice.</p> <p><i>Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)</i></p>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

International Eucharistic Congress	Dublin	Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th June
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Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 20th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 13th May	St. Patrick's
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Sunday 2nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside
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Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

Tuesday 22 nd May	Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed			

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30th June and 1st July)

Saturday 30th June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
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Sunday 1st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
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Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
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'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the
Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 5th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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Sunday 20th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
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Saturday 9th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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The Deep End – Shalom:

We know the end of this story, but for the disciples after Jesus' death fear was the driving spirit. They were suffering and had locked themselves away to nurse their despair and their fear. The doors were firmly closed. In this account of the resurrection appearance, notice how John constantly refers to the wounds of Jesus. Even though he has risen he still bears the wounds. His suffering happened and he bears the marks of that suffering. He wants Thomas to literally get in 'touch' with his suffering. Thomas is often unfairly referred to as a 'doubter' and yet in this text he makes one of the most profound statements of faith: 'My Lord and my God'. We can look back on times when we suffered in our lives and perhaps see those resurrection moments that it brought. It is through those moments that Jesus says, 'Peace be with you'. One minute the disciples are locked away in fear for their lives, the next they are ready to embrace their mission to the world.

'The Jewish greeting of shalom, that is so much more than a good wish for a quiet evening. Shalom expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit.'

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