



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year A] Day of Prayer for Vocations (15th May, 2011)
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Today is Good Shepherd Sunday: Please remember a special prayer today for any young man or woman who may be considering making a commitment to the Priesthood or Religious way of Life. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct those who God may be calling at this time. May our prayers for those who respond to God's call allow our Church to be blessed with good leaders.

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter [Year A] (16th May, 2011 – 21st May, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil (14th May)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary before
			6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
			Patrick McGuigan (25 th Anniversary)
			9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
			10.30am Confessions
			11.00am Mass: Brigid Coyle (16 th Anniversary)
			9.00am Mass until concluding prayers at 4.30pm at St. Patrick's
There will be NO MASS from Monday 16th (St. Brendan, abbot) to Wednesday 17th May (St. John I, pope and martyr) because of the Diocesan Priest's Annual Retreat			
Thursday 19th May		St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Fourth Sunday of Easter			10.00am Mass
Friday 20th May		St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before
St. Bernardine of Siena (priest)			8.00pm Mass: Francis McCullagh (4 th Anniversary)
Saturday 21st May		St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Fourth Week of Easter			10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil (21st May)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary before
			6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
			John J. Donnelly (14 th Anniversary)
			9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
			10.30am Confessions
			11.00am Mass DDS (members and benefactors)
			9.00am Mass until concluding prayers at 4.30pm at St. Patrick's

Praying the Rosary During the Month of May

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us in praying the Rosary *25 minutes before* the beginning of Mass each day. Join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

First Holy Communion for Year 4 will take place at 11.00am Mass in St. Patrick's, Greencastle on Sunday 5th June at 9.00am Mass on that morning will be at Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£960**.
Annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign: This week a further **£255** was given.
Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection: A total of **£500** was raised for this collection.
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.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith community we pray for **Patrick McGuigan, Brigid Coyle, Brigid Fox** and **Francis McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Céile: Saturday 21st May from 9.30pm to 12.30am. Music by Raymond Looney.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12;
 (Lectionary I, page 487) **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: A – J – G – N – U (1 winner with 3 letters – £100) **Next Jackpot:** £4,900

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
59	Saturday 14 th May The family of Niall Coyle	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 15 th May The family of Caitlin Warnock
60	Saturday 21 st May The family of Orla Coyle	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 20 th May The family of Daniel McCrory
61	Saturday 28 th May The family of Shaun Coyle	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 29 th May The family of Leah McGuigan

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle next weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings as well as those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times.

"Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us"

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
10.00am	Glenhull / Aughminacrory	1.30pm	Binnafreaghan
10.30am	Monanameal / Alwories	2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan
11.00am	Crock / Coneyglen	2.30pm	Teebane / Carnanrancy
11.30am	Aughascribba	3.00pm	Crockanboy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evishession	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
12.30pm	Formil East	4.00pm	Sheskinshule
1.00pm	Formil West	4.30pm	Concluding prayers and Benediction

The Gospel is the greatest strength of transformation in the world, but it is neither a utopia nor an ideology.

Pope Benedict XVI speaking in Venice on Sunday 8th May

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.

Céile: Saturday 21st May from 9.30pm to 12.30am. Music by Raymond Looney.

Eucharistic Congress 2010: Anyone (or more) willing to represent Greencastle parish faith-community in this work should contact Fr. Hasson immediately.

Knock Summer Youth Festival (24th to 26th June). The Festival is a three-day event involving workshops, talks, reflection, prayer, and music. Explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. For those aged between 18 and 35.

Diocesan Trip to Lourdes (16th to 21st July): 13 to 15 year olds. justin.ncmahon@derrydiocese.org

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock (Sunday 5th June): A bus will be organised for travel from Gortin via Greencastle by Pat McSwiggan. *Book by calling (028) 8164 7099*

Pilgrimage to Knock in preparation for the National Eucharist Congress (Saturday 25th June):
 Mgr. Donnelly PP Drumragh is organising transport. *Contact parish office, Omagh*

Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website: The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. Hope you find it helpful! derrydiocese.org

Age NI First Connect Service: We offer 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 (074) 2562 0194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Friday 3rd June Annual Guest Tea at 8.30pm followed by dancing to Cascades.
Tickets available from all committee members and Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633

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

Dates for the Diary in 2011

Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 5th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension			

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

Saturday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm	(after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am	(after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2nd 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

Sunday 5th 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 10th and 11th 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 May (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

Missionary: That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website: The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be full of resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful! derrydiocese.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, carer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

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

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

Co. Donegal Youth Orchestra, Errigal Groove Orchestra, Ceoltóirí Chloich Cheannfhaola plus a host of special guests to perform in Inonad Cois Locha, Dunlewy on Sunday 15th May at 7.00pm. For further information please contact Inonad Cois Locha on 07495 316 99 or the Music Education Partnership on 07491 762 93.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady:

Tuesday 3rd May beginning at 7.30pm, followed by Rosary and Mass.

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)
The Resurrection	The Resurrection	The Resurrection	The Resurrection
The Ascension	The Ascension	The Ascension	The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven

Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28th May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29th May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days. Entry fee £25 per event.

Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

YARD Project (Young Adults Reality Dreams) – Back 2 Ur Roots: Beginning 10th May for four weeks.

Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If you are a young person interested in exploring your faith, benefiting from practical support such as accredited training (OCN Level 2 in Drama) and learning new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment, get in touch with us at The YARD Project, Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry T: (028) 7126 9113. We also offer specialised addiction counselling to young people and support to families affected by addiction.

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 recognise 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.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly): Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th August. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around Northern Ireland.

For more information contact 07706 736 677 (from NI) or book online at youth2000.ie

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.

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

Saint for May – St. Comgall (Sunday 10th May):

Week beginning Sunday 4th May

St. Comgall was born around 526 in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finian of Molville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-558, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

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

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.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 15th May – St. Carthage (bishop) Hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the psalms the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year, possibly at Bangor, he founded his own monastery at Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly. But opposition made him move southwards around 637. He, with hundreds of monks and patients from their leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. Died in 638.

Monday 16th May – St. Brendan (abbot) [468-578] A Kerryman who studied at Clonard under Finian. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert and later died there.

Wednesday 18th May – St. John I (pope martyr) The first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople. Was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died in 526.

Friday 20th May – St. Bernardine of Siena (priest) [1380-1444] Became a Franciscan and travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. Promoted devotion to the Holy Name and St. Joseph.

Saturday 21st May – St. Christopher Megallanes (priest) and Companions (martyrs)
These 25 priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.

Sunday 22nd May – St. Rita of Cascia (religious) [1386-1457] Was married for 18 years to her husband, an ill-tempered and abusive man, who was murdered by his allies. Later Rita entered the Augustinian convent in Cascia and spent 40 years in prayer and charity and working for peace in the region.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 10:1-10:

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with how you experience the voice of Jesus – through others, through the scriptures, through those you love and who love you?
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Questions people ask:

- Q. A priest in our parish makes me angry with his sermons. His gospel seems to be the power of positive thinking and nothing else. Worry is bad for you, trust in God! Now I have real worries in my business, staff to pay, bills to meet, and a son who is a real cause for concern. Don't worry! Can you understand what I am feeling?
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Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Like a Shephard:

My grandfather was a farmer in Malin Head in Co Donegal. As a child I loved to watch him round up the sheep in the evenings, using a variety of whistling techniques to guide his sheepdog, Jack, to steer the flock safely into the pen for the night. It was always a smooth transition, at a quiet time of the evening, with dog and flock well versed in the ins and outs of the process.

It is this experience that I recall when I hear this parable. And it was the local shepherding practices of the time that Jesus turned to in an attempt to explain who he is.

The shepherd in Jesus' parable calls his sheep one by one to lead them into the safety of the sheepfold, as was the practice in Palestine at the time, and the sheep follow their shepherd because they know his voice. Since the Pharisees, to whom Jesus is speaking, don't get it, he explains the parable; he is the gate of the sheepfold, and anyone who enters through him will be safe and will be sure of finding pasture.

Sheep and shepherd imagery is common in both Old and New Testament, and today's psalm is probably the most recognisable passage. 'The Lord is my shepherd ... fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.'

A common practice and a popular image provide the perfect springboard for an examination of who Jesus is and what he offers to those who follow him: safety, pasture and life.

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