



/Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August, 2010)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather continue to be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (15th August, 2010 – 22nd August, 2010)

Saturday Evening (14th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: John Clarke (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 15th August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass
Monday 16th August Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17th August Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th August Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 19th August Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th August St. Bernard (abbot and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Rhona Donnolly (Month's Mind)
Saturday 21st August St. Pius X (Pope)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (21st August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 22nd August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,120**. 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.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **John Clarke** and **Annie McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. As a parish faith-community we also offer our prayerful support to the family of **Susanna Bradley**, who died last week. Please also remember in your prayers **John Anthony McCullagh (Formil/London)**, **Michael John Morris (Teebane East)** and **Vincent Harley (Birmingham/Leaghan)**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Our Lady of the Wayside Church – 25th Anniversary (1st September): If you would like to volunteer for the final push to have the buildings and grounds in pristine condition please come with your tools to the Church on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th August beginning from 10.30am. Please bring rakes, spades, grapes, mops, dusters and anything else you would like to use to help. An hour or two of your time will be much appreciated and our parish community thanks you in anticipation.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie
Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 1-13; Luke 13:22-30 (Lectionary I, page 899)
(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: C – D – F – H – O (3 winners with 3 letters – £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,000

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

National Public Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Knock 14 th – 22 nd August at 3.00pm and 8.00pm Theme: The Path to Repentance, Healing and Renewal		
Date	Theme	Speaker
Saturday 14 th August	Lord Show Us the Way Prayer, Healing and Repentance	Bishop Philip Boyce (Bishop of Raphoe)
Sunday 15 th August	Personal Reflection of a Diocesan Bishop	Bishop Christopher Jones (Bishop of Elphin)
Saturday 16 th August	Praying Our Vulnerabilities	Rev. Michael Gallagher SJ (Rector of Bellamino College, Rome)
Saturday 17 th August	The Spirituality of Repentance and Healing	Rev. Conal O'Cuinn SJ (Vocations Promoter of the Irish Jesuits)
Saturday 18 th August	The Moral Journey	Dr. Suzanne Mulligan (Milltown Institute, Dublin)
Saturday 19 th August (3.00pm)	Youth and the Church	Ms. Helen Toner (Youth Director, Knock Shrine)
Saturday 19 th August (8.00pm)	Child Safeguarding and Support for Victims of Abuse	Mr. John Morgan (Chairman of the National Board)
Saturday 20 th August	Renewing Faith, Renewing Society	Mr. David Quinn (Director of Iona Institute)
Saturday 21 st August	Priesthood Today	Bishop Seamus Freeman (Bishop of Ossory)
Saturday 22 nd August	The Path to Renewal	Rev. Eamon Conway (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)

Lough Derg 2010 Season Guide at loughderg.org:

Sunday 15th August Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages | **Wednesday 18th August** One Day Retreats resume

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Sunday 15th August – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast honours the fullness of blessedness that was Mary's destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. Today is the patronal day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

Monday 16th August – St. Stephen of Hungary [975-1038] First king of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

Thursday 19th August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680] From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful 20 years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Friday 20th August – St. Bernard (abbot and Doctor of the Church) [1090-1153] Became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

Saturday 21st August – St. Pius X (Pope) Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Sunday 22nd August – The Queenship of Mary During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as Queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption. This feast is not celebrated this year because Sunday takes precedence.

Omagh Support and Self-Help Group: Fionna Henry (Admin Officer) invites you to a service of music, prayer, and reflection on Sunday 15th August at 3.00pm in the Memorial Garden.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

Questions people ask:

Q. Since the Assumption of Mary is not mentioned in the Bible, why does the Church celebrate the Feast of the Assumption?

A. Surely you are not suggesting that the Mother of Jesus is not in heaven! The privileges bestowed on Mary are an advanced indication of what God has in store for all who belong to the family of her Son. It is expressed beautifully in the Preface of the Feast: 'The virgin Mother of God was taken up to heaven to be the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way.' It is also a celebration of the sacred dignity of the human body.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Events: **Sunday 15th August** Dance – Music by *Silver Dollar*

The Pope's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General:	That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding, and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.
Mission:	That the Church may be a 'home' for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Tel: (028) 8224 2439 Email: accordmagh@bopenworld.com

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 www.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.

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

The Deep End – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
This feast really is a test of faith. Today's First and Second Readings don't make things any easier. I suppose for many it's just a feast and that's it. Just something we commemorate because the Church teaches infallibly that it happened. Interestingly, she says nothing about how it happened but asserts that it did. I think this feast should not be seen as an isolated event. If today's readings are telling us anything it's that the event we commemorate is part of a grand plan unfolding.
The First Reading from the Apocalypse, using what for us at this distance is very strange imagery, tells of the conflict between good and evil. We can all identify with that to some degree as we experience this tug-of-war on a daily basis in our own lives. The purpose of this reading and its weird symbols is not to tell us that such conflict occurs – we know that already – but that the outcome is assured: victory for the good. That is not something we may know already, or always experience. We may be duped at times into thinking that evil is more powerful than good. How wrong we would be should we think that way. Today's feast should help to convince us of that.
So too should our Second Reading from Paul (1 Cor 15:20-26): 'The last enemy to be destroyed is death.' Mary did not undergo death as we know it, according to Church teaching. She did not undergo bodily corruption. In Jesus' resurrection, the perceived finality of death has been shattered.
Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1st September	Quiet Day
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
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Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end
For the 2010 season we are once again offering a varied programme. The usual Three-Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Quiet Days and a Day for Families, along with Confirmation and School Retreats and the Life's Journey Series of Workshops will provide opportunities for many to visit. Whether it is for healing or strength, or for reconciliation or renewal, we invite you to join us for a few hours or a day (or three days!). Whatever your reason for wanting to connect to the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the <i>Gift of Hope</i> .	

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures		
Date	Fixture	
Monday 16 th August	Under 12 Boys	Beragh v. Greencastle
Wednesday 18 th August	Under 16 Boys	Fintona v. Greencastle
	Camogie Seniors	Derrylaughlin v. Fr. Shields
Saturday 21 st August	Under 16 Boys	Greencastle Newtownstewart
Wednesday 25 th August	Under 16 Boys	Pomeroy v. Greencastle
	Camogie Seniors	Brocagh v. Fr. Shields
Saturday 28 th August	Under 16 Boys Championship	Ardboe v. Greencastle
<i>Please note that there will be no field available on Wednesday 11th August – matches on both fields</i>		
Training Times		
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls	Monday nights	
Ladies Senior	Monday and Wednesday nights	
Under 16 Boys	Monday nights	
Mens Reserve and Senior	Tuesday and Friday nights	
Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12	Thursday nights	
Under 16 Girls	Sundays at 10.00am	
<i>Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)</i>		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 1:39-56:

1. The story of the Visitation is a story of two pregnant women reaching out to one another. For those of you who are mothers, perhaps you have been in that situation. What blessings do you recall in such encounters?
2. The story and the song of Mary are both celebrating the work of God in their lives. When have you been particularly grateful for what was happening in your life? How did you express and celebrate your thanks?
3. Mary is praised for believing that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. How has your trust in God's promise to be with you helped you in your life?
4. Read the *Magnificat* a few times slowly and let your attention stay with whatever words or phrase you are drawn to. Place yourself in the position of the one saying the prayer. Let it be your prayer of thanksgiving for your own life.
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)