



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
World Day of Migrants and Refugees [Year A] (16th January, 2011)
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The Pope's Prayer for Migrants and Refugees [Sunday, 2011]
Dear brothers and sisters, let us not lose hope and let us together pray God, the Father of all, to help us – each in the first person – to be men and women capable of brotherly relationships and, at the social, political and institutional levels, so that understanding and reciprocal esteem among peoples and cultures may increase.

Theme: One Human Family

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (17 th January, 2011 – 22 nd January, 2011)		
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 16th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass: Gerard, Mary and Gerry McCrory
Monday 17th January St. Anthony (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass

From 18 th to 25 th January the <i>Week of Prayer</i> for Christian Unity is held The 2011 theme is "One in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer" (cf. Acts 2:42).		
Tuesday 18th January Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 19th January Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 20th January St. Fabian (pope and martyr) and St. Sebastian (martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 22nd January St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil Do This In Memory (week 5)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 23th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**. *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: We pray for **John Haughey** whose requiem took place on Monday, we extend our prayerful support to his sister Agnes, Kathleen, Mary and Maggie and his brother Francis as well as his nieces and nephews who mourn at this time. We also pray for **Gerard, Mary and Gerry McCrory** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)
The 2011 prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by Christians in Jerusalem who chose as a theme Acts 2:42: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' This theme is a call back to the origins of the first church in Jerusalem; it is a call for inspiration and renewal, a return to the essentials of the faith; it is a call to remember the time when the church was still one. *Continued below →*

Greencastle parish faith-community offers the support of our prayers to the McAreevey and Harte families as they mourn the tragic death of Michaela.		
Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 17 th January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Paul Tuohey)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Geraldine Wilkinson and Caroline McCann)
Tuesday 19 th January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Fiona Teague)
Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (Lectionary I, page 644) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)		
Lotto Results: E – G – I – L – Z (8 with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £4,050		

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
42	Saturday 15 th January The family of Cathair Hughes	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 16 th January The family of Tiernan Teague
43	Saturday 22 nd January * The family of Caitlin Warnock	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 23 rd January The family of Rachael McAleer
44	Saturday 29 th January The family of Sean Og McCann	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 30 th January The family of Caoimhe Warnock
* Do This In Memory Week 5			
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			

97th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES [Sunday 16th January] *One Human Family*
Pope Benedict XVI has issued a message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees that takes place Sunday 16th January. He reflects on the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) and calls for 'welcome', 'justice' and 'charity' in the world which he describes as three 'pillars on which to build an authentic and lasting peace'. The profound link between all human beings is the origin of the theme that the Holy Father has chosen for our reflection this year: "One human family", one family of brothers and sisters in societies that are becoming ever more multiethnic and intercultural. All of us belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded and that the common good is pursued. The Church, as the People of God, is a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race.

Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium, 1

The Holy Eucharist constitutes, in the heart of the Church, an inexhaustible source of communion for the whole of humanity. Pope Benedict has drawn particular attention to the plight of refugees and those who are forced to leave their homes across the world. "Welcoming refugees and giving them hospitality is for everyone an imperative gesture of human solidarity, so that they may not feel isolated because of intolerance and disinterest"

General Audience, 20 June 2007: Insegnamenti II, 1 [2007], 1158

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Sunday 16th January – St. Fursa (abbot and missionary) Was born in Ireland and became one of the great missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Fiollan as abbot and sought refuge in a hermitage given to him by a patron at Lagny on the Marne in France. He died about 650 while on a journey. His body was buried at Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him. Not celebrated this year.

Monday 17th January – St. Anthony (abbot) 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.

Thursday 20th January – St. Fabian (pope and martyr) Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250.
St. Sebastian (martyr) May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

Friday 21st January – St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) Wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

Saturday 22nd January – St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture

Diocese of Derry	Swine Flu Guidelines for January, 2011
<p>The Diocese of Derry seeks to do its part in relation to Swine Flu. With this in mind, having received advice, the following practical guidelines are introduced from 14th January until further notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone who contracts Swine Flu is not obliged to attend Mass and is advised to remain at home until they have recovered. If a Eucharistic Minister is due to call at a house where a member of the household has Swine Flu, the family of the person should notify one of the priests, and the visit will be postponed until after the person has recovered. If a sick call is needed, it should be carried out by a priest. When visiting a person with Swine Flu, priests are asked to ensure they practise good hand hygiene, cleaning their hands with alcohol gel before and after the visit. It would be best to make this visit a single call or at the end of a series of calls. Priests and Eucharistic Ministers should ensure good hand hygiene before and after the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion should not be offered under both species at this time. The practice of shaking hands at the Sign of Peace should be suspended. Sacristans and Church Caretakers can help by giving door handles, and other items which people touch in large numbers, a regular wipe down with disinfectant or alcohol gel. We can all help by following and keeping up to date with advice from the Public Health Authorities and by maintaining good hand hygiene. <p style="text-align: right;">✠ Séamus Hegarty (Bishop of Derry)</p>	

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

Friday 1st April	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Wednesday 13th April	Our Lady of the Wayside	5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
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)

Thursday 8 th February	Wednesday 30 th March	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

Saturday 22nd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 12th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 26th March	Third Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 1st April		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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

11 th and 12 th February	11 th and 12 th March	8 th and 9 th April
13 th and 14 th May		10 th and 11 th 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 XIV's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to humankind.
Missionary: That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

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

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*

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006.

parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 1:29-34:

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus. Who have been the people in your life who pointed you to Jesus and who helped you to understand something of his message of love and compassion?
2. In the narrative John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself but he had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who for you continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you been able to do this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. It upsets me that none of my grown-up children go to Mass and have not brought their children for baptism. They say that it is only a matter of time before the Catholic Church in Ireland is extinct. How can I answer them?
- A. The Catholic Church is far from extinct. My guess is that we probably have two million people at Mass on any Sunday. The Catholic Church has survived many crises over its 2,000 years. A famous writer said that there were five times in history when the Church had gone to the dogs but it was the dogs who died! Jesus promised: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of the underworld can never overpower it.' The words of Jesus contain the answer for your children.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Credible Witness:

There are some people who have an instinct for recognising talent, whether it's recruiting the perfect person for a job or discovering the next big thing in the world of entertainment. There have always been talent shows, but the past few years have seen our TV screens awash with public searches for the next big star, complete with celebrity judges whose endorsement can make or break a career. The right words from the right person can make all the difference. It all depends on the credibility of the witness.

The theme of witness is central to the Gospel of John, and one of the most prominent witnesses is John the Baptist. He is the first to publicly reveal who Jesus is. And although he says he did not know Jesus when he preached about his coming, when he sees Jesus coming towards him he recognises immediately that there is something special about him; that he is the Chosen One.

John recognises him as the one of whom he himself said 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' He sees himself in the inferior position of a witness, nothing more and nothing less. His job is to point to Christ. He has laid the groundwork and 'made straight the path', and he is the first credible witness to point to the enormity of the work Jesus has come to carry out.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)*Continued from above ←*

Within this theme four elements are presented which were marks of the early Christian community, and which are essential to the life of the Christian Community wherever it exists. Firstly, the Word was passed on by the apostles. Secondly, fellowship (koinonia) was an important mark of the early believers whenever they met together. A third mark of the early Church was the celebration of the Eucharist (the 'breaking of the bread'), remembering the New Covenant which Jesus has enacted in his suffering, death and resurrection. The fourth aspect is the offering of constant prayer. These four elements are the pillars of the life of the church and of its unity.

The Christian Community in the Holy Land wishes to give prominence to these basic essentials as it raises its prayers to God for the unity and vitality of the church throughout the world. The Christians in Jerusalem invite their sisters and brothers around the world to join them in prayer as they struggle for justice, peace and prosperity for all people in the land.

The theme of each day of the octave has been chosen not only to recall for us of the history of the early church, but also to bring to mind the experiences of Christians in Jerusalem today, and to invite us all to reflect upon how we may bring that experience into the lives of our local Christian communities. During this journey of eight days, the Christians of Jerusalem invite us to proclaim and bear witness that Unity - in its fullest sense of faithfulness to the Apostles' teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers - will enable us together to overcome evil, not just in Jerusalem, but throughout the world.

Day 1 (18th January) Sets forth the background to the mother church of Jerusalem, making clear its continuity with the church throughout the world today. It reminds us of the courage of the early church as it boldly witnessed to the truth, just as we today need to work for justice in Jerusalem, and in the rest of the world.

Day 2 (19th January) Recalls that the first community united at Pentecost contained within itself many diverse origins, just as the church in Jerusalem today represents a rich diversity of Christian traditions. Our challenge today is to achieve greater visible unity in ways that embrace our differences and traditions.

Day 3 (20th January) Looks at the first essential element of unity; the Word of God delivered through the teaching of the apostles. The church in Jerusalem reminds us that, whatever our divisions, these teachings urge us to devote ourselves in love to each other, and in faithfulness to the one body which is the church.

Day 4 (21st January) Emphasises Sharing as the second expression of unity. Just as the early Christians held all things in common, the Church in Jerusalem calls upon all brothers and sisters in the church to share goods and burdens with glad and generous hearts, so that nobody stays in need.

Day 5 (22nd January) Expresses the third element of unity; the Breaking of the Bread, which joins us in hope. Our unity goes beyond Holy Communion; it must include a right attitude towards ethical living, the human person and the whole community. The Jerusalem church urges Christians to unite in "the breaking of bread" today, because a divided church cannot speak out with authority on issues of Justice and Peace.

Day 6 (23rd January) Presents the fourth mark of unity; with the church in Jerusalem, we draw strength from spending time in prayer. Specifically, the Lord's Prayer calls all of us in Jerusalem and throughout the world, the weak and the mighty, to work together for justice, peace and unity that God's Kingdom may come.

Day 7 (24th January) Takes us beyond the four elements of unity, as the Jerusalem church joyfully proclaims the Resurrection even while it bears the pain of the Cross. The Resurrection of Jesus is for Christians in Jerusalem today hope and strength that enables them to remain constant in their witness, working for freedom and peace in the City of Peace .

Day 8 (25th January) Concludes the journey with a call from the Jerusalem churches to the wider service of reconciliation. Even if Christians achieve unity among themselves, their work is not done, for they need to reconcile themselves with others. In the Jerusalem context this means Palestinian and Israeli; in other communities Christians are challenged to seek justice and reconciliation in their own context.

Further information and notes for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available on the website of the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org). The texts for the Masses for Christian Unity are given in the Missal from page 810. These can be used on days which allow a choice throughout the week of prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions, variant A, may be used each day.