



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

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

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (16th May, 2010)

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Congratulations to **Luke Breslin, Sean and Tara Conneely, Matthew Conway, Eoin Keenan, Shea McElhatton, Sorcha-Rose Meenan, Eunán Morris, Serene Morris, Lauren O'Neill and Jamie Wilkinson**, our young parishioners who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. Our thanks to parents, families, teachers, the 'Do This In Memory' liturgy leaders and everyone who supported these young people on their faith journey. May they continue to grow faithfully every day.

Liturgy Schedule for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (16 th May, 2010 – 22 nd May, 2010)			
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary	
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 16th May	St. Patrick's	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary	
Feast of the		9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo	
Ascension of the Lord	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass: First Holy Communion	
<i>Please keep in your prayers the children preparing to receive First Holy Communion on this day and their families</i>			
Monday 17th May Seventh Week of Easter – Thursday 20th May St. Bernadine of Siena (priest) <i>There will be no public celebration of Mass this week. Fr. Hasson will be on the Diocesan Priests Retreat</i>			
Friday 21st May	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Public Recitation of the Rosary	
Seven Week of Easter		8.00pm Mass: John Donnelly (13 th Anniversary)	
Saturday 22nd May	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary	
St. Rita of Cascia (religious)		10.00am Mass	
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		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 23rd May	St. Patrick's	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary	
Feast of Pentecost		9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am 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.

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,220**. Please support your community by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you. Our parish depends upon your envelope contribution for our material support. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: During the past week a cheque for **£300** was received from the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, who organised a cake sale on Tuesday 30th March (a day of very cold weather). Any further contributions will be gratefully accepted and given to Trócaire soon

Diocesan Purpose Collection: This annual collection was taken up last weekend (8th and 9th May) and has so far amounted to **£400**, further donations will be gratefully appreciated. £1,120 was raised in 2009.

Lourdes Hospitalite Collection: This annual collection is scheduled to take place on the weekend of 29/30 May. The fund is dependent on the monies raised from this one collection to support people who are sick and in need of medical care. It is a vital source of revenue that makes the work of the Lourdes Hospitalite possible.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith-community we extend our sympathy to Patsy and Charlie McCullagh, brothers of **Johnny McCullagh (Formil)**, who died in London on Saturday 1st May, his Requiem took place on Thursday (13th May). We also pray for **John Donnelly** and **Bridget Fox**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please also remember in your prayers **Mary McCaffrey**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Brother Roger – “Peter was questioned by Christ”: To mark the 70th anniversary of Taizé and the 5th anniversary of Brother Roger's death, an extract from unpublished video interviews with Brother Roger will appear on the Taizé web site at the beginning of each month through 2010. taize.fr/en

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles:2:1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26
(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: A – H – L – N – Y (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,350

Parish Liturgy for 22 nd / 23 rd May, 2010	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	James McCullagh	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Offertory Gifts	The family of Shauna Morris	The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan	
Lough Derg 2010 Season Guide at loughderg.org :			
Monday 17 th May	<i>The Jesus I Know</i> Workshop: Bishop Ken Clarke	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 be connected with the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the <i>Gift of Hope</i> .	
Tuesday 1 st June	Three-Day Pilgrimages commence		
Friday 13 th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages		
Sunday 15 th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages		
Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25 th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10 th 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			
SMA Pilgrimage to Knock: This takes place on Saturday 22 nd May to ask the intercession of Our Lady of Knock for Missionaries, Vocations and personal intentions. The programme begins with Confessions from 10.30am to 12 noon with Mass in the Basilica at 12 noon followed by Stations of the Cross and Rosary. The anointing of the sick takes place at a con-celebrated Mass at 3.00pm.			
Semper Fidelis Pilgrimage Group Crossgar – Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: 7 nights, Half Board ex. Belfast International Airport on Friday 16 th July, cost per person sharing is €975. Spiritual Director Fr. Colum Curran PP Killyleagh County Down. <i>For more details please contact Terry Andrews on (028) 4483 1308 / 07879 998 559</i>			
Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Mass for the Sick: Tuesday 18 th May at 8.00pm. 16th Annual Funday: Sunday 6 th June. We would be grateful for any items you would like to donate for our Funday stalls. <i>For more details call (028) 71262512 during office hours</i>			
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 neighbouring groups have asked for our support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church. <i>Please support them in any way you can</i>			
Reflection on Exams: Exams are a test of knowledge or skill. They have their importance. However, they are not a measure of the worth of the individual. They indicate one aspect of us, but we are much more than any exam can show. Success or failure does not give the full measure of our worth. Each one of us is unique and precious with our own gifts and talents. God made us that way. God wants us to use those talents. Exams can be an anxious time. But remember, we are more than our exam results. We are loved for who we are, not for our achievements. God wants us to discover all our wonderful gifts. <i>Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Support Centre</i>			
Autism NI. Armagh/Dungannon Branch – Big Dance Night: Edendork Hall on Saturday 22 nd May. <i>Your support is welcomed</i>			
Greencastle Community Centre – Vintage Rally: Saturday 29 th May. A fun day for all the family with funds raised being distributed to various charities.			
BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events: Saturday 29th May Annual Guest Tea at 8.30pm with music from <i>Larry and Co</i> . Tickets available from all committee members and Broughderg Post Office ((028) 8675 1633.			
Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Open-Air Mass: Bishop Hegarty extends an invitation to all the children in the diocese who were Confirmed in their faith this year to an open-air Mass in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry on Thursday 10 th June, beginning at 11.30am and finishing around 1.00pm.			
Foyle Hospice, Derry – The BIG Saunter Sponsored Riverside Walk: Wednesday 19 th May at 1.00pm, for those aged 55 and over. The walk will commence from Sainsbury's along the path of the River Foyle and finish off at the Guildhall. All monies raised will go to Foyle Hospice. <i>For more information contact Stephanie English, Old Library Trust, Creggan, (028) 7137 3870</i>			
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): The Pilgrimage is anxious to have the assistance of 3 more nurses to help in the provision of care for those registered for medical support. There are also places available for general pilgrims. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.			

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<p>The Pope's Intentions for May, 2010 (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General: That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.</p> <p>Mission: That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care.</p>
<p>Study Theology From Home: The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Tel: 00353 1404 8124/7 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com</p>
<p>Children in Crossfire – 25th Budapest Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 enthusiastic individuals to join them for the 25th Budapest Half Marathon on 5th September. A deposit of £150 is requested and minimum sponsorship applies. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for more information. Children in Crossfire also hold a car boot sale every Saturday and Sunday at Elagh Business Park on the Buncrana Road, Derry. £5 entry for cars.</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 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</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. Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work should take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.</p>
<p>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) 82241888.</p>
<p>The Priests, with special guest Camilla Kerslake at Millennium Forum, Derry: Tuesday 15th June at 8.00pm. Tickets £19.50 / £24.50 / £29.50 Box Office: (028) 7126 4455.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Addiction – The First Step Towards Recovery: Learn from the past, plan for the future, live in the present - Dependence on alcohol, other drugs or gambling presents life threatening physical and mental health challenges for individuals, stress and relationship difficulties in families, financial problems for all concerned, educational issues for children and young people, deaths on roads and crime on our streets. An honest response to the following questions will confirm evidence of addiction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you ever felt you should cut down on your use of alcohol, other drugs or the time and money spent gambling? 2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or the time and money spent on gambling? 3. Have you ever felt guilty about your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or on gambling? 4. Have you needed alcohol or other drug first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover? <p>If you are concerned about your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or gambling, staff in White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre R.O.I Tel: 074 9384400 or N.I. Tel 00353 749384400 provide a confidential counselling service for individuals, couples or families.</p> <p><i>It has been said that a journey of 1,000 Km begins with the first step, begin the journey into recovery today</i></p>

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Broughdery 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 awaiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughdery 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

This Week's Calendar of Saints:
<p>Sunday 16th May – St. Brendan (abbot) Not celebrated this year.</p> <p>Tuesday 18th May – St. John I (Pope and martyr) The first Bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople. He was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned in Ravenna, where he died in 526.</p> <p>Thursday 20th May – St. Bernadine of Siena (priest) [1380-1444] Born in Siena. He became a Franciscan, travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St. Joseph.</p> <p>Friday 21st May – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions These 25 priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.</p> <p>Saturday 22nd May – St. Rita of Cascia (religious) [1386-1457] Was married for 18 years. Her husband, an ill-tempered and abusive man, was murdered. Later Rita entered the Augustinian convent in Cascia and spent 40 years in prayer and charity, working for peace in the region.</p>

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 24:46-53:

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?
3. In particular Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?
4. In v.49 Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experiences of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc.)?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. What do you think of blessing with relics of saints? I think it is bordering on superstition.
- A. The relic of a saint is either part of the body of the saint or something such as a piece of clothing that came in contact with the saint's body. Veneration is a sign of respect. Many people find their trust in God greatly deepened when they are blessed by a relic which is a reminder of the grace and power of God shown in some saint's life. We recall how often Jesus touched people or used materials like saliva, water, bread or fish in a miraculous way. If a healing comes about, it isn't the relic that heals, but the power of God.

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

The Deep End – High-minded:

A recent survey conducted by researchers at Durham University, England, on people's attitude to sermons came up with some surprises: 96.6% of those surveyed said they liked the Sunday sermon, and 60% said it gave them a sense of God's love. Attitudes differed according to faith groupings. Evangelicals liked sermons most, Catholics wanted ones that educated rather than challenged. Baptists and Catholics favoured use of the Bible in sermons more than Anglicans and Methodists did. And, while Baptists wanted sermons to span an hour and then some, Catholics wanted them short. Ten minutes max.

So, what to say about the Ascension of the Lord that may be educative, and, yes, challenging too, yet brief? Its description in the first and third readings today (Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:46-53) takes only seconds to read. To focus the mind, then, let me ask you which you think is weirder: to believe that the Ascension was real, or to believe that the value of a 6ft bronze sculpture by Alberto Giacometti, sold recently in Sotheby's, is really worth the £65 million paid for it.

The fact of the Ascension is of immeasurably more value than any worked on piece of metal could possibly be. It has the power to stir the imagination, to engage the heart and to intrigue the mind with its promise. And, unlike artfully pressed and pounded metal, faith in the Ascension has the power to effect change. Belief in God's Word ascending can raise even hearts of stone with money to burn to hearts of flesh burning with love for those who suffer.

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

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Saturday 15th May	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i> Ken and Eva Needham
Monday 17th May	<i>The Jesus I Know</i> Workshop: Bishop Ken Clarke
Tuesday 1st June	Three-Day Pilgrimages commence
Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages
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
Tuesday 7th September	<i>Don't count your years, make your years count</i> Doug and Sue Barnett
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures

Date	Fixture	
Sunday 16th May	Reserves	Greencastle v. Coalisland
Sunday 16th May	Seniors	Greencastle v. Coalisland
Monday 17th May	U14 Girls	Sperrin Og v. Edendork
Thursday 20th May	Ladies	Sperrin Og v. Drumragh
Saturday 22nd May	U10 Boys	<i>Blitz in Gortin</i>
Monday 24th May	U14 Girls	Sperrin Og v. Cookstown
Wednesday 26th May	Og Sport	

Training Times

Under 12 and Under 14 Girls	Monday nights
Mens Reserve and Senior Training	Tuesday and Friday nights
Ladies Senior Training	Monday and Wednesday nights
Gaelic Start	Thursday nights

Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)

Sex abuse crisis 'terrifying,' Pope Says

By JOHN L. ALLEN JR. of the 'National Catholic Reporter' (*Lisbon, Portugal, 11TH May*)

En route to a 11th-14th May visit to Portugal, Benedict XVI called the reality of the sexual abuse crisis "terrifying" and said that the greatest persecution of the church comes not from external attacks but from sin within the church.

Benedict's insistence that the real problem is internal seemed to distance the pope from other senior Vatican officials, who in recent weeks have blamed the media and other parties for unjust criticism of the Catholic church.

While those comments came in response to a question, the questions were submitted to the Vatican by reporters covering the trip several days in advance – suggesting that Benedict wanted to address the crisis and chose his words carefully, rather than being caught off guard.

Benedict also said that while forgiveness must be part of the church's response to the crisis, that must not come at the expense of justice.

In total, the pope's session with the press this morning lasted approximately 16 minutes. Beyond the sexual abuse crisis, Benedict also touched upon the relationship between secularism and religious faith as well as Europe's current economic turmoil.

The following is a rush transcript of Benedict's comments aboard the papal plane. The pope spoke in Italian; what follows is an NCR translation.

What concerns and feelings do you bring with you regarding the situation of the church in Portugal? In the past it was a deeply Catholic country that carried the faith throughout the world, but now it's undergoing profound secularization both in daily life and on the political/legal level. How can the faith be announced in a context which is indifferent, and sometimes hostile, to the church?

First of all, good morning to all of you. I hope we all have a good trip, despite the famous ash cloud which we're above right now.

In terms of Portugal, first of all I have feelings of joy and gratitude for everything this country has done and is doing in the world and in history, the deep humanity of this people which I've been able to know through a visit and so many Portuguese friends. I would say it's true that Portugal has been a great force for the Catholic faith, and it's carried that faith in every part of the world ... a courageous, intelligent, creative faith. It's created great cultures, which we see in Brazil, in Portugal itself, but also the presence of the Portuguese spirit in Africa and Asia. →

← On the other hand, this presence of secularism isn't entirely new. The dialectic between secularism and faith in Portugal has a long history. By the seventeenth century, there was already a strong current of the Enlightenment ... it's enough to think of names such as Pombal. In these centuries, Portugal lived in this dialectic which today naturally has been radicalised and is reflected in all aspects. This seems to me a challenge, but also a great possibility. In these centuries, the dialectic among the Enlightenment, secularism and faith always had people who wanted to build bridges and to create a dialogue.

Unfortunately, the dominant tendency was to see a contradiction and to see one as excluding the other.

Today we can see this is false. We have to find a synthesis and be able to dialogue. In the multi-cultural situation we're all in, it's clear that a European culture which would be solely rationalist, which would not have any sense of the transcendent dimension, would not be in a position to dialogue with the other great cultures of humanity – all of which have this sense of the transcendent dimension, which is a dimension of the human person. To think that there's a pure reason, even a historic reason, which exists entirely in itself, is an error, and we discover that more and more. It touches only a part of the human person expressed in a given historic situation, and is not reason as such. Reason as such is open to transcendence, and only in the meeting between transcendent reality, faith and history is human life fully realised.

I think the mission of Europe in this situation is to find a path to this dialogue, to integrate faith, rationality, and modernity in a single anthropological vision of the concrete human person and render that vision for the future of humanity.

For that reason, the presence of secularism is something normal, but a separation of cult from life, a separation of secularism from cult and faith, is anomalous and must be overcome. The great challenge is for the two to meet and to discover their true identity ... this, as I said, is a mission for Europe and a human necessity in our time.

Thank you, Holy Father. Continuing on the theme of Europe, the economic crisis was recently aggravated in Europe, especially in Portugal. Some European leaders think the future of the EU is at risk. What lesson should we learn from this crisis, including at the ethical and moral level? What are the keys for consolidating the unity and cooperation of the European states in the future?

I would say that this economic crisis, with its moral component, is a case of application and making concrete what I said before: two separate cultural currents must meet, otherwise we won't find the path to the future. Here, too, I believe there's a false dualism. There's an economic positivism that thinks it's possible to realise itself without an ethical component ... a market that regulates itself, by exclusively economic impulses and positivistic reason. Ethics would be something different, something extraneous. In reality, we can see today that a pure economic pragmatism which ignores the reality of the human person, who is inherently ethical, inevitably creates problems. This is a moment to recognise that ethics is not something exterior, but rather interior to all forms of rationality, including economic reason.

On the other hand, we also have to confess the Catholic-Christian faith often has been overly individualistic. It left the concrete things of the economy to the world, thinking only of individual salvation and religious acts, without recognising that these things imply a global responsibility and a responsibility for the world. We have to enter into a concrete dialogue, as I tried to do in my encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, and the whole tradition of the social teaching of the church moves in this sense ... broadening the ethical aspect of the faith from the individual to a responsibility for the world.

The latest events in the market show that the ethical dimension is an interior part of economic life because the human person is one. It's a matter of a healthy anthropology, and only in this way can we solve the problem, only in this way can Europe realise its mission. →

← **Thank you. Now we look to Fatima, which will be the spiritual culmination of this trip. What meaning do the apparitions of Fatima have for us today? When you presented the Third Secret of Fatima in a press conference at the Vatican Press Office in June 2000, you were asked if the message of the secret could be extended beyond the assassination attempt against John Paul II to other sufferings of the popes. Could it also be extended to put the suffering of the church today in the context of that vision, including the sins of the sexual abuse of minors?**

First of all, I want to express my joy to go to Fatima, to pray before the Madonna of Fatima, and to experience the presence of the faith there, where from the little ones a new force of the faith was born. It's not limited to the little ones, but has a message for the whole world and all epochs of history, it illuminates this history. As I said in the presentation, there is a supernatural impulse which doesn't come simply from someone's imagination but from the supernatural reality of the Virgin Mary. That impulse enters into a subject, and is expressed according to the possibilities of the subject, who is determined by his or her historic situation. The supernatural impulse is translated, so to speak, according to the subject's possibilities for imagining it and expressing it. In this expression formed by the subject, there are always hidden possibilities to go beyond, to go deeper. Only with time can we see all the depth which was, so to speak, dressed in this vision, which was possible for the concrete person.

With regard to this great vision of the suffering of the popes, beyond the circumstances of John Paul II, other realities are indicated which over time will develop and become clear. Thus it's true that beyond the moment indicated in the vision, one speaks about and sees the necessity of suffering by the church. It's focused on the person of the pope, but the pope stands for the church, and therefore sufferings of the church are announced. The church will always be suffering in various ways, up to the end of the world. The important point is that the message of Fatima in its substance is not addressed to particular situations, but a fundamental response: permanent conversion, penance, prayer, and the three cardinal virtues: faith, hope and charity. One sees there the true, fundamental response the church must give, which each of us individually must give, in this situation.

In terms of what we today can discover in this message, attacks against the pope or the church don't come just from outside the church. The suffering of the church also comes from within the church, because sin exists in the church. This too has always been known, but today we see it in a really terrifying way. The greatest persecution of the church doesn't come from enemies on the outside, but is born in sin within the church. The church thus has a deep need to re-learn penance, to accept purification, to learn on one hand forgiveness but also the necessity of justice. Forgiveness does not exclude justice. We have to re-learn the essentials: conversion, prayer, penance, and the theological virtues. That's how we respond, and we can be realistic in expecting that evil will always launch attacks from within and from outside, but the forces of good are also always present, and finally the Lord is stronger than evil. The Madonna for us is the visible maternal guarantee that the will of God is always the last word in history.