

## Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

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**Best wishes** to everyone for the remainder of the summer holidays

**You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. 16<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' <b>11:00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Patrick Gillen (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. John Eudes, priest	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> St. Pius X, pope	Saint Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Kathleen McGuigan (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> The Queenship of Mary	Saint Patrick's	<b>10:00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Saint Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August is the feast of Saint Eugene, patron of Derry Diocese, but is not celebrated today</i>	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' <b>11:00am</b> Mass

### Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	Saint Patrick's	<b>5:30pm</b> (before Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10:30am</b> (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,330**.

Thank you for your support for the collection taken up yesterday to support the work of the Nazareth Sisters in this diocese. *Please support your parish by using your envelope even when you are on holiday or if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish – Thank you.*

*Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are promptly returned to those parishes.*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Fr. Seamus Shields, Patrick Gillen** and **Kathleen McGuigan** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Saint for August – St. Eugene (Eoghan), Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:**

St. Eugene lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnarnagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha) in Co. Tyrone.

**Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Introduction to Computers Course:**

Commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am-12 30pm. This course is **FREE**. For more information and enrolment contact the centre. **Irish Language Classes** beginning Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.00pm-8.30pm. Contact [Kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie](mailto:Kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie)

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69  
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**Lotto Numbers:** 6, 9, 17, 24 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,250

*For those making life choices*

### ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses 2009-2010

16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2009	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2010; 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2010
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2009	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2010; 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2010
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2009	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2010; 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2010

Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: [accordomagh@bopenworld.com](mailto:accordomagh@bopenworld.com)

*Courses are limited to 15 couples. Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.*

**Monastic Experience: Weekend for Women – Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow:** Single women interested in finding out more about **A Carmelite Monastic Vocation** are invited to join our life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend of **28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**. Preferred age 25-45. For more information visit our website: [www.carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie](http://www.carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie). Email: [contact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie](mailto:contact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie). Write to Prioress, Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

### Pilgrimages and Retreats

#### Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats:

Places are still available on the following days (cost €29 including boat and light lunch):

19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Family Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**Quiet Day – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Reservations essential. Book at the Lough Derg Office.

Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org). Check out [loughderg.ie](http://loughderg.ie) for other events

#### Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough. Co. Donegal:

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Carers Retreat (open to everyone)
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Padre Pio OFM Triduum
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Gospel Concert and Workshops – Of interest to choirs and choir members (see poster on church notice boards)

Website: [ardsfriary.ie](http://ardsfriary.ie) Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry:** Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours.

**Mass for the Sick:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00pm.

### Adult Faith Development (beginning in September)

**Interested in developing your faith?** Thornhill Centre has a number of short and long courses starting in October and November 2009: Pastoral Ministry: There is a Variety of Gifts; Liturgy: 'Foundations in Liturgy'; Scripture: 'Saint Luke'; Aspects of Faith: 'So What Should We Teach Them?' and Personal Development: 'Dreams Workshop'. For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233.

### For the attention of our young people

**Youthlife – Young People's Beginning Experience Residential:** This is a structured programme designed to help young people work through the 'stages' of the grief process that can result from death, divorce or separation of their parents. The experience is open to young people from age 11 upwards. Contact Bridie or Pat at (028) 7137 7227 or email [youthlife\\_be@hotmail.com](mailto:youthlife_be@hotmail.com). Web: [youthlife.btik.com](http://youthlife.btik.com)

**Zipline Across the Lagan For 'Children in Crossfire':** Children in Crossfire need 100 people on 19<sup>th</sup> September to zip 1,000 feet across the River Lagan. 140 feet up at 40mph, this is a truly thrilling and safe experience, a challenge for everyone. For more details and an application form please call (028) 7126 9898. Email: [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org)

**Help to contain the swine flu impact:** Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.

*Irish News (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2009)*

### BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August** Dancing to *Lakelanders*

### **This Week's Calendar of Saints**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – St. John Eudes, priest. From Normandy France (1601-1680) he spent a fruitful twenty 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.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church. Bernard (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 bee-keepers.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – 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.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 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.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St. Eugene, bishop. Patron Saint of Derry Diocese. *Not celebrated this year.*  
St. Rose of Lima, virgin. Rose (1586-1617) Dominican tertiary and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. She is seen as the originator of social service in Peru.

### **The Deep End – Cop On or Cop Out:**

The message on the church bulletin board reads: 'Those who stand for nothing fall for everything.' Wisdom is knowing what to stand for – and standing up for it. Wisdom is putting knowledge to good use. Today's First Reading (Prov 9:1-6) urges us to 'lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight' (v 6). Easier said than done.

Someone who is immature is not ripe. Growth in one or more areas of their life slowed down or stopped completely at some stage. It's scary enough that such a thing can happen, but to make matters worse it can happen without our realising it until it's late in the day.

Today's reading also tells us to walk in the way of insight. Fine! But how do you do that? You can't just decide to have an insight as you'd have a cup of tea. You can't conjure one up, order one over the Internet, or go to a shop and buy one. No! They either come to you or they don't. However, maybe it's just one basic insight that the reading refers to. Once you've had that one, others follow of their own accord as life presents them. But without the basic one you miss the others. And what is more basic to realise than that life has purpose, and consequences that extend beyond death. Once that sinks in we begin to see things differently.

Wisdom has built her house, set her pillars, and prepared a meal for those who enter. So let's put immaturity aside and live. Let's *cop on* not *cop out*.

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

### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 6: 51-58:**

1. In the Gospel of John, the author frequently presents people as misunderstanding what Jesus says. Jesus then uses the mistake to lead his hearers to a deeper understanding of his teaching. When have you found that clarification of a misunderstanding helped you to greater wisdom or deeper faith?
2. Recall some treasured gifts that you have received. Then think of people who gave you something of themselves. Is it not true that such a gift outweighs any material present? When have you received such a gift? To whom have you given this gift?
3. In this Gospel faith is not a concept but a relationship. Faith leads us to believe in Jesus and to trust him who gave his life for us. As you look back on the development of your faith, what has helped to increase your trust in Jesus so that you believe that you are never on your own no matter what difficulties arise in your life?
4. Jesus promises that those who come to him will have life. In what ways have you found that believing in God's love, and believing that Jesus came to tell us about that love, has been life-giving for you?

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

### **Questions people ask:**

- Q. If the Eucharistic Bread was subjected to laboratory testing before and after the consecration, would the results be any different?
- A. There is no chemical or physical change at the consecration, so the chemical analysis would yield the same result before and after the consecration. In the same way, a chemical test on Jesus of Nazareth during his life on earth would have found the elements of a human body but would not have detected his divinity. Our faith is based on the words of Jesus. The Son of God dwelt for some thirty-three years in human nature, and now he comes to us as the bread of life, made holy in the consecrated bread and wine.

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