



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

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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (16th September, 2012)

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If you are a homemaker, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (17th September, 2012 – 23rd September, 2012)

Saturday Evening (15th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 16th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 17th September Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 18th September Twenty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Imelda Tracey (11 th Anniversary)
Wednesday 19th September Twenty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 20th September St. Andrew Kim Taegon (priest), Paul Chong Hasang and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 21st September St. Matthew (Apostle and evangelist)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 22nd September Twenty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (22nd September) Do This In Memory	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Johnny and James Clarke (Anniversaries)
Sunday 23rd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£800**.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

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 **Imelda Tracey** and **Michael Clarke**, whose anniversaries occur now.

Parish Mission Weekend with Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM (Thursday 27th September to Tuesday 2nd October):

Keep this weekend free and invite your neighbours to do the same. Fr. Nangle emailed this week and asked for the support of our prayers that this effort will be fruitful for all who participate.

Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: No one in our parish has committed to becoming involved.

Contemplative Outreach Dublin – An Introduction to Centering Prayer as Relationship – The method of Centering Prayer – Use of a sacred word – Deepening the relationship with God:

Saturday 22nd September, 10.00am to 3.00pm in St. Augustine's Church Hall, Derry. Presented by Sr. Fionnuala Quinn O.P. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is no charge for this event but donations to cover expenses would be much appreciated. For further information or to register please contact Janice on 07734 417 824 or janicedoherty@hotmail.com.

IOSAS Centre – Healing Mass: Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin and held in St. Canice's Oratory in the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road at 3:30pm on Sunday 16th September. *Refreshments afterwards*

Next Sundays Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53:3-6, 8, r/v 6; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37; (Lectionary I, page 799) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: D – L – N – S – W (5 people with 3 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,750

Prayer for Parish Mission/Retreat:

Loving Father, as I prepare for our Parish Retreat, I come to ask you to bless everyone in our Parish.

And Bless Fr Joe Nangle our retreat director who will accompany us during this special time.

You have invited me to "come and see", (John 1:46) to listen and prayerfully take part, so that I will act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you all the days of my life.

May I and all who are able, respond to your invitation.

Jesus Our Saviour, brother and friend, be with me during this

Retreat as you once were near your disciples here on earth.

You know my strengths and weaknesses, my trials and triumphs, my joys and my sorrows.

I am sorry for the times I drifted away from your loving presence through what I did, said, thought or neglected.

Forgive me as you forgave the paralyzed man, the sinful woman and even your executioners.

May our Parish Retreat be an opportunity to recover your blessed peace.

Bless the sick of mind or body, the worried, bereaved, lonely, neglected, addicted, helpless and those I want to pray for during the Retreat, especially _____.

Keep them in your loving care and send them people who will help them practically and spiritually.

May I always be aware of the needs of others. Give me the strength and wisdom to deal with my own and their needs. Grant your eternal peace to those who have died.

Holy Spirit, as I prepare for this retreat, I thank you for all the graces and gifts you have given me from the time of my birth and Baptism; the gift of family, good friends and companions and for those in my life who brought me closer to God. Holy Spirit, give me the grace to forgive the people in my life who have hurt me in any way or those who drew me away from your presence.

I thank you for the grace of the Sacraments that help me lead a better

life as a follower of Christ in my particular vocation.

May I be graced through the frequent reception of Holy Communion and absolution

for my spiritual nourishment throughout my life and with the anointing of Holy Oil when I am sick. *Amen*

Glory be... followed by the LITANY.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit Embrace us with your love

Our Lady of the Wayside Keep us from straying

St Patrick, patron of our land Strengthen our Faith

St Bridget Pray for us

St Francis of Assisi Pray for us

St Clare Pray for us

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:

Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 24th October

It would be a blessing if a family in each townland would host a Station Mass this October – please consider it – hospitality should be kept to the minimum. *Gathering to pray the Mass together will be most important*

Do This In Memory Programme: A meeting outlining the programme for parents of children preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our parish in 2013 will take place on Monday evening at 9.00pm. *This is just a reminder as the invitation has already been distributed*

Questions people ask:

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

Q. What did Peter mean when he called Jesus the Christ?

A. Jesus was the personal name of the Saviour given after his birth. Christ is not so much a name as the title with which Peter professed his belief that Jesus was the Anointed One of God, the promised Messiah. Prophets, priests and kings received special anointing with sacred oil to prepare them for their tasks. All three vocations are united in Jesus the Anointed One, the Christ. As prophet is the revealer of God's message; as priest he is the mediator between God and people; as king he proclaimed the kingship of God. At baptism and confirmation Christians are Christened, that is, anointed with the oil of chrism to unite us with Jesus Christ in his teaching, his worship of the Father and his kingdom.

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 26th September Annual Pioneering Total Abstinence Association Dance

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer) General – Politicians: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth. Missionary – Help for the Poorest Churches: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people along with concrete resources to the poorest Churches.	
Called to the Contemplative life? The Cistercian Community in Portlengone, Co. Antrim will guide a weekend of vocation discernment for men who may feel they have a vocation to the contemplative monastic life 2 nd to 4 th November. <i>Details available by calling (028) 2582 1211 or emailing vocations@bethabbey.com</i>	
Children in Crossfire Upcoming Events	Three Day Cycle Challenge: Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th September. Derry to Enniskillen to Sligo to Donegal Town to Derry. Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org
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. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.	
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 <i>accordomagh@btopenworld.com</i> 12 th and 13 th October 9 th and 10 th November 1 st and 2 nd December 11 th and 12 th January 8 th and 9 th February 8 th and 9 th March 12 th and 13 th April 10 th and 11 th May 7 th and 8 th June Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding	
Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us. <i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i>	
Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change: Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.	
Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore. <i>Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493</i>	
Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org	
Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.	
War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. <i>Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)</i>	
NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience; Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email odtc@omagh.gov.uk .	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012		
Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish Friday 19 th October		
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID): Concerned about your hearing or tinnitus problems? If you would like a hearing check, get advice or get information on services available, come to an Action on Hearing Loss FREE Drop-in Hearing Aid Clinic. Local clinics will be held in the coming weeks as follows: Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, Castlederg: Tuesday 11 th September, Tuesday 9 th October or Tuesday 13 th November between 10.30am and 12noon. Strule Medical Practice, Health Centre, Omagh: Wednesday 12 th September, 17 th October or 21 st November between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. For further details contact Lisa Bullick, Outreach Development Officer (tel: (028) 6632 4400, Textphone: (028) 6632 4400, Mobile: 07553 353 980) actiononhearingloss.org.uk		
Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: As the Year of Faith begins, the 2 nd phase of the Support Programme for the introduction of new Pastoral Councils in the diocese is well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part in Phase Two, which appears to be going very well to date. I am writing to invite your participation in Phase Three of the programme which it is hoped to begin in January 2013 (see attached). The programme will be most suited to those parishes where the parish priest and interested lay members have already given serious consideration to the establishment of a Pastoral Council and where assistance is sought with the process of setting one up. In order to provide meaningful support and formation, it is expected that the programme will be made available to eight to ten parishes in the third phase. As before, to allow a greater opportunity for learning and development during the programme, it is hoped to enrol at least two parishes from each deanery. If it continues to be successful, the programme will be reviewed and repeated for a further group of parishes in 2014. Please consider if you and your parish are able to make the following commitments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Priest, other priests (if any), and three lay delegates from the Parish are prepared to attend a Study Day (on Saturday 19 January 2013) and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish. The co-ordinating team will arrange the proposed Introductory Weekend for the parish during early February 2013, with prayers during the weekend and an explanatory homily at all Masses. The questionnaire on 'The Life and Future of our Parish as a Living Faith Community' will be distributed, collected and analysed before the end of March 2013. A Parish Assembly will be held and first members of the Pastoral Council selected in or around April - June 2013 in accordance with the Diocesan Norms. The first members of the new Pastoral Council will attend a residential weekend formation programme to be arranged during September-October 2013. The Co-ordinating team will participate in evaluation and review of the programme for the benefit of development of the programme. The costs of the programme will be met by the parish. <i>Monsignor Eamon Martin (Diocesan Administrator)</i>		
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 under 8 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		
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Gratitude has been expressed for your support of the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. <i>Their clothes shop is in Castle Street, Omagh</i>		
Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29 th April – Sunday 14 th October. See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295		

The Catholic Chaplaincy (28 Elmwood Avenue) – University Students: Mass will resume on Sunday 21st September at 8.00pm. Chaplains Food Bar and other Chaplaincy facilities will re-open on the Monday the 28th September at 10.00am. Free tea and coffee from Monday 17th to Friday 21st September. Daily Mass is Monday to Friday at 12.15pm. Please remember to enrol with the Catholic chaplaincy as part of the Queens on-line enrolment procedures. Dedication of Studies Mass will be on Sunday 12th October at 8.00pm. There are a few student jobs available in Chaplains Food Bar, please contact Liam at cc@qubcc.org or on (028) 9066 9737 (Monday 21st onwards). Check out qubcc.org for further information..

The YARD Project (Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry) – Catholic Theology for Young People (16 yrs +): A series of interactive discussions exploring what it means to be a young Catholic today. The talks will take place over four weeks (Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm) beginning 19th September. This free course will benefit A-Level Religious Studies students and any young person wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more info or to register, contact Claire on (028) 7126 9113 / claireyard3@btinternet.com

October: Month of Mission (Theme: Growing in Communion): - As we approach October, Month of Mission, the Mission Alive Office of the Irish Missionary Union draws your attention to its programme of events to raise awareness of the life and service of Lay and Religious Missionaries. You are encouraged to celebrate Lay and Religious Missionaries, and their contribution to the global realities they serve, in your parish, with your parishioners and in the school(s) in your parish. *You are invited to access imu.ie or facebook.com/missionmonth*

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 20th September – St. Andrew Kim Taegan (priest), Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (martyrs) St. Andrew Kim Taegan (the first Korean priest), Paul Chang Hasang (a catechist) and 101 others were martyred during the persecution of the Church in Korea, 1839 – 1867.

Friday 21st September – St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist) St. Matthew the tax collector may be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mark 2:13. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron Saint of accountants and book keepers, tax collectors, customs officers and security guards.

Sunday 23rd September – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (priest) Died September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer.
St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704] Born in Donegal around 624. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is *The Life of Colmcille*. [Not celebrated this year]

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 8:27-35:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?
2. Jesus taught his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour we will not get far towards reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to 'carry your cross' for a while in order to achieve some goal that was important to you?

The Deep End:

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

'Nobody said it was going to be easy

'Nobody said it was easy

No one ever said it would be this hard

Oh take me back to the start'

These lyrics from Coldplay's song 'The Scientist' speak of a wish to return to a simpler time, to start over and do things differently this time.

I wonder, knowing what they know now, would the disciples in today's Gospel go 'back to the start'? The early chapters of the Gospel of Mark are a whirl of activity as Jesus calls the disciples one by one to follow him. They don't know what is to come. Did they think following Jesus would be an adventure, complete with rewards such as fame and admiration?

If they thought everything was going to be rosy, today's Gospel sees Jesus bring the disciples back down to earth with a bang. The disciples are gradually discovering who Jesus is. 'You are the Christ' recognises Peter. Yet when Jesus begins to talk of the suffering and death he is to face, Peter is having none of it and tries to remonstrate with him.

And finally Jesus drops the bombshell: discipleship is hard. If we want to follow him we must take up our crosses. There will not necessarily be rewards in this life.

Given what they know now, would the disciples do it all over again?