



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year A] (17th April, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Holy Week [Year A] (17th April, 2011 – 24th April, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory (week 8)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Mary Morris (9 th Anniversary) 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass
Monday 18th April In Holy Week	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 19th April In Holy Week	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 20th April In Holy Week	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh (11 th Anniversaries)

Easter Triduum

Thursday 21st April Holy Thursday	St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass of Chrism 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Please feel welcome to spend some time in personal prayer before the 'Altar of Repose' until midnight</i>		
Friday 22nd April Good Friday <i>Day of Fast and Abstinence*</i> <i>Beginning and ending at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle</i>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6.00pm Public Way of the Cross <i>(please carefully observe Highway Code)</i>
Saturday 23rd April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	9.30pm The Easter Vigil
Sunday 24th April The Resurrection of the Lord	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 12th April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year A]	St. Patrick's, Greencastle St. Patrick's, Gortin Sacred Heart, Plumbridge	3.30pm 5.30pm 7.00pm
<i>Penitential Services with several priests available for individual confession</i>		
Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th April	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	After 10.00am Mass
Monday 18th April	Sacred Heart, Omagh	After 7.30pm Mass
<i>Several priests will be available for individual confession</i>		
Wednesday 20th April	Christ the King, Strathroy, Omagh	After 7.30pm Mass
<i>Several priests will be available for individual confession</i>		

To help prepare for our Holy Week Ceremonies the following practices have been arranged at St. Patrick's

Tuesday 19th April	Altar Servers Readers for Holy Thursday Readers for Good Friday Readers for Holy Saturday Vigil	6-30pm – 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.30pm
Wednesday 20th April	Choir	7.30pm – 8.45pm

***Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence:** It is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, so that the Church, with uplifted heart, will be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: NIAPA Reps will be in An Bruach Dearg Community Centre on Tuesday 19th April from 6.00pm to 7.30pm to complete Single Farm Payment Forms.

Trócaire: Please empty your Trócaire boxes and reduce to the smallest denomination. Make returns on Holy Thursday evening in the special envelope that was in the package you received at the beginning of Lent. The humanitarian mission of Trócaire is to contribute to the saving of lives, the alleviation of suffering, and the protection of human dignity. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Trócaire – please support our Lenten Campaign as generously as you can this year

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
55	Saturday 16 th April * The family of Caoimhe Warnock	Palm Sunday	Sunday 17 th April The family of Gary McElhatton
56	Saturday 23 rd April The family of Tiernan Teague	Easter Sunday	Sunday 24 th April The family of Patrick McElhatton
57	Saturday 30 th April The family of Grace Conneely	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 1 st May The family of Meaghan Clarke

*** Do This In Memory Week 8**

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

Date of Easter: At the Council of Nicea in 325 the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday 24th April, 2011 is the feast of Easter.

Sacrament of Confirmation: On Wednesday 13th April Bishop Francis Lagan celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with us at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. We congratulate
Grace Conneely • Cieran Coyle • Niall Coyle • Orla Coyle • Shaun Coyle • Padraig Donnelly
Michaela Gillen • Jordan Gumley • Cathair Hughes • Rachael McAleer
Sean Og McCann • Gary McElhatton • Patrick McElhatton
We offer them all the encouragement we can so that they can grow daily in living and developing their faith

As **Holy Week** begins we Catholics are encouraged to understand the significance of this most important time in the Church year. One of the best ways to do this is to participate in the liturgies of this week.

On **Holy Thursday** we re-enact the washing of the feet – a vivid reminder of Jesus' command to love one another as he loved us. We also hear again the story of the Last Supper, which has special significance for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Good Friday is the most solemn of days. We listen to the story of the passion and death of Jesus and we are invited to venerate the cross.

The Easter Vigil on **Holy Saturday** night is the highlight of all our Easter celebrations, the night when we remember and retell our story from the very beginning. We keep vigil and move from darkness to light; we mark the beginning of new life in resurrection by lighting a new Paschal candle and blessing fresh baptismal water.

Children in Crossfire: Would you like to get involved in voluntary work in the local community and help make a difference to the lives of young children in Ethiopia, Tanzania and The Gambia? Children in Crossfire are currently recruiting volunteers of all backgrounds and abilities to help with a variety of activities in the local community and would really value your support. If you are interested in getting involved call Mark on (028) 7126 9898 or email volunteer@childrenincrossfire.org. Thank you.

The Eucharistic Congress Bell is journeying through our diocese during the next two weeks, beginning in Bellaghy on Monday 18th April. It is coming to St Mary's Church, Dregish on Wednesday 27th April, arriving at 11.15pm and it will remain in the church until 5.00pm that day. We will then send it on to Killygordon parish. There will be several prayer events in the church during those hours beginning with mass at 12.00pm. Everyone is invited to come along for a while to pray and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry): In preparation for Easter you are invited to participate in two evening vigils on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th April beginning at 7.30pm. These are two evening retreats, in preparation for Easter and will be opportunities for you to spend some time in quiet adoration, receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and join together for Mass. **Mass for the Sick:** Tuesday 19th April at 8.00pm.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£850**. 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.

The Good Friday retiring collection after the 3.00pm celebration of the Lord's Passion is in response to an appeal to help "our Christian brothers and sisters of the Holy Land who, along with other inhabitants of vast areas of the Middle East, have long aspired after that peace and tranquillity which are still much under threat".

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Mary Morris, James Clarke Snr., James Clarke Jnr.** and **John Anthony and Sara McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Annual Buffet and Dance: The Shepherd's Rest on Friday 29th April at 8.30pm. Tickets are £12.50. Anyone eligible for a Gold or Silver pin should contact the committee ASAP

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9
(Lectinary I, page 417) **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: E – F – I – O – S (1 winner with 4 letters – £100) **Next Jackpot:** £4,700

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**

Sunday 5th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	First Holy Communion Feast of the Ascension
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Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
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Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside
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Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

Sunday 22 nd May	Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th October
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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)
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Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am	(after 11.00am Mass)
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Wednesday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm	Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
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'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
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Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
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Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am	First Holy Communion
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Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
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Couples planning to Marry in 2011 please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

13 th and 14 th May	10 th and 11 th June
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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 XVI's Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever new reasons of life and hope.

Missionary: That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all who do not yet know Him.

Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28th May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29th May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days, entry fee £25 per event.

Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

Collection for Moldova: A collection of clothes etc. will take place in St. Colmcille's GFC Grounds, Carrickmore during the month of March. Bags or boxes of all types of ladies', gent's and children's clothes and shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels, crockery, cooking utensils and small items of furniture etc. can be left in the GREEN CONTAINER between 11.00am and 8.00pm daily. The container will be locked nightly. To donate larger items of furniture, contact any of the persons listed below. Everything will go to United Christian Aid, Craigavon where it will be sorted. The proceeds will go directly to Moldova to help UCA support the poorest families. Contact Briega (028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934684; Conor (028) 807 61594 / 07585 223195 or Collette (028) 807 61493

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, carer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

Greencastle Parent & Toddlers Group Easter Party:
Old School House on Wednesday 20th April from 10.00am to 12.00pm. *All babies, toddlers and parents welcome*

BADA (An Bruach Derg Community Centre)	Friday Night	Card playing at 8.30pm
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Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

Classes offered at Rouskey Community Centre:

Tai Chi: 20th April and 4th May. £20 for 4 weeks. Tutor: Sean O'Kane.

Felt Making: Over 55s with Teresa Pontz. Friday 6th May at 2.00pm. Participants will be making small felt bags.

Keep Fit: Starting Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm, 4 weeks. £15.

Young Adults Healing and Educational Easter Retreat:

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th April

in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly

For further details or to book contact Roisin on 00353 749 363 336,

email doheertyroisin@hotmail.com or Maeve on (078) 1531 9710

Age NI First Connect Service: We offer emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at: Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on (074) 2562 0194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has written to us to express their appreciation for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Their customers really appreciate your gifts, especially the good quality clothing you donated. They realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations and for this reason especially they thank you for your ongoing support in the seven SVP conferences in this area. (028) 8224 9839

The YARD Project Lenten Prayer Experience (Columba House, 11 Queen St., Derry):

During Holy Week (Monday 18th to Thursday 21st April) the conference rooms of Columba House will be transformed with hands-on prayer stations using music, video and the senses of taste, sound and touch to give visitors a modern prayer experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect and deepen our relationship with Jesus as we relate his sacrifice to our own spiritual journey. There will be two sessions open to the public each day, beginning at 11.00am and 2.00pm with each lasting approximately 1 hour. There is no charge and all are welcome.

*Places are limited so if you would like to come along or get some more information please contact Claire or Oonagh on (028) 7126 9113 / theyardproject@btinternet.com
Special arrangements can be made to accommodate larger groups*

ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge: ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you.

028 82242439

Tel:

Camara: This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination. *Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES*
Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: belfast@camara.ie Online: camara.ie

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

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 familycaresociety.net*

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo. Phone 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau.

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 26:14-27 :66:

1. The familiar passion narrative is one in which we all find phrases that speak deeply to us. Let a slow reading of the story touch you and lead you to prayer.
2. It is a story of how far Jesus was prepared to go to change our minds and hearts and encourage us to believe in God's love for us. What aspect of the story has this persuasive power for you? How have you been persuaded to believe in human love by the self-sacrificing actions of another?
3. You may find it helpful to enter into the story by taking the place of one of the many characters in the narrative. How does this help the story to come alive for you? *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

Questions people ask:

Q. What did Jesus suffer in the agony in Gethsemane?

A. The hypostatic union, the unity of divine and human natures in Jesus, is beyond our experience, yet on the ordinary human level we can understand his fear at the prospect of the suffering he was soon to undergo. He suffered in leaving his mother and in thinking of the sword of sorrow piercing her soul, as Simeon had predicted. Traditional meditation books pictured all the filth of sin sweeping over him in a torrent. Deepest of all was the darkness of spirit he suffered in becoming sin, as St Paul put it. The dark dereliction he suffered was that awful sense of alienation from God which is the ultimate pain of hell.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Taking Up Your Cross:

From triumph to agony. It's a time where the Temple of the moneychangers is cleansed. A time where bread is broken, friendships betrayed and denied. Often we try to place ourselves in these scenes and wonder, what would I have done? Would I have run away, betrayed, kept awake, denied or stayed at the cross until the end? When we join a procession or a protest, (holding a palm branch or a placard), we are committed. Nevertheless, we also enter the stories of our own Passion. We might want the long Gospel to be over quickly, but we must try not to miss the journey that this week offers us:

'You have to incorporate your pain into yourself. This is what Jesus means when he asks you to take up your cross. He encourages you to recognize and embrace your unique suffering and to trust that your way to salvation lies therein. Taking up your cross means, first of all, befriending your wounds and letting them reveal to you your own truth.' *Henry Nouwen*
Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)