

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (17<sup>th</sup> June, 2012)

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**As a parish faith-community we offer a very warm welcome to Fr. Joseph O'Connor P.Em (Badoney Upper) who will celebrate Mass with us this weekend. Fr. Joe served as curate here from 1967 to 1968**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012)**

<b>Saturday Evening (16<sup>th</sup> June)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Peter Donnelly (Month's Mind)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> Eleventh 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
<b>There will be NO DAILY MASS from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
<b>Saturday Evening (23<sup>rd</sup> June)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> The Nativity of St. John the Baptist [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 **£830**.  
**Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection:** This will be taken up next Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> June).  
*Please use the envelope in your collection box*

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. This collection was started centuries ago to provide financial support for the Pope and has evolved to fund the Holy See's charitable actions for those in need.  
*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.

**Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed:** These will take place on the evening of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's Church and at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. *Bring holy water with you*

**Pioneer Outing to Daniel O'Donnell Centre, Dungloe:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. *Bus fare, meal etc. £30*

**Greencastle Retirement Club – Fund Raising Dance:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June in the Greencastle Community Centre. Music by Larry & Co. with dancing from 10.00pm to 1.00am. *Admission is £5.00 and includes supper*

**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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

**Reminiscence Afternoons at the IOSAS Centre (18<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 22<sup>nd</sup> August):** Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden. Fr. Neal Carlin will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate. Sit back and share in some music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8. Booking is essential so please call the IOSAS Centre to secure your place!  
 00353 74 93 84866 / goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

**Next Sundays Readings:** Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43; (Lectionary I, page 768)      **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

**Lotto Results:** G – M – U – W – Y (2 people with 3 letters - £25 each)    **Next Jackpot:** £1,100

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

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June The family of <b>Shauna McGurk</b>	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June The family of <b>Rachael Clarke</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June The family of <b>Dylan McFarlane</b>	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June The family of <b>Ciaran Bradley</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June The family of <b>Ruanai McDermott</b>	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July The family of <b>Orla Warnock</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Joseph Hagan</b>	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Rachael Tuohy</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Rachael Devine</b>	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Laura Tuohy</b>

**Final Mass of the Eucharistic Congress (Statio Orbis):** People travelling by bus on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June in Croke Park are asked to note the following travel details.  
**Draperstown** 7.30am Holy Rosary Church *Desertmartin, Ballinascreen*  
**Omagh** 7.30am Christ the King Church, Killyclogher *Cappagh, Plumbridge, Greencastle, Gortin*  
**Omagh** 7.45am Brook Street Car Park (opposite St. Colmcille's PS) *Drumragh, Drumquin, Aghyaran, Castlederg*  
 Payment for bus and two meals (breakfast / evening meal – £30) can be paid on the day.      (028) 7126 2360

*Prayer for your personal and family use at this time*  
**International Eucharistic Congress 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.

**Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Public Prayers for remembrance of Dead at St. Patrick's Cemetery after Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Public Prayers for remembrance of Dead at Our Lady of Wayside after 11.00am Mass.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Mass will be held outdoors at the Mass Rock in the townland of Fomil in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners from <b>Badoney Lower, Castlederg (Ardstraw West), Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin and Newtownstewart (Ardstraw East)</b> who along with us in Greencastle helped prepare for the Congress over the past two years. Please invite our neighbours and friends to join us on this pilgrimage. <i>Be aware to respect that it may be too challenging for anyone with a physical disability</i>

**Knock Summer Festival – 'ONE':** A one day event taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July for young people aged between 17 and 30 in a faith setting to deepen – explore – ignite and celebrate faith – there will be a lot of time for you to talk – reflect – chill out – and have fun! Faith can be fun – the theme is 'ONE'. The festival is free of charge and we are encouraging groups to stay overnight and climb Croagh Patrick the next day (Reek Sunday).

**Greencastle Summer Scheme (P4 – P7 Children):** Registration for Summer Scheme takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm – 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Dates are:  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**      **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
 30 for 2 weeks or £20 for 1 week    Any queries contact Louise Coyle on (028) 8164 7861 or Rosemary Coyle (028) 8164 7854

**Sr. Aloysius Memorial Prize for Religious Art:** There will be an exhibition of religious art shown in The Playhouse Theatre, Artillery Street, Derry on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00am to 8.00pm on both days. Students from post primary schools in the diocese have submitted entries for the Sr. Aloysius Memorial Prize and winners will be announced at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in The Playhouse.      *Everyone welcome*

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for June (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**General – Christ, Present in the Eucharist:** That believers may recognise in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.  
**Missionary – European Christians:** That Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity, and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

<b>The following priests in our diocese have or will be celebrating special jubilees</b> <i>Please pray for them and make direct contact with them if you wish</i>			
<b>55 years</b>	Bishop Edward Daly	16 <sup>th</sup> March, 1957	Retired
	Fr. Robert Devine	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 1957	Retired
<b>50 years</b>	Fr. Brendan Doherty	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 1962	PP Kilrea
	Fr. Kieran Devlin	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 1962	Retired
	Fr. Michael McElDowney	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 1962	Retired
	Fr. Patrick McGoldrick	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 1962	CC Merville
<b>40 years</b>	Fr. Seamus Kelly	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 1972	PP Ballinascreen
	Fr. Brian Brady	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 1972	PP Garvagh
	Fr. Peter McLaughlin	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 1972	PP Sion Mills
<b>35 years</b>	Fr. Charles Logue	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 1977	CC Kilrea
<b>30 years</b>	Fr. Patrick Arkinson	6 <sup>th</sup> June, 1982	PP Killygordan
	Fr. Eamon Graham	13 <sup>th</sup> June, 1982	PP Banagher
	Fr. Noel McDermott	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 1982	CC Faughanvale
	Fr. Michael Porter	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 1982	PP Leckpatrick
	<b>25 years</b>	Fr. Michael McCaughey	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 1987
	Mgr. Eamon Martin	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 1987	Diocesan Administrator
	Fr. Colm O'Doherty	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 1987	PP Castledearg
<b>20 years</b>	Fr. Brendan Crowley	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 1992	CC Malin
<b>15 years</b>	Fr. Paul Farren	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 1997	Adm. St. Eugene's, Derry
	Fr. James McGrory	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 1997	Marriage Tribunal
	Fr. Gary Wade	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 1997	Derry
<b>10 years</b>	Fr. Christopher Ferguson	7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2002	Hospital Chaplain AAH

**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*

**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

**Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:**  
Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 1116

**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.

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October.  
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie || T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295  
**Knock Summer Youth Festival:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

**Green Elves Playgroup – Graduation Ceremony:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Old School House.

**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.

**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 Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us,**  
**All you saints of the diocese pray for us.**  
Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012**  
**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** Our Lady of the Wayside

**Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed

**Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July)**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

**Tuesday's Child - Upcoming Events**

<b>An Evening with Elvis at The Empire</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ireland's two top award winning Elvis tribute acts, Ciaran Houlihan aka Eireann Elvis and Tom Gilson aka GI Blues Elvis will perform at The Empire Music Hall, Belfast. Tom sings rock and roll hits from the young Elvis, while Ciaran sings hits from the Las Vegas era. Ah huh huh and tickets just £10
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**Get active and change the life of a child today** Recently Tuesday's Child funds rescued 200 street children from city dumps in Nairobi and enrolled in primary school where they get breakfast, lunch and a chance to learn and grow. It doesn't take much to make a big difference. Want to organise your own event? Why not do something in your town or parish to help children in one of our projects around the world. Everything you raise, we give. No salaries, no administration cost, are taken from funds raised.

**Loose Change Campaign 2012:** Having a Spring Clean? Please support our loose change appeal for children. Every pound or euro you raise we give. Details on our websites at tuesdayschild.org.uk or tuesdayschild.org.uk

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Mark 4:26-34*:

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.
2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too, growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and relationships, and give thanks.
3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make nests in its shade'?

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

### Questions people ask:

- Q. I am told that the windows in our church depict the four cardinal virtues. What are these cardinal virtues?
- A. The word cardinal comes from the Latin word for a hinge. The Greek philosopher, Plato, identified four virtues which are like hinges opening the door to a good moral life and stable society. Prudence is the practical wisdom which assists our judgement of situations and directs our actions. Justice strengthens us to act responsibly with due regard to the rights of others. Temperance is the strength of self-control. Fortitude or courage enables us to carry on in adversity and overcome fears and obstacles. A state or institution which values these virtues will build on a solid foundation. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

### The Deep End – *Sowing Seeds*:

The parable of the mustard seed seems pretty straightforward at first glance, but as always there is more to it than first meets the eye. Jesus did not compare the Kingdom of God to a majestic tree. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted. It is wild, gets out of control, and attracts unwanted birds. The Kingdom of God grows from something small to something large, but more than that, its growth is overwhelming and it will grow even where it is not wanted. The Eucharistic Congress comes to a close today and no doubt lots of seeds will have been sown during this week in the RDS, in our parishes and on the streets of Dublin.

'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' *IEC prayer*

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

### Divorced People are not "Outside" the Church

*Vatican City (3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012) [VIS]*

Yesterday evening, almost half a million people attended the "Celebration of Witnesses" at Bresso Park in Milan, Italy, one of events of the seventh World Meeting of Families. The Holy Father arrived at 8.30 p.m. to participate in the celebration during which he answered questions put to him by various families on subjects which included the economic crisis, the position of divorced people in the Church and the indissolubility of Marriage. Benedict XVI also recalled his own infancy and family life.

An engaged couple from Madagascar who are studying at university in Italy spoke of the anxiety they felt when faced with the "forever" of Marriage. The Pope explained that falling in love, being an emotion, is not eternal. "The emotion of love must be purified", he said, "it must undertake a journey of discernment in which the mind and the will also come into play. ... In the rite of Marriage the Church does not ask whether you are in love but whether you want, whether you are resolved. In other words, falling in love must become true love; it must involve the will and the mind in a journey (which is the period of engagement) of purification, of greater profundity so that it is truly all of man, with all his capacities, with the discernment of reason and the force of will, who says: 'Yes, this is my life'. The Holy Father also mentioned other important factors such as communion of life with others, with friends, the Church, the faith and God Himself.

A Brazilian family raised the issue of divorced couples who have remarried and cannot avail themselves of the Sacraments. Benedict XVI affirmed that "this is one of the the great causes of suffering for the Church today, and we do not have simple solutions. ... Naturally, one very important factor is prevention. This means ensuring that, from the beginning, the act of falling love is transformed in a more profound and mature decision. Another factor is that of accompanying people during marriage, to ensure that families are never alone but find authentic →

← company on their journey. We must tell people in this situation that the Church loves them, but they must see and feel this love". Parishes and other Catholic communities "must do everything possible so that such people feel loved and accepted, that they are not 'outsiders' even if they cannot receive absolution and the Eucharist. They must see that they too live fully within the Church. ... The Eucharist is real and shared if people truly enter into communion with the Body of Christ. Even without the 'corporeal' assumption of the Sacrament, we can be spiritually united to Christ". It is important for divorced couples "to have the chance to live a life of faith, ... to see that their suffering is a gift for the Church, because they also help others to defend the stability of love, of Marriage; ... theirs is a suffering in the community of the Church for the great values of our faith".

A Greek family asked the Pope what families affected by the economic crisis can do not to lose hope. "Words are insufficient", the Holy Father replied. "We should do something tangible and we all suffer because we are unable to do so. First let us speak of politics. I believe that all parties should show an increased sense of responsibility, that they should not make promises they cannot keep, that they should not seek votes only for themselves but show responsibility for the common good of everyone, in the awareness that politics is also a human and moral responsibility before God and man". Moreover, each of must do everything we can "with a great sense of responsibility and in the knowledge that sacrifices are necessary if we are to prevail". The Holy Father also suggested that families help one another, and that parishes and cities do likewise, supporting one another with material assistance and never forgetting to pray.

A seven year old girl from Vietnam asked the Pope to say something about his own family and infancy. Benedict XVI recalled the essential importance Sunday had had for his family. "Sunday began on Saturday afternoon when my father would tell us the Sunday readings. ... Thus we entered into the liturgy in an atmosphere of joy. The next day we would go to Mass. I lived near Salzburg so there was always music - Mozart, Schubert, Haydn - and when the 'Kyrie' began it was as if the sky itself had opened. ... We were of one heart and soul, with many shared experiences even through difficult times because there was the war and before that the dictatorship, then poverty. But the reciprocal love that existed between us, the joy in simple things was so strong that we could bear and overcome these things. ... Thus we grew up in the certainty that it is good to be human, because we could see the goodness of God reflected in parents and siblings. ... In this context of trust, joy and love we were happy and I think that heaven must be similar to my youth. In this sense I hope 'to go home' when I go 'to the other part of the world'".