



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (17th July, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (18 th July, 2011 – 24 th July, 2011)		
Saturday Evening Vigil (16th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 17th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 18th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 19th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 20th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 21st July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Ferdinand McCrory (Anniversary)
Friday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 23rd July St. Bridget of Sweden (Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil (23rd July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 24th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£970**. 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.

Peter's Pence Collection: A further **£30** was donated.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Ferdinand McCrory, Mary Daly (Benefreaghan)** and **Peter and Mary McAleer (Aughascribba)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **John James McElduff** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

A Farmer's Prayer

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,
 Food for our journey,
 You are the Vine and we are the branches,
 Drawing our life from you.
 As we seek to make out living from the land,
 Bless the work of our hands.
 Each day we touch the beauty of your creation,
 Renew your love in our hearts.
 And as we see your plan at work in each season,
 Bring your peace to our home and to those we love. *Amen*

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8: 28-30, Matthew 20: 20-28;
(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: D – N – O – Q – X (2 people with 4 letters – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,350

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 16 th July The family of Patrick McElhatton	Offertory Gifts Rota Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 17 th July The family of Caoimhe Warnock
Note: During the summer months there will be no formal rota		
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task. Anyone willing to can volunteer to bring the gifts forward, <i>do not be shy!</i>		

Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to
Gerard McBride (Ballinascreen) and Jolene McAleer (Greencastle) – Friday 8th July
Ryan Conway (Greencastle) and Maeve McGurk (Kildress) – Friday 8th July
Noel Donaghy (Greencastle) and Christina Mitchell (Cappagh) – Monday 27th May
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

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.

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage: (€55 includes boat fare and accommodation) You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August.
 For further information please visit loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org,
 Tel: (028) 6863 2391 (from NI). The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly): Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th August. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around Northern Ireland.
For more information contact 07706 736 677 (from NI) or book online at youth2000.ie

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: 21st-28th August to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions. £489 direct from Belfast. Accompanied by Monsignor Danny Monaghan. Details from Maria Bradley (028) 8164 8357.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July)

Please remember all our diocesan pilgrims in your personal and family prayers at this time.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick,
 refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted
 – you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings.
 Look on us with love and pity.
 You appeared at the Grotto of Lourdes and made it a holy
 sanctuary of prayer and healing.
 Many have been healed in soul and body.
 We come, therefore with complete confidence
 to implore your intercession.
 O most loving Mother, obtain for us the graces we ask for....
 We will endeavour always to imitate your virtues that we may
 one day rejoice with you in the glory of heaven. Amen.
 O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.
 Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.
St. Bernadette pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

Questions people ask:

Q. What will the Eucharistic Congress next June be like? I've seen pictures of the 1932 Congress when there were about a million people at the Phoenix Park. Can we expect a huge event like the Papal visit in 1979?

A. This time there will be less emphasis on big numbers. The biggest event will be Mass in Croke Park. There will be more emphasis on seminars, lectures, exhibitions and concerts, all designed to deepen our appreciation of the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. The theme of the Congress is 'Communion with Christ and Communion with One Another'. It is the second part, communion with one another, which is the problem for many Mass-goers.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Dates for the Diary in 2011
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)	
Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th October
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.	
Wednesday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Couples planning to Marry in 2011 please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayers)
General: That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.
Missionary: For the religious who work in mission territories, that they may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

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. *Tel: 028 82242439*

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 20th August. A deposit of £15 secures your place with further fundraising of £135. All proceeds are going towards vital life changing projects for some of the world's most vulnerable children.
Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org **Online:** childrenincrossfire.org

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.

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 0 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

Age NI First Connect Service: First Connect offers 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:
 07425 620 194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

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

St. Mary's University College Alumni Association: We aim to offer past students of the undergraduate, postgraduate and international programmes the opportunity to be actively involved in maintaining and extending the positive community spirit that is remembered by all those who have an affinity with the current University College, St. Mary's College or St. Joseph's College (Trench House). By establishing a formal connection among past students, the Alumni Association will facilitate social and professional networking.
For more information, visit smucb.ac.uk/alumni

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 13: 24-43:
 1. The owner of the field, who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together, is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?
 2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?
 3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative or a word of encouragement?
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Humble Beginnings:
 Have you ever marveled at how rapidly an idea can 'grow legs' from so small a start? Described as 'the day rock and roll changed the world', one of the largest fundraising events of the 20th century, Live Aid, sprang from the desire of one man, Bob Geldof, to do something to lessen the suffering of those experiencing famine in Africa. A Christmas charity single quickly snowballed into a massive international event which raised £150 million. Similarly, the 2000 movie Pay It Forward (based on the novel by Catherine Ryan Hyde) outlines how one small deed can have wide and life-changing consequences. And over the past 11 years the idea of 'paying forward' a good deed has developed into a social movement with the goal of making the world a better place. It always strikes me that the mustard seed in the short parable of today's Gospel is 'the smallest of all the seeds'. Yet it grows into the biggest shrub of all and even acts as a shelter for the birds of the air. The parable speaks to us about the humble beginnings of the kingdom of God with Jesus and his disciples, and its growth. But the story of the mustard seed does not stand alone here; again Jesus surrounds it with more parables about the weeds among the wheat, and the yeast, using images that would have been familiar to the people of the time. The mysteries of the kingdom of God cannot be grasped from one story. Life is not straightforward, and neither is our understanding of our role in the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is not a far off place, time or dimension. It is here and now. We are called to spread the word in whatever way we can. Who knows how our seeds will grow?
Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

At the end of a special luncheon Cardinal Sedono gave the Pope an offering for the poor of Rome "in view of the urgent needs of so many Romans as well as immigrants and refugees."

The Pope responded: *"This is a moment of gratitude for the Lord's guidance; for everything He has given me and forgiven me over these years", he said. "Yet it is also a moment to remember. In 1951 the world was completely different: there was no television, there was no internet, there were no computers, there were no mobile phones. The world from which we come truly seems prehistoric. Above all, our cities were in ruins, the economy destroyed, there was great material and spiritual poverty. Yet there was also a great energy and a will to rebuild this country and to renew... the community on the foundation of our faith.*

Then came Vatican Council II where all the hopes we had seemed to come true. This was followed by the cultural revolution of 1968, difficult years during which the ship of the Lord appeared to be taking on water, almost about to sink. Nonetheless the Lord, Who seemed then to be sleeping, was present and He led us forward. Those were the unforgettable years in which I worked alongside Blessed Pope John Paul II. Finally, came the unexpected day of 19 April 2005 when the Lord called me to a new task and, only by virtue of His strength, abandoning myself to Him, was I able at that moment to say 'YES'.

Over these sixty years nearly everything has changed; but the Lord's faithfulness has remained", the Holy Father added in conclusion. "He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. This is our certainty, which shows us the way to the future. The time to remember, the time of gratitude is also a time of hope.

Pope Benedict XVI during the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to Priesthood (29th June)

Benedict XVI: Sixty Years of Memories, Gratitude and Hope Vatican City (2nd July, 2011 (VIS))

At the end of a luncheon today, offered by the College of Cardinals to the Pope to mark the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College, congratulated the Holy Father and, in the name of all those present, gave him an offering for the poor of Rome, the Pope's own diocese, "in view", he said, "of the urgent needs of so many Romans, as well as of numerous immigrants and refugees".

The Holy Father, having thanked the cardinals for their gift, made some remarks. "This is a moment of gratitude for the Lord's guidance; for everything He has given me and forgiven me over these years", he said. "Yet it is also a moment to remember. In 1951 the world was completely different: there was no television, there was no internet, there were no computers, there were no mobile phones. The world from which we come truly seems prehistoric. Above all, our cities were in ruins, the economy destroyed, there was great material and spiritual poverty. Yet there was also a great energy and a will to rebuild this country and to renew ... the community on the foundation of our faith".

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Pope Benedict XVI's words reflecting on the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to Priesthood are worthy of our consideration today

Presentation of Twenty-Sixth World Youth Day: Vatican City (28th June, 2011 (VIS))

A press conference was held this morning in the Holy See Press Office to present the twenty-sixth World Youth Day (WYD), which will be held in the Spanish capital city of Madrid from 16th to 21st August. The conference was presented by Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, archbishop of Madrid; Yago de la Cierva, executive director of WYD 2011; Elsa Vazquez Maggio, an international volunteer, and Jose Antonio Martinez Fuentes, secretary general of WYD 2011.

"Each World Youth Day is an extraordinary experience for a Church which is friend to young people, which shares their problems", said Cardinal Rylko. "A Church which places herself at the service of the new generations. It is an experience of Universal Church - unique of its kind - which embraces the entire planet, of a young Church full of enthusiasm and missionary vigour. It is an epiphany of the Christian faith which has truly planetary dimensions. And young people, especially in the old and profoundly secularised continent of Europe, have particular need of all this".

The cardinal recalled how this is the second occasion that Spain has "generously welcomed" WYD, and he spoke of the last time the event was held in that country, at Santiago de Compostela in 1989. It was there, he said, "that World Youth Day came to be structured as we know it today: three days of catechesis, a prayer vigil on the Saturday night, then the closing Eucharistic celebration and the dispatch of young people as missionaries. Also at Santiago de Compostela, pilgrimage came to be an essential factor of young people's journey in the footsteps of Peter's Successor. "Over succeeding years", he added, "each WYD has brought something new to the programme: the Way of the Cross at Denver, U.S.A., in 1993; preparatory days spent in dioceses prior to the main event and the 'Festival of Youth' (a kind of cultural programme) at Paris, France, in 1997; the 'Feast of Forgiveness' (300 confessionals crowded with young people in the Circus Maximus) at Rome in 2000; the 'Vocations Fair' at Toronto, Canada, in 2002, and the adoration of the Eucharist at Cologne, Germany, in 2005. Thus the proposal made to young people on each occasion is in continual evolution, seeking to respond to the true spiritual needs of today's youth".

The cardinal also provided some statistics, noting that "WYD in Madrid is going to be a very significant event". Four hundred thousand young people have already signed up; they will be accompanied by 14,000 priests and by 744 bishops, of whom 263 will be responsible for catechesis. Two hundred and fifty sites have been assigned for catechesis, which will be delivered in thirty languages, and 700,000 copies of "YOUCAT" will be distributed in six languages. Twenty-four thousand volunteers from different countries will be involved in various services. Finally, before reaching Madrid, the young people will be welcomed in sixty-eight Spanish dioceses, "in confirmation of the fact that the entire Church in Spain is directly involved in the WYD experience", said the cardinal. For those unable to reach Madrid, "simultaneous gatherings of young people have been organised in countries such as Ukraine, Burundi and Madagascar. They will be linked to the main event in Madrid by television and internet. "The Pope's presence is the culminating moment of any WYD", said the president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, noting that the forthcoming event in Madrid "will take place in the light of the recent beatification of John Paul II, founder of World Youth Days. Thus John Paul II will return among the young people he loved so much, and who loved him. He returns as blessed, patron and protector. Indeed, the Eucharistic celebration welcoming the youth to Madrid, presided by Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, archbishop of the city, on 16 August, will be dedicated to the new blessed".