

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

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. 16<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August St. John Eudes, priest	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August St. Pius X, pope	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass (Tom Neville – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August The Queenship of Mary	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass (Annie McCullagh – 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August St. Eugene, bishop and patron of the Derry Diocese Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass  6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass (Br. Isidore Quinn CSSp. – Intention)

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to £1065.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
Fr. Seamus Shields, Kathleen McGuigan, Annie McCullagh and Tom Neville.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family Matthew Michael McCullagh and Lee Michael Coyle who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, her parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Mass of the Sick with Eucharistic Blessing: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00pm. Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours for details.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats:  
Places are still available on the following days:  
20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Family Day – 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Reservations essential for One Day Retreats are Family Day. Book at the Lough Derg Office.  
Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August Dancing to 'Country Cousins'

For Your Information: A visitor who attended last Saturday night's vigil Mass phoned during the week to say that two window shields were removed from her car while she was at Mass.

Lotto Numbers: 2, 9, 11, 23 (7 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £7,700

### This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – St. John Eudes, priest. From Normandy, France (1601-1680) he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church. Bernard (1090-1153) became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Pius X, pope. Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Queenship of Mary. During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Eugene, bishop. Patron Saint of Derry Diocese.

Also St. Rose of Lima, virgin. Rose (1586-1617), Dominican tertiary and recluse helped the poor and marginalised. She is seen as the originator of social service in Peru.

Saint for August – St. Eugene (Eoghan), 23<sup>rd</sup> August: St. Eugene lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co. Tyrone.

### The Deep End – Method in the Madness:

It's not often that Jesus language seems crude, but in today's Gospel (Matt 15:21-28) it does. Using the common Jewish designation for Gentiles, viz, dogs, he says It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs (Matt 15:25). Perhaps knowing it's common coinage removes some unease at its use. Perhaps. Perhaps being so removed from the language and culture of Jesus' time the word sounds harsher now than it did then. Perhaps. Perhaps the diminutive form of dog that's used, softening it to puppy, removes the harshness. Perhaps.

But what about Jesus tone of voice, facial expression and body language as he utters those words? Is he surly, spiteful, or cruel? Hardly. We can all too easily picture him as almost terminally serious, without a laugh in his body. Well, if Jesus has no joy in his heart, no lightness in his spirit, no humour on his lips, then whatever else he brings it's not good news, and it isn't the fullness of life.

I suspect a mischievous, yet friendly, banter here between Jesus and the woman; also, that Jesus orchestrates the entire encounter to teach his disciples a lesson. She's a Canaanite, despised by Jews. Yet, she doesn't take offence in the least at what Jesus says. She even turns the tables on him and (dare one suggest it?) makes him chuckle at her wit and bowls him over by her good humour.

Clearly, that's a winning combination, for Jesus tells the chosen ones that this despised one has great faith, and grants her what she wants. Nothing crude there!

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### Questions people ask:

- Q. Is it wrong to call Mary the Queen of Heaven? I've been told that this was the name of a pagan goddess in Egypt.
- A. The fact that some title or feast had pagan associations is not in itself a reason to reject it. In fact, Christmas and Easter took over from pagan festivals. The image of inheriting a kingdom occurs many times in scripture. In the ancient kingdoms the mother of the king, the Queen Mother, was far more influential than the wife of the king. And who was the mother of Jesus? Mary. It is from scripture, not from paganism, that we recognise Mary as Queen.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36;  
Matthew 16:13-20 (Lectionary I, page 692)