



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

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

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (17th October, 2010)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (17 th October, 2010 – 24 th October, 2010)			
Living Priesthood Today: A conference for Derry Diocesan priests will take place in Bundoran this week from Monday to Thursday. Mass will <i>not</i> be celebrated in Greencastle Parish on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.			
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm	Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 17 th October	St. Patrick's	9:00am	Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am	Confessions
		11.00am	Mass
Monday 18 th October	St. Patrick's	9.30am	Public Recitation of the Rosary
St. Luke (Evangelist)		10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 19 th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		NO MASS*	
Wednesday 20 th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		NO MASS*	
Thursday 21 st October	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		NO MASS*	
<i>*Mass available at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh and St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher</i>			
Friday 22 nd October	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		8.00pm	Mass
Saturday 23 rd October	St. Patrick's	9.30am	Public Recitation of the Rosary
Twenty- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am	Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm	Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 24 th October	St. Patrick's	9:00am	Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Mission Sunday	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am	Confessions
		11.00am	Mass
Praying the Rosary During the Month of October			
During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.			
<i>As there will be no Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this coming week, the Rosary will be recited publicly at 9.00am to allow those wishing to travel to Omagh for 10.00am Mass at St. Mary's, Killyclogher or Sacred Heart Church.</i>			
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,180 . 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.			
Remembering Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers Fr. James McCrory (P.Em Magilligan) whose Requiem took place at St. Mary's Church, Knockmoyle on Wednesday 13 th October. Fr. James often supported us by celebrating Mass in our parish when he was called upon and after he retired from active ministry. We also pray for Winifred Neville and Rosemary Harper whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
Vandalism of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School: We were saddened to hear that our Primary School suffered an act of vandalism over the weekend. There was damage to a skylight and window, the walls and floor of one of the corridors was also damaged. The school of course will bear the cost of replacing the damage and tidying up but in the present economic climate such resources could be put to better use.			
Greencastle Youth Club Rota			
Monday 18 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Ann Coyle)	
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Caroline Fox)	
Tuesday 19 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Ruari Conway)	
Next Sunday's Readings: Ecclesiastes (Sirach) 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8 16-18 (Lect. I, page 925); Luke 9:1-6 (Lect. II, page 330) (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)			

Parish Liturgy (16th and 17th October)	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley	Kevin Clarke	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The family of Michelle O'Brien	The family of Jordan Gumley	
Offertory Gifts (23rd and 24th October)	The family of Catherine O'Connor	The family of Cathair Hughes	
Offertory Gifts (30th and 31st October)	The family of Tiarnan Teague	The family of Rachael McAleer	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the year. Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.			
Remaining Parish Stations for October			
Time	Townland	In the Home of	
Monday 25 th October at 7.30pm	Formil	Raymond and Louise Coyle	
Tuesday 26 th October at 7.30pm	Glenhull	Mary McBride	
Wednesday 27 th October at 7.30pm	Leaghan	Barry and Julie Tracey	
Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass. Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, 2010.			
MISSION ALERT			
Mission Sunday comes only once a year. On this special day we are given the opportunity to express our unity with and support to Christian communities everywhere. World Mission Ireland provides spiritual and practical assistance to the Church's mission worldwide. "Together in Mission" we can all play an active role in helping over 1,096 dioceses and communities globally. This is the Church in action – communities supporting communities.			
HOW CAN YOU HELP?			
Support is needed by prayer as well as financially. On Mission Sunday on 24 th October, 2010 please pray for the universal missions of the Church and give as generously as you can to the Mission Sunday Collection. Every cent of the money donated to this collection goes into a universal fund and is distributed to the missions most in need. All aid is greatly appreciated by communities less fortunate than ourselves and "Together in Mission" may we continue to spread the good news in God's name.			
<i>Please use the special envelope in your box of envelopes for the Mission Sunday Annual Collection on 24th October, 2010</i>			
THE SPECIFIC AND UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIANS			
"The specific contribution of Christians in the society in which they live is irreplaceable. Through their witness and actions, they enrich society with the values Christ brought to humanity. Since many of these values are shared in common with Muslims, the interest and possibility exist to promote them together. Catechesis must form believers to be active citizens. Commitment to social programmes and civic life without reference to Gospel-values, is a counter-witness. Service on behalf of others is a specific characteristic of our identity as Christians and not to our belonging to a particular confession. Our primary task is to live the faith and allow our actions to speak; to live the truth and proclaim it with charity and courage; and to practice solidarity in our institutions. We must live a mature faith - not a superficial one - supported and animated by prayer. Our credibility requires harmony within the Church, the promotion of unity among Christians and a convinced religious life which is translated into real life. This eloquent witness demands education and ongoing guidance for children, young people and adults."			
VATICAN CITY, 11 OCT 2010 (VIS) - The first General Congregation of the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East was held this morning in the Synod Hall. The meeting was presided by the Pope. Benedict XVI made some brief opening remarks in which he recalled how on this day, 11 th October, in the year 1962, Pope John XXIII officially opened Vatican Council II.			
Upcoming BADA Events	Friday 22nd October	Card playing at 8.30pm	
Lotto Results: G – N – O – T – Q (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £3,400			

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That Catholic Universities may more and more be places where, in the light of the Gospel, it is possible to experience the harmonious existing between faith and reason.

Mission: That the World Mission Day may afford an occasion for understanding that the task of proclaiming Christ is an absolutely necessary service to which the Church is called for the benefit of humanity.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 12th and 13th November and 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

Naomh Pdraig GAA, Greencastle – Proposed Irish Classes: It is hoped to get Irish Classes in the Hall within the next week. If you are interested in attending please contact Kate McCullagh on (078) 7648 7381 or email caitbeag@btinternet.com with most suitable night other than Monday.

The Yard Project We also offer specialised addiction counselling

Back 2 Ur Roots (starting 28th September for 4 weeks): Come and join other young people as they explore their faith, benefit from practical support such as accredited training and addiction counselling and learn new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment. *Tuesday to Thursday (10.00am – 3.00pm)*

Family Support Programme (23rd October): This 1 day programme is for anyone over 18 who has been affected by or is concerned about the abuse of alcohol, drugs or gambling of a family member or friend. The programme will help people understand addiction and through support, encouragement and information, help you learn new ways to cope and improve the quality of your life.

Website: facebook.com/pages/theyardproject **Tel:** (028) 7126 9113 **Email:** theyardproject@btinternet.com

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:

Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.

For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer €260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

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.

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 www.familycaresociety.net

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Sunday 17th October – St. Ignatious of Antioch (bishop and martyr) Not celebrated this year.

Monday 18th October – St. Luke (Evangelist) A physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. Patron Saint of butchers, book-binders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

Tuesday 19th October – St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions (martyrs) All slain by Huron and Iroquois Indians in 1647/1648.

St. Paul of the Cross (priest) [1694-1775] Founded the Passionists in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ, and tending the sick, dying and the lapsed.

Saturday 23rd October – St. John of Capistrano (priest) [1386-1456] Studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron Saint of jurists and military chaplains.

Sunday 24th October – St. Anthony Claret (bishop) Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 18:1-8:

1. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, but to change ourselves and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
2. The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What were the fruits of your persistent prayer?
3. Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

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The Deep End – Spiritual 'Makeover':

It's one approach to getting people off the dole, but it's controversial. To ease unemployment in the Netherlands three local councils are offering unemployed single women a €1,400 fashion and beauty makeover. The better you look the better your chances, the idea seems to be, of finding a husband or a job. Those chosen for the scheme will also be schooled in the social graces. When the crash course in carrying oneself is completed a professional photograph of the new you will appear on the website of an exclusive dating agency that claims a 75 percent success rate. However, with over 600 unemployed singles eligible not everyone considers the expense involved as money well spent. It just goes to show the importance some people attach to outward appearance. Today's Second Reading (2 Tim 3:14-4:2), however, doesn't. It presents us with a different set of values – ones concerned with the quality of what's inside a person rather than their skin-deep looks. For a thorough spiritual 'makeover' Paul reminds us there's nothing better than immersion in what he calls the 'sacred writings'.

All scripture is inspired by God, he tells us. And it has many uses. It can teach, correct, reprove and train in righteousness. It motivates and equips people both to be good and to do good. While this type of spiritual 'makeover' doesn't cost a penny, it doesn't come cheap either. Its cost isn't in euro, but in the currency of faith, hope, love, generosity, kindness, service and other equally attractive characteristics. Too bad not everybody wants to employ these.

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Questions people ask:

Q. If God can read our inmost hearts and already knows our secret thoughts, why must we use words to pray?

A. God does not need our words but in many instances it's we who need words to focus our attention, to clarify our thoughts and help us to persevere. The effort to find our own words, or using prayers known by heart or prayers such as the Psalms or the Lord's Prayer draw us into the world of prayer. Words are not always needed and may even get in the way of silent pondering. Saint Paul wrote that the Spirit within us can express our pleas in ways that could never be put into words (Romans 8:26). *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*