



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (18th July, 2010)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather continue to be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time (18th July, 2010 – 25th July, 2010)

Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 18th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass: Ferdinand McCrory (Anniversary)
Monday 19th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Derry Diocesan Society
Tuesday 20th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 21st July St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 23rd July St. Bridget of Sweden (religious and Patron of Europe)		NO MASS
Saturday 24th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time		NO MASS
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thank you for your support in Our Lady of the Wayside last Sunday. May you receive many personal blessings in the same way as our parish was blessed through your prayers.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,250**. *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.* **Peter's Pence Collection:** Thank you for your further contributions of **£40**.

Drop in charitable giving in the United States: Charitable giving by individuals in the United States dropped about 5% in 2009, a decrease of \$11.2billion, reports the Boston College Center on Wealth and Philanthropy.

Please unite your personal and family prayers this week with our diocesan pilgrims travelling to Lourdes (16th – 21st July).

Salve Regina

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, Most Gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promise of Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us. Saint Bernadette pray for us.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Conor Michael Goodwin, Shea Brian Donnelly, Cathan Paul McDermott and Michael Joseph McElduff** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **Ferdinand McCrory, Mary Daly and Pat Bradley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (Lectionary I, page 884)
(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: B – F – M – T – X (2 winners with 4 letters – £50 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,800

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

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

John Fox (Cappagh, Killyclogher) and Cora Teague (Greencastle) – 26th June, 2010

Collie Tuohey (Greencastle) and Una McCullagh (Greencastle) – 3rd July, 2010

Tony McCormick (Omagh) and Kathy Keenan (Greencastle) – 12th July, 2010

They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our 11.00am Sunday Mass, readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any family to perform this important role for us. Thank you for everything our parish workers do for our faith community.

The Deep End – Clutter:

Laptops are turning lecture halls into private cinemas and even online casinos. Once considered valuable aides to learning, they're no longer the apple of a teacher's eye. An increasing number of lecturers just don't want them in the classroom anymore. The reason? Students use them less for learning and more for entertaining. Themselves, that is. Not only are those who use them distracted, but so too are those nearby them. Not surprising when laptop use in class becomes networking in Facebook, watching movies, waging World War III virtually and playing poker actually, online. Instead of focusing on teacher talking, students focus on their laptop calling. So, the teacher strikes back, banning them from the classroom. This is a clear example of how something good: the amazing laptop, can get in the way of something better: the desired education.

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 10:38-42) gives another example of the same thing. Jesus visits Martha and Mary. The good here – Martha's attention to guests – gets in the way of something better: her attention to God's word. Mary, on the other hand, just sits absorbed by what Jesus is saying. She's free of clutter in her life and so can focus on what's important. Activity is fine, but it shouldn't push contemplation from our lives.

A Buddhist monk once told Thomas Merton, a famous American Trappist, that you can't contemplate properly until you can close doors quietly. Closing doors quietly on clutter – mental, emotional, and social – is what today's Gospel is about. You may lap that up, but you won't top it!

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 -35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie

Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

Clothing Collection for Tyrone Build in Haiti: A collection of clothes etc. is taking place in St. Colmcille's GFC Grounds, Carrickmore now and will continue daily until mid-July. Bags or boxes of all types of clothing, shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels etc. can be left in the green container situated in the upper car-park between 10.00am and 10.00pm daily. The container will be locked nightly. *No toys please!* All proceeds will go directly to Haiti via Tyrone Haiti Build. Your usual support will be very much appreciated. For further info. contact Conor [(028) 8076 1594], Briege [(028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684], Christina [07853 282 563] or Kay [(028) 8224 4145 / 07732 856 354].

Institute of Irish Leadership (20. The Diamond, Pomeroy) – Coffee Morning:

Saturday 24th July to raise funds for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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.

Claregalway Ladies Club Féile: In an email received this week, Mary Conlon on behalf of the Claregalway Ladies Club thanked the host families and everyone involved with the Greencastle Sperrin Og Gaa Club for their kindness and hospitality over the Feile weekend (2nd – 4th July). She wrote: *'We were Division 1 winners and as far as we are concerned the Sperrin Og Ladies Club were also joint winners with us and we could not have done it without your help and understanding and patience. This weekend will certainly remain one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences for all the players and families of Claregalway Ladies GAA for years to come.'*

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 18th July Dance with music by *The Cascades*.

Best Wishes to the Minor and Senior Tyrone GAA Football teams who play in the Ulster Championship finals at Clones. Our parish offers special support to John McCullagh and Cathaoir McCullagh who are part of the minor panel.

The Pope's Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General:	That in every nation of the world the election of those who govern may be carried out with justice, transparency, and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.
Mission:	That Christians may strive to offer everywhere, but especially in great urban centres, an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace.

Children in Crossfire –Half Marathons:	Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13 th February, 2011 and 20 enthusiastic individuals for the 25 th Budapest Half Marathon on 5 th September, 2010. A deposit of £150 is requested and minimum sponsorship applies. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for more information. They also hold a car boot sale every Saturday and Sunday at Elagh Business Park on the Buncrana Road, Derry. £5 entry for cars. All are welcome.
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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
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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 E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 82241888.
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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.
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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. <i>Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502</i>
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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 10: 38-42:	
1.	The two sisters symbolise the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2.	Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3.	We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4.	When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you? <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i>

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages
Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1st September	Quiet Day
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
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Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end
For the 2010 season we are once again offering a varied programme. The usual Three-Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Quiet Days and a Day for Families, along with Confirmation and School Retreats and the Life's Journey Series of Workshops will provide opportunities for many to visit. Whether it is for healing or strength, or for reconciliation or renewal, we invite you to join us for a few hours or a day (or three days!). Whatever your reason for wanting to be connected with the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the <i>Gift of Hope</i> .	

Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures			
Date		Fixture	
Wednesday 21 st July		Under 16 Boys	Greencastle v. Fintona
Thursday 22 nd July		Under 16 Girls	
Monday 26 th July		Under 12 Boys	Greencastle v. Loughmacrory
Wednesday 28 th July		Under 16 Boys	Greencastle v. Pomeroy
Training Times			
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls		Monday nights	
Ladies Senior Training		Monday and Wednesday nights	
Under 16 Boys		Monday nights	
Mens Reserve and Senior Training		Tuesday and Friday nights	
Gaelic Start and Under 12		Thursday nights	
Under 16 Girls		Sundays at 10.00am	
Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)			

Questions people ask:	
Q.	I talk to God and regularly apologise for my sins. I believe God forgives me. Why should I have to go to confession?
A.	Your private chat with God is very important. However, since we are not isolated individuals but members of the one body, every sin is an offence against the Church. The sacrament celebrates reconciliation with the body of the Church. If there has been serious sin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is necessary before receiving the Eucharist. The father of the prodigal might have accepted his son's apology privately but he preferred to make it a family celebration. Since God already knows your sins, regard the sacrament as a celebration of God's forgiveness within the family of the Church. <i>Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)</i>

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Tuesday 20th July – St. Apollinaris (bishop and martyr) In the 2nd century Apollinaris preached the gospel in the area of Ravenna. He was bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

Wednesday 21st July – St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church) [1559-1619]

A Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation.

Thursday 22nd July – St. Mary Magdalene Mary stood by the cross with Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early on the same day, from which incident she has been described as apostle to the apostles. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the woman who was a sinner who anointed Christ's feet (Luke 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha (John 12:3).

Friday 23rd July – St. Bridget of Sweden (religious and Patron of Europe) Born in Sweden in 1303, Bridget brought up 8 children and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an aesthetical life. She later founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical appearances. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

Saturday 24th July – St. Charbel Makhluf (priest) Became a monk at the monastery of St. Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. His counsel was much sought after and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Declan (bishop) Is considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. After travelling to Europe where he was ordained priest, and possibly bishop, he settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

Sunday 25th July – St. James (Apostle) James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostela in Spain. Not celebrated this year.