

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

Saint Patrick's Church Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Greencastle Broughderg

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. 18th November, 2007.

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Mass and Confession Schedule for the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time 19th November – 25th November, 2007

Monday 19 th November Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Tuesday 20 th November Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 21 st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Thursday 22 nd November St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Friday 23 rd November St. Columban, abbot & missionary	Saint Patrick's	8:00pm Mass
Saturday 24 th November	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 25 th November Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday 24 th November	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 25 th November Feast of Christ the King	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£880** and to the **Retired Priests' Fund**, amounting to **£1400**.

Cardinal Sean Brady: Our prayers are asked for Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh, our neighbouring diocese who will be created a Cardinal of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome this week. If you wish to send him your personal congratulations you may do so by writing to him at 'Ara Coeli' Armagh, BT61 7QY.

Remembering Our Dead: Please remember in your prayers **Michael Hollywood** who died during the week. As a parish community we extend our sympathy and support to his family.

'Do This In Memory of Me': Our First Holy Communion parish programme will continue at the Vigil Mass in Saint Patrick's this weekend (Saturday 17th November). Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent (16th December, 2007).

Gift Voucher For Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2008: 150th Anniversary of Apparitions. Gift vouchers are available for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16th-21st July, 2008 from the *Pilgrimage Office*, 164, *Bishop Street*, Derry. Tel: 028 7126 0293 at the following times: Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am to 2.00pm, Saturday 11.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Next Sunday's Readings: Mal. 3:19-20, Ps. 97, 2 Thess. 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

Lotto Numbers: 10, 11, 14, 18 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5800

Vocations – Reaching a New High! During July a new advert was placed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the in-flight Magazine of Aer Lingus. The advert was part of a new strategy to find creative ways of reaching out to young people, many of whom were flying abroad on summer holidays at the time. In a culture where the Church is increasingly overlooked by a younger generation and its media, MSC vocations promoter **Fr. Dave Nixon** (Tel: 0044 79186 38013) is committed to exploring new ways of getting the message out that priesthood and religious life are very real and viable options as a vocational choice. He is attending youth events, careers fairs, schools, colleges and universities. He was even seen at the National Ploughing Championships in Offaly in September! Responsibility for vocations promotion is of course that of the whole community. Anyone of us, young or old can plant the seed of possibility in the heart of another person. Keep this intention in your prayers during November.

Teaching children to think critically about media: An effective way of countering media influence is to teach children how to critically analyze what messages are being sent, said Tessa Jolls, president of the Center for Media Literacy in Malibu, Calif.

The center poses five "key questions of media literacy":

- 1) Who created this message?
- 2) What creative techniques are used to attract my attention?
- 3) How might people understand this message differently from me?
- 4) What values, lifestyles and points of view are represented in, or omitted from, this message?
- 5) Why is this message being sent?

The center's Web site breaks these questions down into simpler language that can help even very young children understand the persuasive intent of advertising. "Just teaching kids the difference between someone telling you something and someone selling you something is a big idea," said Jolls, who has a 20-year-old daughter in college and a 17-year-old son still at home.

Catholic schools have taken the lead in collaborating with the center to bring media literacy education to students. "In public schools there's a resistance to talking about values," said Jolls, a parishioner at Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church. But Catholic schools have a unique niche that allows them "to teach about values that the church considers helpful in sorting through media and thinking critically about it," she said.

As a parent, Jolls has used media ratings -- however imperfect -- to limit such things as movies and video games in her family's household. But parents should not lay down rules with no explanation: Jolls encourages parents to share their rationale for the media choices they make. Children "will internalize values and they themselves will self-select what they think is good for them," she said. But there will be "a much greater chance of your child sharing your point of view if you share your point of view with your child. How can they know unless you have the conversation?"

Teresa Malcolm, National Catholic Reporter, November 16, 2007

Dates for your Diary 2008: The Diocesan Office has informed us that **Bishop Hegarty** will come to Greencastle on **Tue. 1st April** to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our parish community will celebrate with the children who will be admitted to First Holy Communion, **Sun. 18th May**.

Drumquin Presbyterian Church will hold a sponsored cycle from Mizen Head to Malin Head in of the Church Building Fund and Care For Cancer Charity next Easter 2008. Donations can be sent to *Drumquin Presbyterian Church*, 17 *Kilmore Road*, *Drumquin*, *BT78 4PR*. Tel: 028 8283 1675

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. A Mass with Healing Service: Tuesday 20th November at 8.00pm

Parish News Sheet: Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. **Please take news sheet home with you after Mass.**