



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (19th February, 2012)
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Day of Prayer for Temperance: What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children in this new emerging country of ours if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

Pastoral Letter from Irish Bishops 2007. This letter is available on catholiccommunications.ie
Irish Bishops' Drug & Alcohol Initiative (IBDAI), Columba Centre, Maynooth. Co. Kildare. ibdai@jecon.ie

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (20 th February, 2012 – 26 th February, 2012)			
Saturday Evening (18th February)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
		6:00pm Vigil Mass:	
		Rose Meenan (6 th Anniversary)	
Sunday 19th February	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass	
Monday 20th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Seventh Week in Ordinary Time			
Tuesday 21st February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:	
Seventh Week in Ordinary Time		Ellen Conway (6 th Anniversary)	

SEASON OF LENT			
Wednesday 22nd February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	<i>Ashes will be blessed</i>
Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)		8.00pm Mass	
Thursday 23rd February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Ash Wednesday			
Friday 24th February	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
After Ash Wednesday		8.00pm Mass:	
		Rose Morris (2 nd Anniversary)	
		Philip Morris (5 th Anniversary)	
Saturday 25th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
After Ash Wednesday			
Saturday Evening (25th February)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
		6:00pm Vigil Mass	
		9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Sunday 26th February	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions	
First Sunday of Lent [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass	

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,010** and for your contribution of **£70** for the International Eucharistic Congress, which was taken up last weekend.

Invitation to Mass: If you are a homemaker, not presently working or are retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose Meenan, Ellen Conway, Rose Morris, Philip Morris** and **Annie Quinn** whose anniversaries occur at this time

Do This In Memory – Our Parish's First Holy Communion Preparation Programme:
Our next gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent (Saturday 10th March).

Friday 23rd March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession	FOR YOUR DIARY
Thursday 29th March	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Mgr. Bryan McCanney)	
Sunday 20th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion	

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Friday 9th to Saturday 11th March at Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.
Details available at marriageencounter.ie or call (00353) 1832 4429 / (00353) 1845 3517

Cultural Night: This year's cultural night will be held on Friday 16th March, we need all singers, dancers and musicians to participate in this event.
For any further information contact Gemma on 07799 334 883

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24:4-9, r/v. 10.1; Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15;
(Lectiionary I, page 205) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: B – I – N – Q – S (8 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,900

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 18th February</u>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 19th February</u>
The family of Alisha McKenna		The family of Louise O'Brien
<u>Saturday 25th February</u>	First Sunday Of Lent	<u>Sunday 26th February</u>
The family of Shauna McGurk		The family of Erin Mulholland
<u>Saturday 3rd March</u>	Second Sunday Of Lent	<u>Sunday 4th March</u>
The family of Dylan McFarland		The family of Leanne Morris
<u>Saturday 10th March</u>	Third Sunday Of Lent	<u>Sunday 11th March</u>
The family of Ruanai McDermott		The family of Corey Morris
<u>Saturday 17th March</u>	Fourth Sunday Of Lent	<u>Sunday 18th March</u>
The family of Joseph Hagan		The family of Clodagh McKenna
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

Lent 2012 – What will you take up this year? Today we stand on the threshold of Lent. One magazine suggested to its readers last week that to help readers experience something fresh this Lent, beyond the typical practices of 'giving up X or Y, they might focus on practices Christians might 'take up' instead – an activity or discipline that would deepen the doer's spiritual life while it also improved local conditions or the environment, relationships within families or parishes and even the wider political process. Have you got any suggestions that could help you or all of us rethink and celebrate this season?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – Days of Fasting and Abstinence: Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up particular kinds of food or drink, for example meat and alcohol. Friday, especially those of Lent, recall the crucifixion of Our Lord as we prepare for Easter. Fridays are set aside as days of penance.

International Eucharistic Congress 2012 – Final Phase of Preparation		
DIOCESAN	Youth Congress in Ballygawley Diocesan Congress	Sunday 26 th February
	<i>See notice online (greencastleparish.com)</i>	Saturday 14 th – Sunday 15 th April at Thornhill, Derry
PARISH	Evening of Preparation with Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wylie from Thornhill Centre, Derry	Monday 5 th March in St. Patrick's Church at 7.30pm
The Congress will take place at the RDS, Dublin from Sunday 10 th to Sunday 17 th June with a daily timetable of activities		
Tickets for the final Mass in Croke Park on Sunday 17 th June are now available. 1,600 tickets have been allocated to Derry diocese. Applications forms are available in the sacristy. IEC Online: iec2012.ie E-mail: derrydioceseiec@btinternet.com		
<i>Contact Fr. Seamus Kelly at Derry Diocese IEC Office, 55, St.Patrick's Street, Draperstown. BT45 7AJ</i>		

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Mass for the Sick: Tuesday 21st February at 8.00pm. *All are invited*
One Day Retreat – Conducted by Sr. Josephine Walsh: Saturday 25th February. *Booking is necessary on (028) 7126 2512*

GOD NEEDS YOU – Monastic Weekend for young women seeking to find God's way: Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th March (around 4.00pm to 8.00pm) in St. Joseph's Monastery Mount Carmel, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Please write to above address or email loughrea@carmelitesisters.ie

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden: Burning Hearts: Lectio Divina on the Sunday Gospels of Lent taking place at St Canice's Oratory, Celtic Prayer Garden every Thursday morning during Lent beginning on Thursday 23rd February at 11:30am, light lunch available afterwards in IOSAS Centre. Cost includes lunch £5 / €6. All welcome to attend.
For more information call (00353) 7493 84866 or visit celticprayergarden.com

South West College – Open Day: Tuesday 21st February from 2.00pm to 8.00pm, Dungannon, Enniskillen and Omagh Campuses. Come along and speak to staff and students about full-time further and higher education courses, including Training for Success courses starting September. Everyone welcome! Tel: 0845 603 1881. swc.ac.uk

Is God calling YOU to Priesthood? A time of information, prayer, questioning and reflection on Saturday 15th March at Thornhill Centre, Derry, 11.00am. *Fr. Paul Farren (ddcc@derrydiocese.org) / Fr. Colm O'Doherty (c.odoherty@btinternet.com)*

Youth 2000 – Find out what it means to be young and Catholic today: 2nd – 4th March at Lumen Christi College, Derry.
For more info call 07514 520 769 or book online at youth2000.ie

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (1st – 6th July): Nurses, doctors, care volunteers, people to push wheelchairs need. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 on Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday from 11.00am to 1.00pm or phone Rosemary at the Pastoral Centre on (028) 7136 2475 from 9.30am to 1.30pm (Monday to Thursday).

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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Karen O'Neill and Vincent Hollywood)
Monday 20 th February	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Kate McCullagh and Marty McDermott)
Tuesday 21 th February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Martin Gumley and Teresa Gumley)

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for February (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General:	ACCESS TO WATER: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.
Missionary:	HEALTH WORKERS: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

CROSSROADS ULSTER YOUTH CONGRESS 2012	
WHO? All youth aged 15 – 25 from the dioceses of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Down & Connor, Dromore, Kilmore and Raphoe	WHERE? St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone
WHEN? Sunday 26 th February from 10.00am to 8.00pm	
Crossroads is a vibrant new event for youth from all over Ulster to come together in a faith journey of prayer, music, talks, workshops and much more. This event is a step towards the Derry Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Derry in April and then the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June. The Day will culminate with Celebration of the Eucharist; Chief Celebrant will be His Eminence Séan Cardinal Brady and the Bishops of the various dioceses will concelebrate. Representatives from the International Eucharistic Congress will be in attendance. No charge for the day, but a voluntary collection will be taken up during the Celebration of the Eucharist for those who can make a small donation, which will help defray costs.	
Contact Dominic at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087, or crossroadsyouthcongress@gmail.com with 'Derry' as the email subject to request a booking form. It is hoped to provide bus transport to and from the event. You should let Dominic know at time of booking if you are interested in travelling by bus.	

Strule Arts Centre, Omagh – Community Showcase: Wednesday 28th March – Saturday 31st March.

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.
John Waters (Lapsed Agnostic)

Enrolling Your Child at Our Lady of Lourdes PS: Forms are presently available for anyone wishing to enrol their child in Year One for September, 2012. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Grand Prize: Every month for a year we are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 (53030 in Ireland) or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free.

Contact us for details of our 2012 pilgrimages and €280 package deals
Website: med-irishcentre.com **Telephone:** (028) 8224 1888 (NI and UK) // (048) 82241888 (Ireland).

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 under 8 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

Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shop's profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.
Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.
Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get that little bit of extra help from volunteers. It is a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Contemplative Outreach, Dublin – Introduction to Centering Prayer: Saturday 25th February from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The event will be led by Sr. Fionnuala Quinn OP in Clooney Hall, Clooney Terrace. There is no charge, but a voluntary contribution to cover expenses would be much appreciated. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.
For more information please contact Janice on 07734 417 824 or email janicedoherty@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012			
International Eucharistic Congress		Dublin	Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th June
Sacramental Celebrations			
Friday 23 rd March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession	
Thursday 29 th March	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Hegarty)	
Fifth Week of Lent			
Sunday 20 th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Feast of the Ascension			
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sunday 13 th May	St. Patrick's		
Sunday 2 nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish			
Wednesday 8 th February	Friday 30 th March	Tuesday 22 nd May	
Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October	
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed on the date			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30 th June and 1 st July)			
Saturday 30 th June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1 st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass	
Friday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Saturday 10 th March	Second Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Friday 23 rd March		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)	
Saturday 31 st March	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Saturday 5 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 20 th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Saturday 9 th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Parish Liturgy for February, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Prayers of the Faithful	Emma Clarke	Kevin Clarke	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Patrick Tuohey Michael Bradley	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Rosemary, Shaun and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
Thank you for all you do in our community, anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries must make it known			

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: In 2012 the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. The cost is £599. There are early payment schemes available in the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry; Pastoral Centre, Maghera; St Eugene's Cathedral; Thornhill Centre and Strabane. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre ((028) 7135 1233) and The Diocesan Pastoral Centre ((028) 7136 2475). Vouchers can be used as part or full payment.
For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org.

Foyle Hospice – Leap Into Action (Wednesday 29th February): Foyle Hospice are encouraging their supporters to be creative in their fundraising efforts and come together on the 29th February to help raise vital funds for Hospice Care Services in the North-West region. Whether it is at work, at school, at home or at the gym the Hospice would like everyone to go crazy this Leap Year and try something different.
For further information please contact the Fundraising Departments at Foyle Hospice, Fundraising Centre, 61 Culmore Road, (028) 7135 9888, michellemcginn@foylehospice.com.

Volunteers urgently needed for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012:

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more!

If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website iec2012.ie/volunteer and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin **19th November in the RDS**. For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900.

50th International Eucharistic Congress: Bookings to attend the 50th International Eucharistic Congress are live at iec2012.ie. You can book for 7 days, for 3 days or for a single day. You can decide to come as an individual, as a family or as a group. Clergy bookings are live as well. Do not leave it to the last minute! Read more about the different possibilities of booking for the Congress and book now!

Teresa Menendez I Senior Marketing and Publications Officer I 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012.

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The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme '*The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another*' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.



These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach "new generations" that "only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon" can lead to "fraternity and peace in truth."

He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

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.

Institute of Irish leadership (Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone): Enrolments for **free** 2 day course called Understanding Stress for Personal Growth-Meditation, relaxation, therapies etc. Lunch provided. Maximum 12 people. Mon/Tues 20th/21st Feb 2012 (10 00am - 3.00pm) A fee of £5 per day to cover running costs of centre. Booking in advance essential. Enrolment for Intermediate and higher Irish classes (7.00pm - 8 30pm). Need min of 10 people. Ki Massage Therapy available by appointment. One day /half day Conference facilities available.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Couples Planning to Marry in 2012: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 2:1-12:

1. Perhaps you can identify with the man on the stretcher who has been paralysed and then could walk. Have there been times when you were able to move after a period of being stuck, paralysed? What lay behind the paralysis? What was the change like for you?
2. The physical cure of the paralysed man is symbolic of the liberation forgiveness can bring. What was it like for you when someone forgave you for doing something about which you felt guilty? Have you in your turn given this experience to another person through your willingness to forgive?
3. Perhaps you have experienced the same liberation in your experience of God as a God who forgives. Remember when it happened and give thanks.
4. The paralytic was unable to come to Jesus without help. There are times when we need the help of friends for healing or for growth. Who are the people who helped you when you felt stuck and unable to move on? When have you been that kind of a friend to another?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. The paralytic was unable to come to Jesus without help. There are times when we need the help of friends for healing or for growth. Who are the people who helped you when you felt stuck and unable to move on? When have you been that kind of a friend to another?
- A. O God, I thank you for all the love I have experienced in life. Where love is present, you are there. I thank you for your presence in my life. I believe in your presence in the Blessed Eucharist and I deeply miss being able to receive you there. However I know that you wish to come into my life in other ways. So I now make an act of spiritual communion and invite you into my life as the spiritual food of my life. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

The Deep End – Fierce Friendship:

This is one of the many conflict stories in Mark where Jesus is challenged by the religious authorities. They are none too pleased that he is forgiving sins because as far as they are concerned, only God can do that. It is easy for them to use the words of forgiveness, but how many of them can heal the paralysed man and let him walk? Jesus wants to heal the man but also to show people that he has authority! And what of the faith of the paralysed man's friends ~ fierce friendship? They literally took the roof off so that they could get him to Jesus. You can imagine Jesus sitting there, teaching, and then the dust starts to fall...

'And I look out and I see paralysed men and women, paralysed congregations, paralysed ministries and I want to cry; "Your sins are forgiven. Rise, take up your bed and walk!" And I treasure those moments of intrusion, when the heavens are torn apart and the Spirit descends and I rise from the water and I know there is hope.'

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)