

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

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

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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. 20<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> St. Mary Magdalene	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> St. Brigid of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Declan, bishop	Saint Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. James, Apostle	Saint Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Saint Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' <b>11:00am</b> Mass: (Ferdinand McCrory – 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Saint Patrick's	<b>5:30pm</b> (before Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10:30am</b> (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,440** and the further **£50** taken up on 26<sup>th</sup> June for the Peter's Pence Collection.

**Please support your parish by using your envelope even when you are on holiday or if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish – Thank you.**

*Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are promptly returned to those parishes.*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Mary Daly** and **Pat Bradley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Interested in developing your faith?** Thornhill Centre has a number of short and long courses starting in October and November 2009: Pastoral Ministry: There is a Variety of Gifts; Liturgy: 'Foundations in Liturgy'; Scripture: 'Saint Luke'; Aspects of Faith: 'So What Should We Teach Them?' and Personal Development: 'Dreams Workshop'. For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6;  
Mark 6:1-15 (Lectionary I, page 780)

**Crocks for Croagh:** Can all sponsorship money for the playgroup be handed in to Cathal Keenan at the Crossroads before Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2009. Thank you for your support.

**Lotto Numbers:** 6, 7, 8, 18 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,050

**The Parish of Greencastle wishes Tyrone senior footballers  
success in today's Ulster Final at Clones**

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg next weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings, and those of our wider parish community and world. However to ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named areas to take responsibility and ensure a presence at specific times.

**"Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us."**

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
11.30am	Formil West	2.30pm	Teebane / Camanrancy
12.00noon	Broughderg / Evishession	3.00pm	Crockanboy / Sheskinshule
12.30pm	Formil East / Aughascribba	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
1.00pm	Muniamale / Alworries	4.00pm	Crock / Coneyglen / Glenhull / Aughminacrory
1.30pm	Benefreaghan	4.30pm	Concluding Prayers and Benediction
2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan		

### People Serving our faith-community in Greencastle parish

**Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance:** The physical environment for worship and prayer in our parish is important. The appearance, condition and function of the parish buildings and grounds must be well attended. If you would like to become involved in a committee responsible for our two churches, St. Patrick's, Greencastle and Our Lady of Lourdes, Broughderg our cemeteries and the Parochial house, please make contact with Fr. Hasson. Currently the maintenance is performed by contract. People with building, electrical, carpentry, landscaping skills or knowledge of same would be an advantage.

### For the attention of our young people

**Knock Summer Youth Festival:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18-35 year olds from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out [knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival). The theme is 'You are the light of the world' and the weekend will have a variety of guest speakers. The weekend costs 70 euro and this includes meals and accommodation. There is some transport available from the diocese. If you would like more information contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

**Clanmacnoise Youth Festival:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August. 'Know that the Loving God is with You' (James 3:10). For 16 to 35 years. Catholic Youth Festival – bring a sleeping bag. No cost – subscription by donation. Contact Youth 2000 Office on 00353 1675 3690. See posters on church notice boards.

### BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** | Dancing to *Country Sensations*

**Pope Benedict XVI** before departing Rome for a 16-day holiday last Sunday said *"I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts."*

*"That mother of mine gave me love; she pushed me, and cared about my education. She took no lip and taught me right from wrong. Because of her, I had a chance to make the most of my abilities. I had the chance to make the most of my opportunities. I had the chance to make the most out of life."*

*President Barack Obama speaking in New York this past week*

### Questions people ask:

Q. Why must we have so many interruptions at Mass like standing, kneeling, shaking hands etc.? I would much prefer a quiet, uninterrupted Mass.

A. Silent worship is wonderful in its own place but the celebration of the Eucharist is a community prayer which recognises the presence of the Lord not only in the consecrated host but also in the gathered community, in the word and in the mission to go out in love and service. 'Though there are many of us we form a single body, because we all have a share in the one loaf' (1 Cor. 10:17). Sharing responses, gestures and movements with others is recognition of Christ in the body that is the community.

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**Questions on this Sunday's Scripture:** These questions based on each of today's scripture readings can be used for family, group or individual reflection.

**First Reading – *The Book of the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 23, Verses 1-6:***

1. In this reading Jeremiah reflects on a bad leadership situation. What are the priorities or values of a shepherd whose sheep tremble and fear? What are the priorities and values of a good shepherd?
2. You are a shepherd. What can you do about the fear people experience all over the world due to injustice? Can you do anything to remedy any of the injustice? Is there anything you can do about unfair situations in your own town?

**Second Reading – *Second Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 13-18:***

1. Paul was a Jew preaching to Gentiles and also a Christian preaching to Jews. There were a lot of barriers or dividing walls as Paul calls them. Discuss dividing walls present today among peoples of different beliefs, races or cultures.
2. What are the dividing walls in the Church today? Which ones seem most impenetrable to you?

**Gospel – *According to Mark, Chapter 6, Verses 30-34:***

1. What does Jesus do in this gospel story that is an example of good shepherding?
2. Discuss compassion and power as attributes of leadership.

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**This Week's Calendar of Saints:**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Apollinaris preached the Gospel in the region of Ravenna in the second century. He was bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church. Lawrence (1559-1619) was a Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – St. Mary Magdalene. Mary stood by the cross with Jesus; along 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).

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe. Born in Sweden in 1303, Bridget brought up eight 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.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – St. Declan, bishop. Declan 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.

St. Charbel Makhluf, priest. Charbel 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.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary. Traditionally named parents of Mary and grandparents of the Lord. St. Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers – this feast is not celebrated this year.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Mark 6: 30-34:***

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to live with energy and enthusiasm? What have these insights taught you about life?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

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**The Deep End – *Silence:***

In *The World of Silence*, Max Picard writes, 'And yet sometimes all the noise of the world today seems like the mere buzzing of insects on the broad back of silence.' There's something substantial about silence. Often people describe it as 'heavy'. Silence is formidable, even intimidating, if you're not friendly with it. But to be friendly with it, first you have to be friendly with you. One way of finding out if you are, is to go off to a lonely spot and see how long you can stay there before unease sets in.

How many people follow Jesus' advice to his disciples in today's Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) to go to a deserted place for peace and quiet? Are they not more inclined to go to a noisy holiday resort where there's lots of action, lots of people, lots of things to do to fill the gap, lots of ways to forget oneself? Is there not something desperate about having to have a good time, and worse yet to feel obliged to say you had, even though you may not have had?

Getting used to silent, solitary periods to relax, to refresh our spirit and take stock of our life is worthwhile. It helps us to think about important things that in the normal course of a day we rarely think of. Things like: life and its purpose, values we live by, people we hold precious, ambitions that drive us, the place we give to God in our life.

Silence is necessary not for finding answers but for finding questions.

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