


Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (19th August, 2012)
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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 at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most of it. **If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily Thank you for your support especially during the summer season**
Liturgy Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (20th August, 2012 – 26th August, 2012)

Saturday Evening (18th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Kathleen Keenan (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 19th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 20th August St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 21st August St. Pius X (Pope)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 22nd August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Annie McCullagh (Anniversary)
Thursday 23rd August St. Eugene (Patron of our diocese) and St. Rose of Lima (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 24th August St. Bartholomew (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Paul McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary)
Saturday 25th August St. Louis of France	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (25th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Joseph O'Neill (Anniversary)
Sunday 26th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**.
Annual Sisters of Nazareth Collection: Thank you for your support.
Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.
 Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Kathleen Keenan, Annie McCullagh and Paul McCullagh**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for **Peter Donnelly, Rose Hollywood, Francis McCrory and David O'Hagan**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry – Mass for the Deaf Community: Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm. Celebrants are Fr. Mike Depcik, a Deaf Oblate of St Francis De Sales, Chicago, USA and Fr. Eamon Graham, Derry Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf Community. The Mass will be celebrated verbally and in sign language, with a Powerpoint projection of the text of the Mass.
Buffet for everyone in the Irish Cultural Centre, Great James Street, after Mass – Everyone welcome

Next Sundays Readings: Joshua 24:1-2; Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23, r/v 9; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69; (Lectionary I, page 791) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: B – D – N – Q – T (12 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,550

Offertory Gifts: During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.
Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

St. Aengus' Church, Burt Co Donegal – Mass for Motorcyclists: Sunday 26th August at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated to pray for all who have fallen in the last year and to ask for God's blessing in the year ahead. It will be followed by a short fund-raising run out to Ned's Point RNLI station. *All are very welcome to attend*

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change: Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore.
Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

The Deep End – Why is it, Lord? *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
 Earlier this year the following reflection was read out at a First Communion I attended:
 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?
 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?
 'Why is it, Lord that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'
 Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities.
 The people who speak to Jesus in today's Gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus accuses them of failing to look for anything deeper; they are really only there because they have been fed! They will only be convinced if Jesus can give them some physical sign. 'Our fathers had manna to eat in the dessert,' they remind him. But Jesus offers something more: bread from heaven; food that endures to eternal life. The disciples need to look beyond the obvious.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre <i>Upcoming Events</i>	Sunday 26th August:	Dance
	Sunday 2nd September:	2.30pm sponsored walk then refreshments

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Prisoners: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity
Missionary – Youth Witness to Christ: That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Children in Crossfire Upcoming Events	Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1 st September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph.
	Three Day Cycle Challenge: Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th September. Derry to Enniskillen to Sligo to Donegal Town to Derry.

Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org **Online:** childrenincrossfire.org

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd August from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years.
For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 *accordomagh@btopenworld.com*
 12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January
 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
 The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116
 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. *Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)*

NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience; Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email *odtc@omagh.gov.uk*.

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

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012
 Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday 2nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	
Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed	
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie ll T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

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 a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

Sunday 19th August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680] From Normandy, France. Spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart. [not celebrated this year]

Monday 20th August – St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church) [1090-1153] Became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.

Tuesday 21st August – St. Pius X (Pope) Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Wednesday 22nd August – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption.

Thursday 23rd August – St. Eugene (bishop and Patron Saint of Derry Diocese) Lived in the 6th century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co Tyrone.
St. Rose of Lima (virgin) [1586-1617] Dominican tertiary and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. She is seen as the originator of social service in Peru.

Friday 24th August – St. Bartholomew (Apostle) Appears in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with the Nathaniel of Cana, whom Philip brings to Our Lord. Preached the gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners, and leather workers.

Thursday 23rd August – St. Louis of France [1214-1270] King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second crusade. He is patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

Q. Is it true that Pope John Paul II wanted to delete the Hail, Holy Queen from the Rosary?
 A. Not true. He was deeply devoted to Mary and would never have favoured dropping any prayer to her. Although we may be familiar with one form of the Rosary, there is no official version as such and historically there have been many variations, such as the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. And, of course, Pope John II introduced the five Mysteries of Light, recommending that they be prayed on Thursdays.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 6:51-58:*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?
2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?
3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?
4. The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.
5. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?

The Deep End – On the Breadline:*Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

In April this year a Department of Health survey found that one in five children in Ireland are forced to go to school hungry because of a shortage of food at home. A few weeks after the report came out, there were news reports that a seven-year-old child who collapsed at school was found to be severely undernourished.

A spokesperson for the St Vincent de Paul said the case came as no surprise. '700,000 people are on the breadline living in poverty, 200,000 are children, and I know of mothers and fathers going hungry to feed their children. Two or three years ago we were being asked for shoes or help with the rent. Now we are simply being asked for food,' he said.

It appears that hunger is increasingly a fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value and importance of having enough to eat. It is sadly all too easy to recognise the signs of physical hunger, from the beginnings of a rumbling tummy to the more serious signs of malnutrition.

Over the past few Sunday Gospels, Jesus has been speaking a lot about bread. His followers have known hunger, and the feeding of the five thousand proved to them that Jesus was someone who knew how to feed their hunger.

But they find it difficult to make the leap of faith required when he starts to talk to them about being the living bread. It is not as easy to spot the signs of spiritual hunger.

Sit Down and Talk, Pope Urges Married Couples*Brasilia, Brazil, 23rd July, 2012 (Zenit.org)***Sends Message to Teams of Our Lady By Junno Arocho**

Benedict XVI sent greetings to participants of the 11th International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady, which is currently being held in Brazil. The message was sent through the Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Founded in 1939 in Paris by Father Henri Caffarel, the Teams of Our Lady is a movement of married spirituality in the Catholic Church and aims to help couples discover the riches of the sacrament of marriage and to live out a married spirituality. In his statement, Cardinal Bertone conveyed the Holy Father's well wishes to the participants and lauded the "far-sighted pastoral intuition of the Servant of God Henri Caffarel..." The cardinal also expressed the urgency of the problems faced by married couples in an increasingly secularized society. "In this context, the couples of the Teams of Our Lady proclaim, not so much with words but above all with their life, the fundamental truths about human love and its most profound meaning: 'A man and a woman who love one another, the smile of a child, the peace of a home: here is an exhortation without words, but extraordinarily persuasive, in which every man can already anticipate, as by transparency, the reflection of another love and its infinite appeal,'" the statement read. The papal message lauded the movement's commitment to encouraging its members to be strengthened by the sacrament of marriage and of the Eucharist. He urged them to "cultivate this valuable habit of sitting together to talk and to listen to each other, to understand one another again and again in face of the surprises and difficulties of the long journey." Cardinal Bertone also conveyed the Holy Father's wish that members of the movement continue to be witnesses of the Catholic faith in the world. "His Holiness Benedict XVI invites Christian couples to be 'the smiling and sweet face of the Church,' the best and most convincing messengers of the beauty of love sustained and nourished by faith, gift of God offered with abundance and generosity to all, so that every day they can discover the meaning of their life," the statement read. The cardinal concluded the message by imparting the Holy Father's Apostolic Blessing to participants at the gathering in Brazil.