

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 19th October, 2008

Mission Sunday

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Today is Mission Sunday: World Mission Sunday reminds us of our role as disciples of Jesus.

Today we are called upon to play our role in helping to bring the word of God to those who are still hungry for his message. We are given the opportunity to share in the experience of our brothers and sisters who carry on the missionary task today as they 'Go and Tell', often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Our spiritual and material offerings are crucial for the continued work of missionaries throughout the world, allowing them to share God's love and compassion. The total raised in today's collection will be sent in its entirety to support various mission projects. Please give what you can afford, every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference.

Schedule for the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time. 20th October – 26th October, 2008

Monday 20 th October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	Public recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 21 st October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	Public recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 22 nd October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	Public recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Thursday 23 rd October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	Public recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Friday 24 th October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	Public recitation of the Rosary before 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 25 th October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass and before
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Rose Heagney – 4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 26 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass (Patsy Coyle – 10 th Anniversary)

Confession Schedule

Saturday 25 th October	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 26 th October	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Our Diocesan Moderator emailed us this week to let us know that Bishop Hegarty has been in hospital. He has had surgery which has been successful. He was released from hospital last Monday and is currently recuperating in a nursing home. Please remember him in your prayers.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,020**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Michael O'Neill, Rose Heagney, Patsy Coyle and Winnie Neville.

During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us by praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: Mass of the Sick, Tuesday 21st October at 8.00pm. Sr. Josephine Walsh Weekend Retreat with emphasis on forgiving, healing and making a new start will take place from Friday 24th October to Sunday 26th October. For details tel Derry (028) 7126 2512 during office hours only.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 22:20-28; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10;
Matthew 22:34-40 (Lectionary I, page 717)

Aware Defeat Depression – Public Talk in Omagh: Aware Defeat Depression is organising a public talk and information event in The Tara Centre, Omagh on *Monday 27th October* at 8.00pm. Guest speaker is Bernie Marlow, Primary Mental Health Nurse, Omagh Health Centre; the title of her talk is 'Looking after our Mental Health'. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. Information will also be given about the organisation's self-help support group, which also meets in The Tara Centre, on the 2nd and last Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. For further information telephone (028) 7126 0602.

"Aware Defeat Depression saved my lifein 2003 I was suffering a particularly severe bout of depression and was suicidal..... I had written a note and planned my suicide in meticulous detail.....fortunately I phoned Aware instead....."

Please help us help more people like this to get their life back after depression

You can donate online through our website www.aware-ni.org.uk **right now.** Just select the **Support Us** option. All funds will go towards our support groups and helpline. **If you need support and information about depression call our helpline on 08451 20 29 61.**

Colmcille Pilgrimages: *Cruise the lands of the Bible, Egypt, the Holy Land, Turkey and Greece.*

March 5th – 14th, 2009 Cost £1,095 pp sharing. Contact Fr. Paddy O'Kane PP Merville. Telephone 07732468511 or email paddyokane@tiscali.co.uk

The Deep End – Go and Tell:

In a youthful, uppity manner many years ago I remarked at an inter-faith dialogue meeting in Selly Oaks, Birmingham, England, that Jesus wasn't crucified because he dialogued. That remark – no less incisive for being rather obvious – didn't go down well. While useful as a getting-to-know-you exercise, thereby improving relations between different faith traditions, dialogue is not the preferred option for Christian missionary activity. It may be a necessary first step in a missionary approach, but it can hardly be considered the only or the final one. Were Jesus sending out his disciples on mission today would he tell them to dialogue instead of to teach? Personally, I doubt it. But then I don't have a hot line to God.

Missionaries are people called to tell. They tell people basically two things: God has created them for a purpose; and, by following Jesus, they fulfill that purpose most assuredly. In telling this good news, missionaries do more than just talk. They present truth in various ways but always with humility; they meet weakness with understanding, and they confront evil with firmness. They respect diversity; they promote growth both individually and collectively; and, they bear witness to what they say.

Put that way it doesn't really matter where you are: at home, or away, at work, or at play. If you defend truth, allow for weakness, oppose evil, respect others, promote growth, and live honestly – and do so because you love God, then you are a missionary.

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

Questions people ask:

Q. How might I answer my friend who insists that we should base our religion on God's word in the Bible rather than Church doctrines?

A. It is not a case of bible against Church. The Bible is part of the Church's heritage. The oldest document in the New Testament is 1 Thessalonians, used in this Sunday's Mass. Notice how Paul praises the faith, love and hope which the Thessalonians had even before any of the New Testament was written. The believing community, that is, the Church, existed before any of the book was written. The Christian Church, under God's inspiration, produced the writings of the New Testament. The book is part of the Church's heritage.

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

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events:

Every Tuesday Night Dancing classes continue, 8.30pm – 10.30pm (Jive, Waltz and Quickstep)

Every Friday Night Card playing resumes, 8.30pm. *Supper served*

Monday 27th October Next historical meeting

Scor Na Og 2008: Please give your support at St. Joseph's Hall, Omagh on Saturday 17th October at 6.30pm and St. Eugene's Hall, Newtownstewart on Friday 24th October at 6.00pm.

Lotto Numbers: 1, 2, 11, 14 (6 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £8,150