

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughrig**  
**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (20<sup>th</sup> February, 2011)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (21<sup>st</sup> February, 2011 – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday:
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Bridget and John Quinn (Anniversaries)
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> St. Peter Damian (bishop and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> The Chair of Peter the Apostle	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Ellen Conway (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> St. Polycarp (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Rose Morris (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Philip Morris (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday:
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,070**. Please support your community by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you. 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.

**Eucharistic Congress 2012 Support Collection:** Thank you for the recent contribution of **£130**  
Further contributions are appreciated.

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

**Missionary Awareness – Visit from Holy Ghost Missions:** Every second year a member of a missionary order visits every parish in the diocese. This year we welcome Fr. Noel Murphy C. S. Sp of the Holy Ghost Missions. He will be with us next weekend (26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February) and will preach at Mass. Holy Ghost Fathers or Spiritans (C. S. Sp) as they are known in some countries are dedicated to the Holy Spirit, author of all holiness and source of the Apostolic Spirit. Their spirituality is always missionary – ministering to the poor and oppressed in many different countries and climes. They express their Evangelical availability among peoples whether it is in communities of the Amazon River in Brazil or in South Africa, Kenya or Tanzania. In all they are in 65 countries. They arrived in Ireland 150 years ago educating and inspiring many to work on the missions. Responding to new challenges and realities they now work together in International groups, such as in Bolivia, Mozambique, and Taiwan. In all places and in different cultures and languages they announce the Good News of God's love for every human person and emphasize fraternity, equality, justice and peace. They strive for a new heaven and a new earth.

**Parish Buildings Committee Meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9.00pm

**Greencastle Youth Club Rota**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Caroline McCann)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Rose Kelly and Mary McCrory)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Francis Bradley)

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 49: 14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34 (Lectionary I, page 658)  
**(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

**Lotto Results:** H – K – M – P – R (8 winners with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,300

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
47	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Meaghan Clarke</b>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Niall Coyle</b>
48	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Patrick McElhatton</b>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Orla Coyle</b>

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

**Gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist:** Our Lenten programme will take place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh for the combined parishes of *Drumragh, Cappagh, Greencastle, Newtownstewart, Castlederg, Drumquin* and *Gortin* to reflect on the second part of the Mass (Liturgy of the Word). This is part of a program for this area of the diocese to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress planned for Dublin in 2012. Please take a promotion leaflet home with you this evening, read it and invite friends and neighbours to attend. *Check out the Novena website at eucharist2012.com*

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	God Speaks to Us – 'God's presence in his Word'	Fr. Gerry Fitzpatrick ODC
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	We listen to God – 'attentive to God's presence'	Fr. Mark-Ephrem Nolan OSB
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	We respond to God – with hearts, minds & our lives'	Sr. Perpetua McNulty RSM
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	We pray in our need – 'God's silence'	Baroness Nuala O'Loane

**Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012**

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognize you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

**Millennium Forum, Derry – The Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Guest of honour will be Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired Archbishop of Washington DC

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July):** Cost: £599.

*Booking forms are available in the Sacristy at St. Patrick's Church now*

**Lough Derg – Day of Friendship and Prayer:** You are warmly invited you to join us for this on Ash Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> March).

**Precious Life – Three Days of Prayer and Fasting:** Beginning Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, for the Irish General Election on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. *Contact Precious Life on (028) 9027 8484*

**Fr Shields Camogie Club – Registration Night:** 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in Greencastle hall for all junior and senior players.

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – St. Peter Damian (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1007-1072]** Gave up teaching to become a hermit. Later was Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia. Was an outstanding reformer of Church life and discipline.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – The Chair of St. Peter** This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The texts today celebrate Peter as Bishop of Rome. We recall Christ's choice of Peter for service to the whole Church.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – St. Polycarp (bishop and martyr)** Bishop of Smyrna, or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69 and was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle. Martyred in 155.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 5:38-48:**

- Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
- Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What effect did this have on you, on others and on your relationship with them ... at the time, and in the long term?
- From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when and how to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?  
*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

**Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication**

**Dates for the Diary in 2011  
Sacramental Celebrations**

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>5.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

**Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)**

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March		Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in Our Lady of The Wayside Church.		

**Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July)**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b> (after Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>12.00am</b> (after 11.00am Mass)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> 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

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Sunday in Lent	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

**Couples planning to Marry in 2011** please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

**ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses**

11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> April
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a> Courses are limited to <b>15 couples</b> . Course should be completed at least <b>six months</b> before your wedding.	

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for February (please remember these in your personal prayer)**

- General:** That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognised.
- Missionary:** That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer

**Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy**

**The Rare Owl' Times:** The Nomadic theatre Company, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm. Admission is £10.

**South West College Dungannon – Careers Convention and Open Day:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**NIE Energy, as part of Age NI's Spread the Warmth campaign,** is inviting people to pledge an act of kindness towards older people this winter. For every individual's pledge to carry out an act of kindness for an older person, **NIE Energy will donate £5 to Age NI** to help provide practical help for older vulnerable people this winter. Your act of kindness can be something as simple as bringing the bins out and in for an older neighbour or offering a lift to someone who doesn't drive. If you are interested in participating, visit [nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php](http://nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php).

**Samaritans Volunteers – Spring Recruitment Campaign:** Would you like to find out about the vital service that Samaritans provide? Maybe you could help in our work? Come along to our information evenings on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm in Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh.

Call (028) 8225 1530 or email [recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com](mailto:recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com) for information/application form

**There has been a lot of media coverage about the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence and accepted without prejudice can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Could you help us to provide this vital service?**

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast, BT13 2ES

Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie) Online: [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

**St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends:**

This will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July):** Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

(028) 7126 0293

**Recommended Website – godtube.com:** GodTube is a free video sharing website much like the infamous YouTube but which specialises in Christian-themed videos. The website has a huge selection of themes, from Christian music videos to fascinating insights on how the liturgy is celebrated in other countries and cultures.

**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 between 3 and 8 years 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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) [familycaresociety.net](http://familycaresociety.net)

**Foyle Hospice – Free Adult Counseling Service:** Offered on Tuesdays to help support those with a life limiting illness and their families / carers. Counseling is also available for the bereaved and there is a children's bereavement support group.

For more info please contact the Hospice on (028) 7135 1010

**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](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau.

**Questions people ask:**

- Q. Are meditation systems such as Yoga or Transcendental Meditation forbidden by the Catholic church?
- A. They are not forbidden. In fact, in the noisy and agitated world of today, these techniques can be very useful in quietening the mind in preparation for prayer. The quietened mind is then ready to pay more attention to God as revealed to the world in Jesus Christ. Attentiveness to God's presence is the heart of prayerfulness and anything that can increase our capacity for attentiveness is to be welcomed.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))

**The Deep End – You've Got to be Perfect!**

If someone hits us on the right cheek, I'm pretty sure the last thing we would feel like doing is offering them the left one. Yet, Jesus calls people to a love that is perfect 'as your heavenly Father is perfect'. Surely this is too great a demand! Perfection here is a call to a love that is universal and knows no boundaries, an indiscriminating love. *Agape* love is love of those we do not know, even those we do not like and, as we hear today, a 'love of enemy' – the toughest kind of love, an all-inclusive love. This does not mean that we let people walk all over us; rather it is a love that exposes injustice.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, 'an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind'. Gandhi apparently read from the Sermon on the Mount twice a day for the last 40 years of his life. He considered these texts to be the greatest writings on non-violence in the history of the world. Jesus encourages people to be pro-active when faced with injustice – through acts of resistance. Tables are turned on oppressors, causing them to stop and think about what they are doing.

'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' – probably the most radical words ever spoken, a total summation of Christianity, yet we've done our best to avoid them. Imagine a world where people respond to acts of violence, oppression and hatred with love and forgiveness. Dare we practice such love?

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