

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Fifth Sunday of Easter. 20th April, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter. 21st April – 27th April, 2008

Monday 21 st April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Tuesday 22 nd April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Wednesday 23 rd April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass: Mary Ellen Daly – 11 th Anniversary
Thursday 24 th April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	No Mass in Greencastle
Friday 25 th April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	No Mass in Greencastle
Saturday 26 th April Fifth Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	No Morning Mass
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 27 th April Sixth Sunday of Easter	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass: Mary Morris – 6 th Anniversary

Confession Schedule

Saturday 26 th April	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 27 th April	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1185**. We received a cheque for **£724** from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School for the Trocaire Lenten Collection which now totals **£2919**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Sr. Victor Keenan and Mary Ellen Daly.

Thank you for your support for **Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in Saint Patrick's Church, last Sunday. May you receive many personal blessings in the same way as our parish was blessed. **Congratulations** to the Year 4 pupils who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time last Friday night. Thank you to their parents, family, and Mrs. McElroy, their teacher in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. We look forward to you growing in your faith further when you receive **Holy Communion** for the first time on **18th May**.

Depression Information Event 'Overcoming Depression: A Self-help Approach':

Aware Defeat Depression is organising a public talk and information event in the **Tara Centre**, Holmview Terrace, Omagh, Monday 21st April at 8.00pm. Speaker: Dr. Declan Fox, GP. Admission is free. Information regarding depression will be available. For further info call 0845 20 29 61 or email info@aware-ni.org.

Pope Benedict XVI - "Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?" he asked in a lengthy address to the bishops. "Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and the marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death?" "Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted," he said.-in Washington this week.

Lotto Numbers: 2, 9, 10, 12 (7 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,850

Calling all singers and musicians aged 15-18! The **Derry Diocesan Youth Choir** would love to hear from you. Are you interested in developing, exploring and using your talents within a faith based context? The Youth choir is in the formation stages and all that are interested are welcome to attend rehearsals in your local area. The commitment to the choir won't be demanding as it will work towards a few one off events during the year. The first event will be a Youth Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 11th May. If you are interested in the choir please contact the youth coordinator at ddcc@derrydiocese.org or ring (028) 7126 4087. This will be a fun experience and an opportunity to meet other young people interested in music.

World Youth Day Experience in Lourdes, July '08: As an alternative to World Youth day in Sydney, Lourdes has been nominated the European Centre for WYD and the diocese will be taking a youth group to experience these days of celebration. The trip will be from 16th-21st July for 20-35 year olds and will travel as part of the larger Diocesan Pilgrimage. The price is £449. There will be a set program for this group for the 5 days including live screen link-up to Sydney, International Youth Masses, concerts, drama and much more. If you are interested in going or finding out more please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 or pick up a form from the parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

An email arrived from Brother Donagh, native of Greenlough and the only Irish born brother in the Taizé community France with a message about the prayer being organised at St. Anne's Cathedral Belfast 8.00pm Saturday 26th April. Taizé invites people under 35 years to this evening but does not exclude anyone over that age!

April 2008 Taizé prayers in Ireland: At the end of April Brother Alois leader of the Taizé community, France and some brothers of the community will be in Ireland for two evening prayers – one in Dublin on Friday 25th April at 8pm in the Pro-Cathedral and the other in Belfast on Saturday 26th April at 8pm in St Anne's Cathedral. Young people from Ireland have been coming to Taizé for many years and since the death of Br Roger many messages were received from Christians of all churches in Ireland. These prayers will be an opportunity for the brothers to visit Christians in Ireland. The prayers will be a simple sign of fellowship with young adults there as they journey in faith as well as stages of the Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth which will gather people in different parts of Europe and on other continents in 2008. All are welcome to take part in the prayers, although they are aimed first of all at young adults aged between 15 and 35. In Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and representatives of other churches will be present and similarly in Belfast, where Archbishop Alan Harper will be among church leaders participating in the prayer.

Calendar for Week beginning Sunday 20th April:

Monday 21st – St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church. Anselm, from Lombardy, joined the monastic school at Bec in Normandy in 1059 under the direction of Lanfranc whom he succeeded as Archbishop of Canterbury. He was exiled twice and died in 1109.

Wednesday 23rd – St. George, martyr. George was venerated as a soldier saint at Lydda in the Holy Land where he was probably martyred around the year 300. His cult may have been popularised in England and Ireland by returning crusaders. He is patron of England, Portugal, of soldiers and of the Scout Movement. Also, St Adalbert, bishop and martyr. Adalbert, born 956, after being bishop of Prague, went as a missionary among the Prussians on the Polish coast where he was martyred in 997.

Thursday 24th – Easter Weekday

Today is the anniversary for the solemn inauguration in 2005 of Pope Benedict XVI as Supreme Pastor of the Church. An intention for the Holy father should be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses.

Friday 25th – St. Mark, Evangelist. Mark was closely connected with the preaching of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome, when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the meaning of the good news. His symbol is a winged lion.

'If you always think what you always thought, you will always do what you always did and you will always get what you always got.' – Margaret Silf.

What interest will Greencastle Parish have in page 27 of this week's **Irish Catholic?**

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Owned by the Mullan Family from Omagh, it provides information, laundry, phone, Internet and foot massage. Phone Noelle at (028) 8224 1888.

Parish News Sheet: Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. **Please take news sheet home with you after Mass**