



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughdery
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King [Year A] (20th November, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Last Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (21 st November, 2011 – 27 th November, 2011)		
Saturday Evening (19th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Miichael Hollywood (4 th Anniversary) Do This In Memory Programme 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 20th November Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Mass
Monday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 22nd November St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's St. Eugene's, Derry	10.00am Mass: Fr. Joe Morris (2 nd Anniversary) 7.30pm Mass
Wednesday 23rd November St. Columban (abbot and missionary)	St. Patrick's Christ the King, Strathroy Combined parishes preparation program for Eucharistic Congress 2012	10.00am Mass 8.00pm Mass
Thursday 24th November St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 25th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 26th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (26th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent [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 **£900** and the contribution of **£550** to the Retired Priests Fund.

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.

New Weekly Collection Envelopes: If you have been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She extends her thanks to you for all your support, patience and help in getting this task completed.

Invitation to Mass: if you are a homemaker or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily during November and pray for your deceased relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish-faith community we pray for **Katy Fox**, whose Requiem took place on Thursday, we offer her relations and friends our sympathy and support. We also pray for **Brian O'Neill, Michael McCullagh, Fr. Joe Morris, Michael Gillen** and **Rose McCrory** whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace
 We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to
Terry Conway (Greencastle) and Lisa Loughran (Kildress) – Saturday 19th November
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Book of the Names of the Dead: This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.

If you wish to enter a name not already in the book, please feel most welcome to do so

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37;
 (Lectionary I, page 5) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: E – O – R – V – Y (2 people with 4 letters – £50 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,250

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 19 th November The family of Joseph Hagan	Offertory Gifts Rota Feast of Christ the King	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 20 th November The family of Lucy-Marie McCrory
Saturday 26 th November The family of Rachael Devine	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27 th November The family of Emma Maguire
Saturday 3 rd December The family of Tyler Gumley	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday 4 th December The family of Ronan Hollywood
Saturday 10 th December The family of Oisin Coyle	Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday 11 th December The family of Ryan Gumley
Saturday 17 th December The family of Aoife Conway	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday 18 th December The family of Kira Donnelly

Trócaire: You are invited to give someone special in your life a very special gift this Christmas by choosing from their offer of the nine life-changing gifts. *A leaflet is available at the church door.*

Silent Auction

The Missal of Pope Paul VI used since 1969 will no longer be used. The missals we have in our parish have been used for the celebration of Mass by six parish priests and many visiting clergy over the years since they were introduced. If you would like to purchase either of these two missals for your own keepsake, you may bid to do so by *silent auction*. Put your offer in writing along with your name, address and telephone number in an ordinary envelope and place it in the collection basket with your weekly envelope next weekend (3rd / 4th December) The highest bid will be accepted and if there are several similar bids then a draw will take place for the one to be chosen. Our new missals will cost **£215 each** so hopefully this auction will help us pay for them.

The new missals for use at Mass in our churches have been received – they will be blessed by Bishop Hegarty at Mass on Tuesday evening in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry to which everyone is invited and will be put into use in our parish on the First Sunday of Advent.

Prisoners' Week (20th – 26th November): This began in 1975. The Prisoners' Week Committee, consisting of Prison Chaplains and other Christians involved in work with prisoners and their families, was formed to encourage prayer within churches and the wider Christian community for he needs of prisoners.
prisonersweek.org

Program Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress in 2012: This began as a combined parishes initiative from and for the parishes of this part of the Tyrone deanery in Advent, 2010. Different aspects of the Eucharist were highlighted during Advent, 2010 and Lent, 2011. The program continues with an emphasis on the '*Our Father*'. You are invited to participate in a Mass in **Christ the King Church, Strathroy at 8.00pm on Wednesday 23rd November**. Your attendance is welcomed

Diocesan Sung Mass – Feast of St Cecilia: Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral: Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All those directly involved in Church ministries are welcome e.g. sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, musicians, choirs, flower arrangers.
It is hoped that parishes will bring their copies of the new Missal to the celebration for blessing by the Bishop

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: In 2012 the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. The cost is £599. There are early payment schemes available in the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry; Pastoral Centre, Maghera; St Eugene's Cathedral; Thornhill Centre and Strabane.
 For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org.
 Gift vouchers are also available for purchase through Thornhill Centre.

Child Safeguarding Policy: Please familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church today.

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Vincent Conway)
Monday 14 th November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Rosie Morris)
Tuesday 15 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Orla Lucas)

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events: **Every Friday Night** Card playing at 8.30pm
Tuesday 22nd November* Information Evening, beginning at 8.00pm.
 *For everyone interested in all Levels of ICT Basic Computers Internet and Email Level I Level 11 or higher, Farmers APHIS online, this is to discuss what suits the individuals interested. A tutor will be available to answer your questions.

Our best wishes to Janet Devlin as she progresses on the X-Factor TV show

Our parish offers our support to the local GAA Sperrin Óg football team for their All-Ireland Club Championship Ladies Final in Dublin today, early risers can cheer the team off at 7.50am

<p>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General: For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.</p> <p>Missionary: That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfil the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.</p>

<p>Institute of Irish leadership (Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone) – Enrolment for Beginner Classes in Irish:</p> <p>Essential Skill in IT Spaces still available for day classes. Minimum of 10 people required.</p> <p>Talk on Tories/Raparees/Outlaws in Early Modern Ireland (1530-1800) Booking advisable (admission £5.00).</p> <p>Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com Tel: (028) 8775 7800 Web: instituteofirishleadership.org</p>

<p>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 0 and 8 years and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?</p> <p><i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i></p>

<p>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):</p> <p>2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14th January, 10th and 11th February, 9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June</p> <p>Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date</p>

<p>Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.</p> <p><i>Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.</i></p>
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<p>ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge: ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. <i>Tel: 028 82242439</i></p>
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<p>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 and read about the workings of the Bureau.</p>

<p>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. <i>For more info please contact the Hospice on (028) 7135 1010</i></p>
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<p>Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon: Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality (028) 7135 1233</p>

<p>Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week: This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7th February at 10.00am.</p> <p>The theme is <i>Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World</i></p>

Parish Liturgy for November, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Barry Maguire
Prayers of the Faithful	James McCullagh	Rosemary McCullagh	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Francis Keenan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	<i>Volunteers required</i>		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

<p>The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme <i>'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another'</i> and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.</p> <p>It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.</p> <p>These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.</p> <p><i>For more information visit iec2012.ie</i></p>
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<p>Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal – Diocesan Sung Mass:</p> <p>Feast of St. Cecilia (22nd November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.</p> <p>Posture during Mass: Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the <i>General Instruction</i> (43) for observation throughout the diocese:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect; 2. Standing from the <i>Orate Fratres</i> (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the <i>Sanctus</i>; 3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass. 4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.
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<p>If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.</p>

<p>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon. • Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Monday 6th /Tuesday 7th February in the Millennium Forum Derry.

<p>Volunteers urgently needed for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012:</p> <p>The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more!</p> <p>If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website iec2012.ie/volunteer and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin 19th November in the RDS. For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900.</p>
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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 Telephone/Email on 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 **Online:** camara.ie

Age NI First Connect Service: First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:

Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Monday 21st November – Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 22nd November – St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr) The patroness of music and musicians, was a 2nd or 3rd century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. Her association with music and the representations of her playing the organ probably grew from a misunderstanding of a 5th century account of her life.

Wednesday 23rd November – St. Columban (abbot and missionary) [543-615] Also known as Columbanus. Became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on a pilgrimage for Christ' he set out with 12 companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine according to the severe Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died. Remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish Missionary monks.

Thursday 24th November – St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs) In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in Vietnam many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19th June, 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominican missionaries from Spain and 10 French missionaries.

Sunday 27th November – St. Fergal (Virgil) (bishop and missionary) Lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Not celebrated this year

Questions people ask:

Q. What is the temporal punishment due to sin? Does it mean that God forgives us but imposes some sort of punishment at the same time?

A. I don't think you've got it right. This punishment is called temporal as opposed to the eternal punishment which is the hell of unrepented evil. God does not impose the punishment but it is something self-inflicted. Any time I behave in a sinful manner I am damaging my character. If I lash out at somebody in anger I have damaged my spiritual health. The good news is that healing is available for this damaged character if we co-operate with the graces of the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 25:31-46:

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Jesus is telling us that being his disciple is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?
2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?
3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it as done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?
4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Unsung Heroes:

Have you ever seen the TV programme Secret Millionaire? In each episode a millionaire leaves his or her luxury life behind, takes on a secret identity, and lives undercover in a deprived area to find out who needs their help. They work alongside local people, discovering individuals and projects they think deserve a share of their fortune, before coming clean and surprising them with monetary gifts to help them in their work.

Often those who most impress the benefactor are those who are quietly working for the benefit of others, who give generously of their time and talents to make a better life for those in their local community. They are the ones who, in spite of their busy lives, are also the most welcoming and helpful to the undercover millionaire.

They are not in it for the money. They are not generous to the visitor among them because he is rich or because they expect to get something out of them. They are the people who see a need and do something to tackle it, and their simple acts of generosity lead to great rewards.

Jesus expects us to treat everyone we encounter with sensitivity and generosity. Today's Gospel reminds us of our responsibility to care for our fellow man; to feed the hungry, make strangers welcome, provide for those who are without, visit those who are sick or imprisoned. There are simple acts of mercy we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: as the Gospel tell us, 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

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