

## Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2009

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### Liturgy Schedule for the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time. 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June The Birth of St. John the Baptist	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass: (Packie John McCrory – 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,190** and for your contribution of **£450** to the special collection asked for by the Bishops of Ireland to help prepare for the Eucharistic Congress 2012 in Dublin. The **Pope's Collection will be taken up next weekend (28<sup>th</sup> June), please use the envelope in your collection box.** The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. This collection was started centuries ago to provide financial support for the Pope and has evolved to fund the Holy See's charitable actions for those in need.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray this week for **Barney O'Neill** and **Packie John McCrory** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Congratulations to the young people** who took the Pledge last Friday evening to abstain from alcoholic drink until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and refuse all illegal drugs. Congratulations also to our young parishioners who renewed their Pledge taken in previous years. May our adult community recognise their courage and support their commitment. We also thank Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone footballer) for his presence.

**Diocesan Catechetical Centre Hike to Croagh Patrick:** A trip for young people aged 16 to 35 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Cost £25, includes transport, a guide and dinner in Westport. Book before Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June by telephoning (028) 7126 4087 or email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org). This hike will be of interest to young people interested in achieving the John Paul II award.

**Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Coach leaves Termonbacca at 7.45am with pick up at Melmount Centre Strabane at 8.15am. Returning to Derry approx 11.00am. Contact Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry on (028) 7126 2512 during office hours.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (Lectionary I, page 768)

**Lotto Numbers:** 9, 14, 17, 23 (4 winners with 3 numbers – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,300

BBC Northern Ireland is making a television documentary to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope John Paul II's visit to Ireland. We are keen to hear from people who have memories of that weekend in September / October 1979. As well as personal recollections, we would also be interested in speaking to those who have photographs or video / Super8 footage from that time. Please contact me via BBC Belfast on (028) 9033 8735 or on my mobile 07742749661, or email [patricia.buller@bbc.co.uk](mailto:patricia.buller@bbc.co.uk)

Patricia Buller (Researcher, BBC Northern Ireland)

**Looking Ahead – Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries:** This will take place on the evening of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July directly after the Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg **after 11:00am Mass.** Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

**Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh – Reminder of Services Available:** You can attend the **Cardiac Assessment Unit** in TCH at any time. Should you develop pain in the chest, shortness of breath, palpitations or fainting episodes – the nursing staff can assess your heart – in the unit. If the need arises you may be transferred to another hospital later. You can refer yourself or be sent by your General Practitioner to this Cardiac Assessment Unit. For Advice call **(028) 8283 3129** – Cardiac Assessment Unit open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. In an emergency call the Cardiac Ambulance on **(028) 8224 9149**

**Green Elves Playgroup:** A Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Old School House.

**Knock Summer Youth Festival:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18-35 year olds from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out [knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival)

**Clanmacnoise Youth Festival:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August. 'Know that the Loving God is with You' (James 3:10). For 16 to 35 years. Catholic Youth Festival – bring a sleeping bag. No cost – subscription by donation. Contact Youth 2000 Office on 00353 1675 3690. See posters on church notice boards.

**Rally For Life:** Dublin – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. For further details from Committee call (028) 9027 8484.

**Discussion Questions on this Sunday's Scripture:** These questions based on each of today's scripture readings can be used for family, group or individual reflection.

### First Reading – *The Book of Exodus, Chapter 24, Verses 3-8:*

1. What is the significance of blood? Why was it used to seal solemn agreements? What is the relationship between blood and life? Between blood and death?
2. What kinds of covenants or solemn agreements have you made in your life? What do your covenants tell you about God's covenant with the Israelites?

### Second Reading – *Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 9, Verses 11-15:*

1. In the Old Testament the high priest entered the Holy of Holies every year on the Day of Atonement to atone for the sins of the people. Is this the reason that Jesus is the ultimate high priest?
2. St. Paul says that Jesus would cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. What do you think constitutes "dead works"? Are there any dead works in your life?

### Gospel – *According to Mark, Chapter 14, Verses 12-16, 22-26:*

1. How can you carry the Eucharist within you to other people?
2. The disciples probably didn't understand what Jesus was doing but they trusted him absolutely. Where do you go when you need help with trust? Holy Spirit, books, priest, friends?

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#### **This Week's Calendar of Saints:**

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – The Birth of John the Baptist. Solemnity. We rejoice at the coming of John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, I must decrease'.
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church. Cyril (370-444) was patriarch of Alexandria and fought against Nestorianism at the Council of Ephesus in 431 which proclaimed Mary, Mother of God.

#### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 4:35-41:**

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the Gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

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#### **Questions people ask:**

- Q. The Catholic Church as totally out of date in saying that pre-marital sex is wrong. Everybody is doing it. Isn't it time the Church accepted reality?
- A. To follow your principle of everybody doing it, supposing every employee is stealing from their firm, does that make it morally right? The Church is obliged to proclaim the teaching of Jesus Christ and cannot change its morality by majority vote. In the only instance of majority vote in the Gospels, guess what, a murderer called Barabbas was released and Jesus, though innocent, was condemned to death. An opinion poll is a dangerous basis for a moral decision.

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#### **The Deep End – A New Creation:**

Today's Second Reading (2 Cor 5:14-17), 'If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new' (v 17) reminds me of something St Augustine said. This verse seems to refer to a sudden transformation rather than a gradual evolution. God's Spirit operates to an urgency that nature doesn't. There's urgency as the Spirit hears nature's labour pains and our own inward groaning as we await adoption, the redemption of our bodies (Rom 8:23).

Do we feel that urgency ourselves? Well, that depends on how we look at things. Take, for example, the plans we make – whatever they may be. We're hoping for something better be it home improvement, or job improvement, even self-improvement; or be it planning a holiday, buying a car, or something for the kids. There's a constant 'wanting' in us for something new that we might blame consumerism for. Compulsive buying might be the outcome of the 'wanting', but at source it's something deep and profound. It's nothing other than the yearning for the redemption of our bodies of which Paul speaks. It's our craving not just for better things, but for the best possible of all things: new creation, being transformed into the liberated children of God. St Augustine put it famously: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

Resting in God is not guaranteed to happen automatically. It's a journey we must make. And as we don't know how long we have to make the journey, every minute counts.

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