



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (21st August, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (22 nd August, 2011 – 28 th August, 2011)			
Saturday Evening Vigil (20 th August)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 21 st August		St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]		Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until			4.30pm Concluding Prayers
Monday 22 nd August		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Bernadette Fitzpatrick (4 th Anniversary)
Tuesday 23 rd August		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Eugene (bishop and patron of Derry Diocese)			
Wednesday 24 th August		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Bartholomew			
Thursday 25 th August		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time			
Friday 26 th August		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass:
Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time			Alice McGarvey (Month's Mind)
Saturday 27 th August		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Monica			
Saturday Evening Vigil (27 th August)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 28 th August		St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
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Please consider attending daily Mass during these summer months

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**. 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.

Sisters of Nazareth Collection: The total raised was **£550**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Kathleen McGuigan** and **Bernadette Fitzpatrick**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Wedding Anniversary: As a parish community we congratulate **Gerard and Tillie McGurk** who celebrate the Golden anniversary of their wedding tomorrow (Monday 22nd August), they got married in St. Patrick's Church in 1961.
We wish them both good health and happiness

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):
 21st and 22nd October, 11th and 12th November, 2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14st January, 10th and 11th February, 9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12: 1-2, Matthew 16: 21-27;
 Lectionary I (page 695) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: B – C – F – Q – P (1 person with 3 letters – £50) **Next Jackpot:** £5,550

Bringing the Offertory Gifts to the Altar: During the summer months there will be no formal rota. Anyone may volunteer spontaneously to bring the gifts forward.
Do not be shy about doing this

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg next weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings as well as those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times.
"Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us"

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
11.30am	Formil West	2.30pm	Teebane / Carnanrancy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evishession	3.00pm	Crockanboy / Sheskinshule
12.30pm	Formal East / Aughascribba	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
1.00pm	Muninamale / Alworries	4.00pm	Crockanboy / Coneyglen
1.20pm	Binnafreaghan		Glenhull / Aughminacrory
2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan	4.30pm	Concluding prayers and Benediction

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.

Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon: Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality
 (028) 7135 1233

A clothing collection has resumed in Carrickmore and will continue until the end of August. The proceeds of the collection will go to Trócaire for their work with the famine stricken peoples in the Horn of Africa region. As usual, bags or boxes of all types of clothing, shoes, curtains, bed linen, towels etc. can be left in the green container in the car park at the GFC Grounds, Carrickmore daily between 11.00am and 9.00pm.
No toys or household goods, thank you
 For further info contact Briege ((028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684), Conor ((028) 807 61594) / 07585 223 195), Colette ((028) 807 61493) or Kay ((028) 8224 4145 / 07732 856 354

Good Job: The list below has been used by youth sports coaches to encourage their teams, maybe we could all use these phrases to encourage one another in daily life.

You're on the right track now	You've got it made	You're really working hard today
	You're very good at that	I'm proud of the way you worked today
That's the best you've ever done	I knew you could do it	You are learning fast
Couldn't have done it better myself	You did it that time	
Nothing can stop you now	That's the way to do it	You've got your brain in gear today
	That was first class work	That's better than ever
You must have been practicing	Good job [person's name]	You outdid yourself today
Good going	Now you have the hang of it	
Sensational	That's the way	Aren't you proud of yourself?

Questions people ask:
 Q. None of my children, all grown-ups, go to Mass, nor do their children. They say that it is only a matter of time before the Catholic Church becomes extinct in Ireland. How can I answer them?
 A. Surveys show that very close to 50% of Irish Catholics go to Mass every week, a stunning figure. That means two million people at Mass in Ireland this weekend. Hardly a sign of extinction. I read somewhere that Chesterton said that there were five occasions in history when the Church went to the dogs. But it was the dogs who died! 'On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the underworld will never hold out against it.'
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:
Sunday 28th August Dance with music by Cascades
Wednesday 7th September Annual Pioneer Dance with music by Country Sensations

Dates for the Diary in 2011

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)	
Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th 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.	
Wednesday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

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

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayers)

General: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.

Missionary: That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

South-West College (Dungannon Campus):

Where is life taking you? South West College is now enrolling on a wide range of full-time, part-time and higher education courses commencing September.

Download a prospectus from swc.ac.uk, call into your local campus or tel. 0845 603 1881

Getting A Level results this week? Come along to the Higher Education day at your local campus of South West College on Friday 19th August from 9.00am to 4.00pm for information and helpful advice on a wide range of higher education courses accredited by Queen's University Belfast and University of Ulster.

Giving you the opportunity to study locally for less

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.

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.

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. *Tel: 028 82242439*

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.

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*

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock (Sunday 11th September):

Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Neary (Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. Guest singers: Dana, Fr Liam Lawton, Ann Marie Gibbons and Daniel Furlong (winner of 2011 RTE All Ireland Talent Show).

Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

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

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 **Online:** camara.ie

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 21st August – St. Pius X (pope) Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children. *Not celebrated this year*

Monday 22nd August – The Queenship of Mary During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as Queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption.

Tuesday 23rd August – St. Eugene (Bishop and Patron of the Diocese of Derry) [Saint for August] Lived in the 6th century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha) in Co. Tyrone.

St. Rose of Lima [1586-1617] Dominican tertiary and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. Seen as originator of social service in Peru. South America.

Wednesday 24th August – St. Bartholomew (Apostle) [1601-1680] Bartholomew's name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with the Nathaniel of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

Wednesday 25th August – St. Louis of France [1214-1270] King of France, father of 11 children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second crusade. He is patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

St. Joseph Calasanz (Priest) [1556-1648] Founded the Piarists to run free schools. Patron of Catholic Schools.

Saturday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387] Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron of mothers.

Saturday 28th August – St. Augustine (Bishop and Doctor of the Church) [354-430] Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron of theologians.

Not celebrated this year.

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?
For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry)
email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 16: 13-19:

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today? *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

The Deep End – World Youth Day 2011:

Today Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Mass with over one million young adults in Madrid as the jamboree of WYD11 comes to a close. This week many friendships will have been made, seeds of faith and hope sown, vocations (of all kinds) discerned and the concept of a Kingdom of justice and liberation explored. At WYD 2008 BXVI asked all of us gathered there to thank God for the gift of faith passed down to us by our parents, grandparents and teachers. He said: 'The Spirit revealed in their lives is still at work in the good they left behind.' Then he asked this question: 'Dear young people, what will you leave to the next generation? Are you living your lives in a way that opens up space for the Spirit in the midst of a world that wants to forget God? What legacy will you leave to the young people yet to come?' When people say that our youth are the Church of tomorrow, they are wrong. Young people are the Church of today and unless we, as Church, reach out to them and their spiritual needs, then they will be gone tomorrow. The pilgrims returning from Madrid this week will be ready for anything, ready to work for God's Kingdom of peace. But what will they meet when they return to Ireland? Will this energy be harnessed and put into action? It is up to each of us in our various communities to tap into this great gift of Spirit-filled energy that our young pilgrims are returning with.

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