

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (21st November, 2010)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Last Week in Ordinary Time (21st November, 2010 – 28th November, 2010)				
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions		
Do This In Memory (Week 3)		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:		
		Brian O'Neill (11th Anniversary)		
Sunday 21st November	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo		
Feast of Our Lord	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions		
Jesus Christ, Universal King		11.00am Mass		
Monday 22nd November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr)				
Tuesday 23rd November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:		
St. Columban (abbot and missionary)		Deceased members of the Legion of Mary		
Wednesday 24th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs)				
Thursday 25th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time				
Friday 26th November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass:		
Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time		Eddie and Mary McCullagh (Anniversaries)		
Saturday 27th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
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Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions		
	Vigil for All Nascent	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday followed by Exposition		
	Human Life	of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with the		
		Evening Prayer and Benediction at 9.00pm		
Sunday 28th November	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo		
First Sunday of Advent [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions		
		11.00am Mass		

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.

Thank you for the further £160 for the Annual Retired Priests' Fund taken up on Monday 8th November.

Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpaver please consider a Gift-Aid declaration – your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for Brian O'Neill and Eddie and Mary McCullagh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Vigil for All Nascent Human Life (27th November):

On the 27th November, 2010, the Holy Father will celebrate in St. Peter's a solemn Vigil for all nascent human life. The Vigil is to coincide with First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent and points to the approaching Solemnity of the Nativity of our

The Vigil shall include Eucharistic adoration, to thank the Lord for His total self-giving to the world and for His Incarnation which gives real worth and dignity to every human life. It shall also invoke the Lord's protection over every human being called into existence.

The Holy Father has invited us to hold celebrations involving the faithful in our Dioceses and parishes and I shall be presiding at a Vigil in St. Eugene's Cathedral on the eve of the First Sunday of Advent.

I encourage you to mark this important occasion as appropriate in your parishes and, if possible, to hold a similar Vigil. Yours sincerely Séamus Hegarty, Bishop of Derry

Children in Crossfire would like to thank those who have supported their Advent Campaign in previous years. Advent 2010 calendar boxes will be distributed at the church doors after Masses over the weekends of 20th and 21st and 27th and 28th November. The proceeds from this campaign will go towards supporting the Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Tanzania which treats children from poor communities who are suffering from cancer.

For more info or to volunteer to help with the campaign, visit childrenincrossfire.org/advent or call Mark on (028) 7126 9898

Next Sunday's Rea	adings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Roma	ns 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44
-	(Lectionary I, page 936)	(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)
Lotto Results:	A-F-L-R-Z (5 winners with 3 letters -	£10 each) Next Jackpot: £3,650

Parish Liturgy for	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	Our Lady of the Wayside
(20th and 21st November)	(6.00pm Vigil Mass)	(9.00am Mass)	(11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Emma Clarke	Lucy Hood	Volunteers needed
Offertory Gifts	The family of	The family of	
	Meaghan Clarke	Patrick McElhatton	
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(27th and 28th November)	Grace Conneely	Aíne Lucas	

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the year. Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.

Gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist: During Advent 2010 a Eucharistic Novena of prayer will take place at Christ The King Church Strathroy, Omagh for the combined parishes of Drumragh, Cappagh, Greencastle, Newtownstewart, Castlederg, Drumquin and Gortin to reflect on first part of the Mass. This is part of a program for this area of the diocese to prepare for the Fucharistic Congress planned for Dublin in 2012 Guest Speakers will include:

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Monday 29th November	Mr. Francis Campbell (UK Ambassador of the Holy See)		
Tuesday 30th November	Mrs. Marie Lindsay (Principal of St. Mary's College, Derry)		
Wednesday 1st December	Mr. Richard Moore (Children in Crossfire)		
Thursday 2 nd December	Fr. Pascal McDonell (OFM Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh		
Friday 3 rd December	Mrs. Briege O'Hare (writer on Faith Development)		
Different parishes will lead the prayers each evening. Greencastle and Gortin will share leadership on Tuesday 30th November.			
Please take a promotion leaflet home with you this evening, read it and invite friends and neighbours to attend			

Important Dates in 2011: The Bishop has informed us that Bishop Lagan will come to Greencastle for Confirmation on Wednesday 13th April (Fifth Week of Lent). Primary 4 pupils will make their First Confession on Friday 1st April and First Holy Communion on Sunday 5th June (The Feast of the Ascension).

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Forty Hours Devotion) 2011: Sunday 15th May in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle and Sunday 21st August in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg,

Evening of Reflection and Renewal: Tuesday 16th November in St. Patrick's Church from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Led by Srs. Perpetua McNulty and Marie Wiley from the Thornhill Centre. Derry.

All current Church readers and anyone interested in becoming a lector in our parish are invited to attend

Mass for Deceased Young People: A Mass will celebrated for all the deceased young people of the diocese in Holy Family Parish, Ballymagroarty, Derry on Sunday 28th November at 3.00pm, It will be an opportunity for the family and friends of those who have lost young loved ones to come together in a spirit of prayer and hope.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July, 2011) - Gift Vouchers:

£20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers are available from Rosemary at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. (028) 7136 2475.

Greencastle Parent and Toddlers Group has formed and is now meeting in the Old School House every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am, £2.50 for 1 Child, £3.50 for a family.

All parents are welcome to come along with their babies and toddlers. Snacks provided

International Star Fr. Liam Lawton in Carrickmore for a Christmas Concert:

Fr. Liam Lawton, composer and singer will perform in St. Colmcille's Church, Carrickmore, on Sunday 5th December, Tickets are available online at liamlawton.com and at the following local outlets from Saturday 13th November at a price of £15. The Patrician. Carrickmore (028) 8076 0011, The Parochial House's, Termonmaguirc Parish, Peggy Kerr, Carrickmore (028) 8076 1209, Gavan McElroy, Carrickmore (028) 8076 0043, Brendan Loughran and Sons, Carrickmore (028) 8076 1313 and Conway's Day Today, Loughmacrory (028) 8076 1650.

Trócaire Global Gift: Think beyond the present with a Trócaire Global Gift and help make a life-changing difference to families in the developing world this Christmas. Purchase online, by phone or directly from Trocaire.

trocaire.org/globalgift Tel: 0800 912 1200. 50 King Street, Belfast

Greencastle Youth Club Rota				
Monday 2210 November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Anne Morris)		
	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Siobhán O'Neill and Rosies Morris)		
Tuesday 23rd November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Siobhán McKenna)		
Upcoming		Sunday 21st November Dance with music by Cascades		
BADA Events		Every Friday Night Card playing at 8.30pm		

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

The Pope's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community. find in the power of our Saving God strength for a radical life-change.

Missionary: That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God.

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available: Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.

For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com

Parents Advice Centre - Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accrediated Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St. Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street):

3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding, Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer €260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire - Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

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 For more info please contact the Hospice on (028) 7135 1010 bereavement support group.

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 www.familycaresociety.net

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

Tuesday's Child - Christmas Gala Ball: Tuesday's Child's Christmas Gala Ball is on Saturday 18th December in Belfast City Hall, hosted by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Pat Convery. The MC for the evening is Paul Clark from UTV and Sean Crummey is after-dinner speaker.

Music is by Siobhán Pettit and her 9 piece swing band Nightswing. There is a pre-drinks reception with Christmas Carols by Louise Irvine and St. Malachy's Senior String Quartet and fabulous raffle prizes and auction items including some beautiful art pieces donated by artists north and south. Tickets are £60 and make an ideal Christmas gift, tables seat 10. All proceeds will go to Tuesday's Child projects for children living in extreme hardship in Gaza, India and Pakistan. We give 100% of proceeds.

For more info call (028) 9050 2725 or email info@tuesdayschild.org.uk or visit tuesdayschild.org.uk

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Sunday 21st November -

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King We celebrate Christ as the Universal King. Through his cross he has won a holy nation and a royal people. In his kingdom he has reconciled all things to himself and through himself. He is the true shepherd-king who leads his people to peace.

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Not celebrated this year. Monday 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 25th November –

Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the Monastery on Mt. Sinai. St. Colman (bishop) Was born around 530, probably in West Cork, A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

Saturday 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.

St. Catherine of Alexandria (virgin and martyr) Was martyred in 310 at

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - Luke 23:35-43:

- 1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus who never used power to his own advantage. Whom have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this wav?
- The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
- Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
- The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others? John Byrne OSA (iohn@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Jesus said to the repentant thief, 'I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.' Doesn't that mean there is no purgatory?
- A. Hold on a second, it's not so simple. The text is not clear whether today refers to the day when the promise was made or to the time when the promise would be fulfilled. It depends on where the translator puts the comma. Then again, what does today mean? Scripture tells us that with the Lord a thousand years is like a single day. Furthermore, the promise made to one man does not necessarily refer to everybody, especially since not everybody is as repentant as that dying man beside Jesus on Calvary.

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

The Deep End - Go Cosmic for Christ:

Bye, bye 'ordinary' time. Welcome cosmic. The Church's liturgical year ends this week – and with a bang by celebrating Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. And what a universe it is! Its sheer size, astonishing age and confounding complexity are beyond anything our minds can grasp. The more we see of it through the Very Large Telescope in Chile, or the Hubble and Kepler space telescopes, the more awesome it appears. From data obtained 22,000 light years distant, astronomers have lit upon a new class of star so colossal it shatters current theoretical limits as to how large a star can be. Then, last June in just one download of information the Kepler telescope doubled the number of known planets outside our solar system to 700. Just as scientists realise through their impressive discoveries how little they know compared to what can be known, so too should we as people of faith realise the same as far as our faith is concerned.

Dogmas don't close doors. They ensure that the right doors are opened. The door to the cosmic Christ is clearly marked in today's Second Reading (Col 1:12-20). There we have the risen Christ described as the one in whom 'all things in heaven and on earth were created' – even these newly discovered colossal stars, and all things as yet undetected by human technology.

There's more to faith than morals. There's the breathtaking, visionary, near cockeyed, mind-stretching promise of a fullness of life beyond death that no telescope could ever reveal. That's what faith is for. Happy New Year!

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Angelus – Pope Highlights Importance of Agriculture:

Vatican City (14th November, 2010) [VIS]

In his remarks prior to praying the Angelus this Sunday, the Holy Father spoke of the importance that work, especially agricultural work, has for human life.

Addressing the thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope recalled how this question is highlighted in today's reading from St. Paul, and that in Italy the second Sunday of November is dedicated to thanking God for the end of the harvest. "Although I know that in other areas the farming seasons are different, I would like to draw from St. Paul's words to reflect particularly on agricultural work", he said.

"The current economic crisis, which was also examined during the recent meeting of the G20, must be faced in all its seriousness. It has many causes, and sends out a strong call for a profound revision in the model of global economic development. It is an acute symptom which must be added to other even more serious and already well-known symptoms such as the enduring imbalance between wealth and poverty, the scandal of hunger, the ecological emergency, and the now-widespread problem of unemployment. Faced with such a panorama, a strategic relaunch of agriculture is clearly vital. Indeed, the process of industrialisation has sometimes overshadowed the agricultural sector which, though it too has drawn benefit from modern technology, has nonetheless lost importance, bringing significant consequences also at a cultural level. I believe it is the moment to call for a re-evaluation of agriculture, not in nostalgic terms but as a vital resource for the future

"In the current economic situation", the Pope added, "the temptation for the most dynamic economies is to seek advantageous agreements. However, this can turn out to be harmful to poorer States, prolonging the situation of extreme poverty suffered by vast numbers of men and women and using up the natural resources of the earth, which was - as Genesis says - entrusted by God the Creator to man for him to cultivate and protect". He went on: "For this reason it is vital to cultivate and spread a clear ethical awareness, one capable of meeting the most complex challenges of the present time, educating people in wiser and more responsible consumption patterns, promoting personal responsibility and the social dimension of rural activities founded on such perennial values as welcome, solidarity, and sharing the fatigue of work".

The Holy Father concluded: "Many young people have already chosen this path, and even a number of university graduates have chosen to dedicate themselves to agricultural business feeling that in this way they are responding, not only to a personal and family need, but also to a sign of the times, a concrete awareness of the common good".