



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (22nd January, 2012)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (23rd January, 2012 – 29th January, 2012)

Saturday Evening (21st January)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 23rd January Third Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th January St. Francis de Sales		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul (Apostle)		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 26th January St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 27th January St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (28th January)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Malachy Coyle (7 th Anniversary)
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,120**.
Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.
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.

Invitation to Mass: If you are a homemaker, not presently working or are retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **John Francis Fox, Cassie Bradley** and **Desmond Logue** whose anniversary occurs at this time

Trócaire: Justin McCullen (Director of Trócaire) sent us a newsletter this week which detailed some of the impact the donations for the special Haiti Appeal taken up after the earthquake there two years ago which killed up to 300,000 people and left so many homeless has had. Lent will soon be upon us and this year's Trócaire Box will tell the story of **Daniel Okweng** from Northern Uganda. Forced to flee their home due to conflict, Daniel and his family have moved back to their family home having spent many years in a camp. It was at this point that their biggest struggle began, to begin life again. With the support of Greencastle parish's contributions Trócaire has been there, helping this family to readjust to the life back home. Working together with the community Trócaire has provided training and support groups to help people cope with the trauma they have experienced.
Trócaire will greatly appreciate your support for Lent 2012

Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting: Monday 23rd January at 9.00pm.

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9, R/v. 9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28; (Lectionary I, page 745) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: B – C – M – P – R (4 people with 4 letters – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £6,700

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 21 st January The family of David Morris	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 22 nd January The family of Ciaran Bradley
Saturday 28 th January The family of Stephan Meenan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 29 th January The family of Orla Warnock
Saturday 4 th February The family of Enda McKenna	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 5 th February The family of Rachael Tuohey
Saturday 11 th February The family of Shona McKenna	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th February The family of Laura Tuohey
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

Do This In Memory – Our Parish's First Holy Communion Preparation Programme:
 Our next gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Saturday 11th February).

Enrolling Child at Our Lady of Lourdes PS: Forms are presently available for anyone wishing to enrol their child in Year One for September, 2012. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

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.
The theme is Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World

Couples Planning to Marry in 2012: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Sunday 1st – Friday 6th July): Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre ((028) 7135 1233) and The Diocesan Pastoral Centre ((028) 7136 2475).
Vouchers can be used as part or full payment

YARD Project (Columba House, 11 Queen St , Derry) – Family Information and Support Day:
 Saturday 4th February from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Are you worried about a relative or friend's drinking, gambling or drug-taking? Would you like more information about how you can help your loved one and take better care of yourself? This is an opportunity for you to hear from people who have been in your situation and found the support they needed to move forward.
Places are limited so please contact the YARD Project on (028) 7126 9113 to reserve your place

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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

Questions people ask:
 Q. When Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God was he referring to heaven or to life here on earth?
 A. The kingdom is the central theme of the mission of Jesus in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew. Sometimes it refers to life with God in heaven, sometimes to the church community, but most often to the establishment of God's reign on earth, overcoming the power of evil in the world. Jesus began his mission with the proclamation that the kingdom of God is at hand. To that end he called people to repent and believe, that is, to leave wrongdoing behind and to follow his way. The apostles, we are told, left everything and followed him.
Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 23 rd January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Carmel McElearney and Marial Tuohey)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Jacinta McElhatton and Cathy McBride)
Tuesday 24 th January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Siobhan McKenna and Joanne Beggs)
An Bruach Dearg Community Centre <i>Upcoming Events</i>		Every Friday Night Beginning February Card playing at 8.30pm Pilates/Yoga classes

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General:	Victims of Natural Disasters: That victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.
Missionary:	Dedication to Peace: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

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 under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you? <i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i>	
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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. <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>	
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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 3 rd 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>	
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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.	
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Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: In 2012 the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 1 st to Friday 6 th 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.	
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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>	
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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	
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012		
International Eucharistic Congress		Dublin Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th June
Sacramental Celebrations		
Friday 23rd March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Thursday 29th March Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Hegarty)
Sunday 20th June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sunday 13th May	St. Patrick's	
Sunday 2nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside	

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish		
Tuesday 20 th December	Wednesday 8 th February	Friday 30 th March
Tuesday 22 nd May	Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August
		Friday 19 th October
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed on the date		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30th June and 1st July)		
Saturday 30th June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion		
Saturday 14th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 11th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 10th March	Second Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 23rd March		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 31st March	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 5th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 9th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Parish Liturgy for January, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Ciaran Tuohey	Lucy Hood	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Brenda Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for all you do in our community, anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries must make it known			

Are You Caring For Someone Confused and Forgetful? Then Perhaps We Can Help - Cookstown and Magherafelt Volunteer Centre, Northern Health & Social Care Trust and Alzheimer's Society are holding three Information Days on Developing a Befriending Service for people with Dementia in the Mid Ulster area.	
Tuesday 17th January (10.00am – 12.00noon)	Network Personnel Building, Magherafelt
Tuesday 17th January (10.00am – 12.00noon)	Cookstown Enterprise Agency, Cookstown
Tuesday 17th January (10.00am – 12.00noon)	St Lurach's Hall, Maghera
For more info, please contact: Michele McKeown. Centre Co-ordinator Cookstown and Magherafelt Volunteer Centre, 55 Rainey Street, Magherafelt. BT45 5AF Tel/Fax: (028) 7930 1862 michele@cookstownmagherafeltvc.org cookstownmagherafeltvc.org	

Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award:

To take place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February in the Millennium Forum Derry.

Rouskey Community Notes

First Aid Course with Bettie Dolan

Monday 30th January from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Need 6 people to run the class. The Heartstart programme includes skills such as: assessing an unconscious patient, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), dealing with choking, serious bleeding and helping someone that may be having a heart attack. Knowing what to do when someone has a cardiac arrest is important. If you can do CPR you can buy the time needed for professional help to arrive and save the life of your loved one. Being able to do CPR more than doubles their chance of survival. Wednesday night from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Price will depend on how many young people will attend the class We will going back to the Community Showcase 2012 in Strule Art Centre. Age 5 to 16

Drama Classes with Clíodhna Fullen

Anyone interested in any other classes should contact Bridie on (028) 8164 8706 or 07847 459 428 or leave a message on the phone

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

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

Volunteers urgently needed for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012:

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!

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.

50th International Eucharistic Congress: Bookings to attend the 50th International Eucharistic Congress are live at iec2012.ie. You can book for 7 days, for 3 days or for a single day. You can decide to come as an individual, as a family or as a group. Clergy bookings are live as well. Do not leave it to the last minute! Read more about the different possibilities of booking for the Congress and book now!

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The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme '*The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another*' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

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.



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.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

Tuesday 24th January – St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1567-1622] Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists.

Wednesday 25th January – The Conversion of St. Paul (Apostle) St. Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his own life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples.

Thursday 26th January – St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops) Close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a Patron Saint in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

Friday 27th January – St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious) [1474-1540] Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

Saturday 28th January – St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church) [1224-1274] Born in Italy, Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is a Patron Saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 1:14-20:

1. 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.
2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus called for a change of heart as a response to the good news of the gospel. A new level of faith in yourself leads to a new way of seeing yourself. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. In the everyday events of our own lives we can see the grace of God at work. When have you had what you would consider a 'call experience' that led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

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The Deep End – Something Fishy:

Our First Reading today doesn't tell us the whole story. In this, the tail-end of Jonah's story, we see him respond immediately to God's call and head off obediently to preach to the people of Nineveh. But that's only half the story. The earlier chapters of the Book of Jonah saw him stubbornly refuse to do as God asked him, fleeing instead in the opposite direction. It takes a mighty storm, a near shipwreck, and a very close encounter with a big fish to make him see sense and do as he's asked. And even then, as Jonah's story draws to a close, we see him sulking outside Nineveh because he feels God should not have awarded the very forgiveness he himself has preached! He has certainly earned his title of reluctant prophet.

Not so the disciples in today's Gospel. When Simon, Andrew, James, and John are called by Jesus, they leave their nets and their boats 'at once' to follow him. They even leave their families behind, such is their haste to follow Jesus. In the opening pages of the Gospel of Mark, everything happens 'at once' or immediately. Jesus' collecting of disciples is unstoppable, and the work of the kingdom too immediate to wait. There's no time for dilly dallying. It took some time and some convincing, and being swallowed whole by a fish, before Jonah was ready to fulfil God's plan. The disciples, by contrast, are ready and willing to respond to Jesus' call: 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' The choice is ours.

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