

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Third Sunday of Easter [Year B] (22nd April, 2012)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Easter [Year B] (23rd April, 2012 – 29th April, 2012)

Saturday Evening (21st April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh (12 th Anniversaries)
Sunday 22nd April Third Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Michael and Rosaleen Clarke
Monday 23rd April Third Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Mary Ellen Daly (15 th Anniversary)
Tuesday 24th April Third Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th April St. Mark (Evangelist)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 26th April Third Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 27th April Third Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Maureen Fox (4 th Anniversary)
Saturday 28th April Third Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (28th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th April Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B] Day of Prayer for Vocations	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Jane McNamee (1 st Anniversary)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,070**.

Annual Lenten Trócaire Collection: A further total of **£165** was donated.

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.

Remembering Our Dead: Your prayers are asked for **Sean Conway (Maryville)** and **Francis McCrory (Cookstown)** who both entered eternal life this past week, we extend our prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn for them at this time. We also pray for **John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh, Michael and Rosaleen Clarke, Mary Ellen Daly, Barney McCullagh, Fr. John McCullagh** and **Maureen Fox** whose anniversaries occur at this time

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: Sunday 22nd April. Bishop Lagan will celebrate. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 1116

Next Sundays Readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18;
 (Lectionary I, page 490) (Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: D – E – G – P – U (15 people with 4 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,350

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 21 st April The family of Joseph Warnock	Offertory Gifts Rota Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 22 nd April The family of Emma Maguire
Saturday 28th April The family of Niamh Tracey	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 29th April The family of Ronan Hollywood
Saturday 5th May The family of Kieran Mulholland	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 6th May The family of Ryan Gumley
Saturday 12th May The family of David Morris	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 13th May The family of Kira Donnelly
Saturday 19th May The family of Megan Coyle	Feast of the Ascension	Sunday 20th May The pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes PS <i>First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is scheduled for the 11.00am Mass which will take place in Saint Patrick's Church Greencastle. 9.00am Mass will be in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg on this date.</i>
Saturday 26th May The family of Shona McKenna	Feast of the Pentecost	Sunday 27th May The family of Stephan Meenan

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
 See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie || T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295
Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):
 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get that little bit of extra help from volunteers. It is a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (updates from Fr. Seamus Kelly):

Many thanks to all who supported our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, it was a great success. All the ticket applications for Statio Orbis Mass (17th June at Croke Park) have been sent to Dublin tickets may not arrive until the end of May. There still may be some tickets available so people can still apply and send the money and if not successful money will be returned.

Magnificat Booklets with the Congress liturgies will be available at €1/£1 each. (People who go to the Mass will be given one automatically).

1932 Gathering April 22nd / 23rd (Brochure attached). This involves free B&B and Lunch, April 22nd / 23rd, sponsored by the Brennan's Green Isle Hotel for people who were at the Congress in 1932. Please consider promoting this as widely as possible as it also includes an invitation to 1932 veterans to avail of free access to the *Statio Orbis*.

Choirs: There is a call out for choirs to support congregational singing during the Congress week and at the Statio Orbis <http://www.iec2012.ie/choirs> (special allocation over and above the diocesan allocation)

Theology Symposium <http://www.iec2012.ie/index.jsp?p=108&n=147>. This is a really good programme and worth encouraging catechists, pastoral workers as well as clergy and religious and anyone with a certain level of theological formation to sign up. For more information visit [iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

How to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012):

Call the IEC2012 Booking offices on (01) 2981122	Book Online on the website at iec2012.ie/registration
Download a paper booking form from the Congress website and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14	
Advance bookings are open until the 9 th of May. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. BOOK NOW!	

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre Upcoming Events	Saturday 12th May	Annual Guest Tea, 8.30pm. Music by <i>Cascades</i>
	Sunday 12th August	Dance, details of music at later date.
	Sunday 26th August	Dance, details of music at later date.



Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.
Missionary: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African Continent.

It touched my heart to see a world of so much suffering, all the suffering, sadness and poverty of human existence; but also to see how State and Church work together to help those who suffer. ... It is, I believe, evident that by helping the suffering man becomes more human, the world becomes more human.
Pope Benedict XVI en route back from Africa (Monday 23rd March, 2009)

Special invitation to Young People to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: Young people from 17 to 25 years of age from all across Ireland are invited to celebrate their faith at this summer's International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (from 10-16 June) in an event that is being described as one of the most ambitious youth ministry programmes ever presented in this country. 'Go! Be Church!' is the name of the Youth Programme, where around 2,500 young people will gather and experience a lively and international Church while rediscovering the meaning of communion. Come and participate in this event with workshops, dramas, interactive catechesis, concerts, social activities, games, art, fun and much more! Booking is required and youth can register as individuals or groups on www.iec2012.ie/registration. For more information on the youth programme go to www.iec2012.ie/youth. **Liturgical Music for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 announced:** The musical repertoire for each of the liturgies of the Congress from 10th June to 17th June has now been released. The goal of the music programme for IEC2012 is to encourage the entire assembly to participate as fully as possible in the liturgies of the week. A core choir will lead the music each day with the participation of many others gathered in the RDS and, on the final day, in Croke Park. We hope to involve choirs and singers from all Ireland. It is important for choirs to register for the Congress as soon as possible if you wish to sing in the Congress liturgies as part of the massed choirs. We suggest that you register as a group, giving your choir name as the group name and send an email to our offices. To book for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/registrations or call 01 2981122. To download the music for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/music

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

International Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012
 Lord Jesus,
 You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.
 You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.
 May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.
 May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

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

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach "new generations" that "only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon" can lead to "fraternity and peace in truth."
 He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

International Eucharistic Congress Dublin Sunday 10th – Sunday 17th June

Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 20th May St. Patrick's **11.00am** First Holy Communion
 Feast of the Ascension

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 22nd May Wednesday 11th July Thursday 30th August Friday 19th October
 Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed

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 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

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 24:35-48:

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- A. In these difficult economic times, doesn't it send out the wrong message to be spending so much money on the Eucharistic Congress?
- A. The Congress is a great opportunity to proclaim the inner holiness of the Church and the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. If it costs a bit of money, so what! Some Third World countries, much poorer than Ireland, were proud to host the Congress. Many of the finest churches in Ireland were built by the pennies of people who had little but wanted to make a public statement of their reverence for God. I don't know the estimated cost but I suspect that if everybody who has ever availed of the services of the Church were to contribute one euro, it should cover all expenses.
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