

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

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg St. Patrick's, Greencastle

Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A] (22nd May, 2011)

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Lituray Schedule for the Fifth Week of Faster IYear A1 (23rd May 2011 – 29th May 2011)

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Saturday Evening Vigil (21st May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public
		Recitation of the Rosary before
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
		John J. Donnelly (14th Anniversary)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Patrick's	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
	•	11.00am Mass DDS (members and benefactors)
Monday 23rd May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Fifth Week of Easter		•
Tuesday 24th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Fifth Week of Easter		·
Wednesday 25th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
St. Bede the Venerable (priest and doctor	or of the Church), St. Gregory	VII (pope) and St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (virgin)
Thursday 26th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
St. Philip Neri (priest)		·
Friday 27th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 8.00pm Mass
St. Augustine of Canterbury		
Saturday 28th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Fifth Week of Easter		·
Saturday Evening Vigil (28th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and
		Public Recitation of the Rosary before
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 29th May	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
	•	10.30am Confessions
		11.00am Mass DDS (members and benefactors)

## Praying the Rosary During the Month of May

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us in praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

First Holy Communion for Year 4 will take place at 11.00am Mass in St. Patrick's, Greencastle on Sunday 5th June at 9.00am Mass on that morning will be at Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £900. Trócaire Lenten Campaign: This week £50 was given. Diocesan Purposes Collection: £110 was raised. Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: This annual collection is scheduled to take place on the weekend of 28th and 29th May. The fund is dependent on the monies raised from this one collection to support people who are sick and in need of medical care. The strength of the collection determines the number of sick and the number of medical helpers that we are able to bring. Thank you for having generously supported us in the past, we hope that we can rely on your support this year again.

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.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith community we pray for John J. Donnelly whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21; (Lectionary I, page 534) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: D - H - M - R - W (3 winners with 4 letters - £35 each) Next Jackpot: £4,950

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The family of <b>Orla Coyle</b> of Easter The family of <b>Daniel McC</b>	60	Saturday 21st May	Fifth Sunday	Sunday 20th May
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The family of Shaun Coyle of Easter The family of Leah McGu	61	The family of Shaun Coyle	of Easter	The family of Leah McGuigan

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

World Social Communications Day Tweet: Join in from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Pope Benedict XVI's message at (tinyurl.com/6jxpjvm)

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.

Eucharistic Congress 2010: Anyone (or more) willing to represent Greencastle parish faith-community in this work should contact Fr. Hasson immediately. A meeting will be held in Dregish on Tuesday May 31st May

Knock Summer Youth Festival (24th to 26th June). The Festival is a three-day event involving workshops, talks, reflection, prayer, and music. Explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. For those aged between 18 and 35. Diocesan Trip to Lourdes (16th to 21st July): 13 to 15 year olds. justin.ncmahon@derrydiocese.org

Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Places are still available (€30 includes boat fare and light lunch): 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Three Day Pilgrimage: (€55 includes boat fare and accommodation) You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August.

For further information on any of these events or to make a reservation please contact The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Tel: (028) 6863 2391 (from NI) or email info@loughderg.org. Visit loughderg.org for other events.

Pilgrimage to Knock in Preparation for the National Eucharist Congress (Saturday 25th June): Anointing of the Sick at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm.

It is hoped that many people representing all parishes will take part in the pilgrimage

Job Vacancy for Freelance Journalist: The Irish Catholic Newspaper is seeking to recruit a freelance journalist to cover religious, cultural, political and general church affairs in the North of Ireland.

> If you are interested in applying then please forward your CV with cover letter, outlining why you think you are suitable for the job to editor@irishcatholic.ie

Children in Crossfire - Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 20th August. A deposit of £15 secures your place with further fundraising of £135. All proceeds are going towards vital life changing projects for some of the world's most vulnerable children.

Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org

Flower Festival - Radiating Christ: Rev. William Seale, Rector at St. Columba's, Omagh invites us to their church from 27th to 30th May, drawing our attention to the Opening Service with preacher Rt. Rev Ken Good (Bishop of Derry and Raphoe) on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm and the closing concert on Monday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Group catering is available for coach parties (morning/afternoon tea and meals available). Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

For additional details and advance catering bookings email drumraghflowerfestival@gmail.com

Rouskey Community Development Association – Annual General Meeting: Friday 27th May at 7.30pm. Can anyone who has borrowed any equipment such as chairs and cups please contact any members of committee to return them, thank you. We hire out the Centre for private functions. Classes are also held: Anyone interested in any of these classes please contact or leave a message at (028) 8164 8706 or (078) 4745 9428

Dance in Community Centre Hall: Friday 27th May from 10.00pm to 1.00am with music from Larry & Co. Admission is £5.00 (including supper)

## BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre - Upcoming Events:

Friday 3rd June

Annual Guest Tea at 8.30pm followed by dancing to Cascades. Tickets available from all committee members and Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633

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

# Dates for the Diary in 2011 Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am First Holy Communion Feast of the Ascension

## 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)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses 10th and 11th June

Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street,
Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btopenworld.com
Courses are limited to 15 couples. Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.

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

General: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

**Missionary:** That the Lord may grant the Church in China the capacity to persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to grow in unity.

**Take a Look at Our Diocesan Website:** The website is regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be full of resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful!

\*\*derrydiocese.org\*\*

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July):** Anyone wishing to work on this year's pilgrimage as staff (nurse, carer, doctor, wheelchair pusher) please ensure that your application is submitted promptly so Safe-Guarding documentation may be obtained.

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<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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

**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 <a href="https://www.knockmarriagebureau.com">www.knockmarriagebureau.com</a> and read about the workings of the Bureau.

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| The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday) |
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| The Resurrection                              | The Resurrection                              | The Resurrection                              | The Resurrection                              |
| The Ascension                                 | The Ascension                                 | The Ascension                                 | The Ascension                                 |
| The Descent of the                            |
| Holy Spirit on the Apostles                   |
| The Assumption of                             | The Assumption of                             | The Assumption of                             | The Assumption of                             |
| our Lady into Heaven                          |
| The Crowning of our                           |
| Lady as Queen of Heaven                       |

**Sperrin View Livery Equestrian Weekend in Aid of Foyle Hospice:** Sponsored Horse Ride Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Sponsored Horse Drive Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, routes available for all abilities and levels, refreshments provided on both days. Entry fee £25 per event.

Contact Kathleen, Sperrin View Livery, Glendera Road, Feeny, 07709159016 or Jamie 07871970997

YARD Project (Young Adults Reality Dreams) – *Back 2 Ur Roots*: Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May for four weeks. Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If you are a young person interested in exploring your faith, benefiting from practical support such as accredited training (OCN Level 2 in Drama) and learning new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment, get in touch with us at The YARD Project, Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry T: (028) 7126 9113. We also offer specialised addiction counselling to young people and support to families affected by addiction.

## **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.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly): Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th August. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around Northern Ireland.

For more information contact 07706 736 677 (from NI) or book online at youth2000.ie

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

#### Saint for May – St. Comgall (Sunday 10th May):

Week beginning Sunday 4th May

St. Comgall was born around 526 in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finian of Molville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-558, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost 602 or 605.

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 familycaresociety.net

## Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *John 14:1-12*:

- 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
- 2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
- 3. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer: 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

  John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

## Questions people ask:

- Q. What is the point of reading all those bits in the Old Testament about smiting enemies?
- A. Yes these passages do not make pleasant reading. But at least they show us the ugly side of human history and the world's need of a Saviour. Throughout the Old Testament there is a gradual development in the understanding of God's revelation, reaching completion only in the coming of Jesus Christ. Remember those parts of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus moves from 'You have heard it said' to 'but I say to you'. The history into which Jesus was born was far from perfect. Are we any better today? Instead of pointing fingers at people of bygone ages, we'd be better advised to look at our own lives in the light of Jesus' teaching.

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

## The Deep End – Have a Little Faith:

'I am not self-conscious. I am confident. I can do anything.' The 2010 documentary, The Sound of Mumbai, follows the story of 11-year-old Ashish and his friends from the Mumbai slums who come together for one night to perform The Sound of Music with the Bombay Chamber Orchestra in the National Centre for the Performing Arts.

As he prepares to take on a solo in the concert, Ashish gives himself a pep talk every night, writing out and repeating the mantra 'I am confident. I have confidence'. Amid self-doubt and some jealousy from his peers, and with the hopes of his entire family riding on this one performance, Ashish carries off the solo with aplomb. The documentary ends with him bidding 'auf wiedersehen' to his mentor, Austrian-born orchestra conductor Johannis Steinwender who is returning home. 'I'm going back to Austria and they are going back to the slums,' he remarks, promising Ashish that they will meet again when he returns. The grinning boy returns to his family life, with the memory of his moment in the spotlight and his dreams of a brighter future.

Today's Gospel speaks to us of trust, and of hope. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled,' are the comforting words of Jesus. 'Trust in God still, and trust in me.' Jesus is going away but he will return. As well as trusting in Jesus, the disciples must trust in themselves and their experience of Jesus. In spite of Thomas and Philip's questions, they already know the way to the Father, because Jesus is the way. They have already seen the Father, because he is in Jesus. And if they truly believe they will perform 'even greater works' than Jesus himself. All it takes is faith!

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