

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Year B (22nd November, 2009)

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Liturgical Schedule for the Last Week in Ordinary Time. 23rd November – 29th November, 2009

No weekday Mass between Monday 23rd November and Saturday 28th November

Saturday 28th November (evening)	Saint Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: (Mary and Eddie McCullagh – Anniversary)
Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Schedule for Weekday Mass in Our Neighbouring Parishes (taken from Diocesan and Parish Websites)

Monday – Saturday	St. Mary's, Killyclogher	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Monday – Thursday, Saturday	St. Mary's, Loughmacrory	10.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass
Monday – Saturday	St. Colmcille's, Carrckmore	9.30am Mass
Monday – Thursday	St. Mary's, Dunamore	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Monday	St. Joseph's, Killeenan	7.30pm Mass
Tuesday – Friday		9.30am Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Sacred Heart Church, Plumbridge	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Wednesday	St. Patrick's Church, Cranagh	7.30pm Mass
Tuesday - Thursday	St. Columba's, Straw	7.30pm Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday – Friday	Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Tuesday and Thursday Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Christ the King Church, Strathroy	9.30am Mass 7.30pm Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,360**. **Please support your parish 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 also for the further **£205** received for the **Retired Priests' Fund** bringing it to the current total of **£885**, further contributions will be gladly received.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Clara Bronagh Maguire** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, her parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Sick and housebound will be attended **Monday 7th December**. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

Annual Bazaar: Sunday 29th November at 8.30pm in the Community Centre. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Centre. Your support will be appreciated.

Frank Tracey on behalf of Chest, Heart & Stroke Association wishes to thank you for your recent support and generosity. A total of **£2,150** was raised.

Scór na nÓg 2009 Final: Sunday 22nd November at 3.00pm in the Parochial Centre, Coalisland - Adh mor oraibh to those representing Cumann Naomh Padraig agus Sperrin Og in solo singing, dancing and quiz.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
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Lotto Numbers: 14, 15, 18, 22 (1 winner with 3 numbers – £50 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,050

Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

28 th / 29 th November, 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley	Volunteer needed	Helen McKenna
Offertory Gifts	The family of Megan Conway	The family of Caoileann Conway	

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Annual Pioneer Retreat:
Sunday 6th December from 10.30am. Donation: £14.

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot. Co. Donegal: A space of quiet, prayer and solitude. Available for individual retreats and spiritual guidance. Residential accommodation and meals in the Centre's hermitages. Promotions offer €45 per night. "Come away by yourself to a desert place and rest for a while." Contact Fr. Neal Carlin on 00353 74936 8370 or sacre@eircom.net for enquiries and bookings.

University of Ulster – Tasmin Little: The Naked Violin Tour: In concert at The Great Hall, Magee University, Derry on Thursday 3rd December at 8.00pm.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Every Friday Night	Card game from 8.30pm
Sunday 22nd November	Dance, with music by <i>Country Legends Peter and Harry</i>

Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:

Monday 23 rd November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Anne Morris
Monday 23 rd November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Fergal Lucas
Tuesday 24 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Barry Maguire

Trócaire – Last Christmas Trócaire Global Gifts helped change these lives:

My name is Justo, I am a single father from Colombia. My four children and I were forced to flee our home because of rebel fighting. We moved to the capital and I eventually managed to find work on a construction site. Like many other families, we lived in a small hut made from bits of plastic and wood. It was not a safe place to raise a family. Thankfully Trócaire gave me materials and tools to build a house and taught me how to use them. I built a home for my children and helped my neighbours to do the same. Thanks to the help Trócaire gave us, our small community has grown and I am now an active leader in a community group that helps families.

The Gift of a House helped people like Justo to provide a safe home for his family

Children in Crossfire are launching their 2009 Advent campaign in Greencastle, the proceeds from which will help vulnerable children and young people in Ethiopia and Tanzania. Children in Crossfire Advent calendars will be available over the weekends of **21st and 22nd November**, and **28th and 29th November**. For more details, please visit www.childrencrossfire.org/advent

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 12:38-44:

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

- Monday 23rd November – St. Columban (Abbot and Missionary)** Also known as St. Columbanus, he was born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on a pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve 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 in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks.
- Tuesday 24th November – St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions** In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19th June 1988 Pope John Paul II canonized 117 of these; 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominican missionaries from Spain and 10 French missionaries.
- Wednesday 25th November – St. Catherine (282-305)** Was martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.
St. Colman Was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by Saint Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.
- Friday 27th November – St. Fergal (or Virgil)** 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.

Theft From Vehicles in Church Car Parks: Local police have made the following suggestions to advise us on the security of vehicles. *Never* leave valuables in plain sight. Always take them with you or lock away in the boot. *Handbags* are the main reason they will target your car; if you don't need the handbag leave it at home. *Sat Navs / Mobile Phones* are again not needed in church, leave them at home or lock them away in the boot or glove compartment.

Help to contain the swine flu impact: Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.
Irish News (18th July, 2009)

Questions people ask:

- Q. I have seen several television programmes claiming that there were other gospels which were suppressed by the Catholic Church. Is this true?
- A. Yes, there are several works which are called gospels but they differ from the authentic gospels on some important matters. These writings came from heretical sects. Obviously the Church did not favour the use of these misleading writings. Even the whiff of suppressing any writing is enough to excite the imagination of certain writers and television producers who love to attack the Catholic Church as being up to its neck in conspiracies. Conspiracy theories and accounts of unhappy childhood are the most lucrative sellers in the popular market today. Bad news exercises a strange fascination.

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

The Deep End – Truth Reigns:

Someone remarked that there are three sides to every story: your side, my side and the truth. In today's Gospel reading (John 18:33-37) Jesus links the reign of his kingdom very closely with testifying to truth. Celebrating Jesus as universal king, means celebrating truth's triumph over falsehood, the victory of good over evil.

However, lest triumphalism makes us cocky, we need to remember the cost of this triumph – nothing less than the torture and murder of God's Son on earth. Sounds a bit strange put that way, doesn't it? We're more used to hearing about the passion and death of Jesus. Passion has become a sanitised word sounding less harsh than *torture*, even though the pain of it isn't. *Crucifixion*, while a terrible word and an even more terrible reality, still sounds that bit more distant than *murder* does.

Jesus was murdered because he spoke the truth. Anyone who speaks as Jesus did risks the same fate ultimately. Yet, in spite of threats from those with vested interests who don't want the truth to be told, truth will out and does prevail. That's what we celebrate this day. But, not only do we celebrate the victory of truth, we also celebrate the fact that people are prepared to die for it. We have examples of that throughout history. We have martyrs for truth among us today. We will have them into the future too.

Today we celebrate the three sides to this story: I testify to truth, you testify to truth and truth triumphs, for all three become one.

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