



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderrg
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (23rd January, 2011)
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Today is Ecumenical Sunday when we celebrate what God is doing through the many ecumenical agencies - local, regional, national and international - that make up the modern ecumenical movement. As we continue our special prayers *"that all may be one... that the world may believe"* (John 17:21), we take time to familiarise ourselves with the work that different organisations do to promote understanding and cooperation among Christians and others in our community.

Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (24th January, 2011 – 30th January, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil Do This In Memory (week 5)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 23rd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 24th January St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass

The 2011 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "One in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer"(cf. Acts 2:42) concludes with Tuesday's Feast Day – Conversion of St. Paul.

Tuesday 25th January Conversion of St. Paul (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 26th January St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 27th January St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass Malachy Coyle (6 th Anniversary)
Saturday 29th January Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Sunday 30th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's 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 **£1,105**. 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: We pray for **Malachy Coyle** and **John Francis Fox** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pope calls on Young People to Drive Carefully: At the end of today's general audience the Holy Father greeted members of the Italian association "Figli in paradiso: ali tra cielo e terra" (Children in paradise: wings between heaven and earth) which brings together members of families in which children have died. "Do not let yourselves be overcome with desolation and despair" the Pope said. "Rather, transform your suffering into hope, as Mary did at the foot of the cross". He also encouraged young people "to calculate risks and to act at all times with prudence and a sense of responsibility, especially when driving a motor vehicle, in order to protect your own lives and those of others". Addressing the priests who spiritually accompany the bereaved families, Benedict XVI encouraged them to continue their generous service, giving assurances of his prayers "for all young people who have lost their lives" Vatican City (19th January, 2011) (VIS)

Greencastle Youth Club Rota

Monday 24 th January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Liz Connelly)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Geraldine Tuohey and Marty McDermott)
Tuesday 25 th January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Sean Clarke)

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12
 (Lectionary I, page 647) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: A – O – P – U – W (4 Winners with 3 letters – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,100

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
43	Saturday 22 nd January * The family of Caitlin Warnock	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 23 rd January The family of Rachael McAleer
44	Saturday 29 th January The family of Sean Og McCann	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 30 th January The family of Caoimhe Warnock

*** Do This In Memory Week 5**

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

Vocations Information Day (Saturday 5th February) – “Whom shall I send..?”: Could you be called to serve God and God's people as a priest in the diocese of Derry? Come and see a day of reflection on the theme of vocation.

11.00am-4.00pm, Thornhill Retreat Centre, Derry

Please contact Fr. Paul Faren on (028) 7126 4087 or Fr. Colm O'Doherty on (028) 8166 1475

First Omagh Presbyterian Church – Drop-In Coffee Morning: An invitation is given to anyone in our faith-community to join them for a 'Drop-in Coffee Morning' in their Rowan Hall on Saturday 5th February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It will be an opportunity to speak to Rev. John Murdock who is retiring from ministry after many years of service in Omagh.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: This will take place on Saturday 9th April. 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm from Saturday 29th January.

(028) 7126 0293

Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore – Open Day for Year 7 Pupils: Monday 24th January. Open Night for Parents and Pupils at 7.30pm. Principal's address in assembly hall at 8.30pm

Holy Trinity College Cookstown – Open Day for Year 7 Pupils: Primary 7 pupils and their parents are invited to an Open Night on Tuesday 25th January. Principal's address at 7.15pm.

An Creagán – 6 week Carer's Programme: Starting Thursday 27th January, 7.00pm-9.00pm. If you are an unpaid carer and would like to participate in this project, contact An Creagán on (028) 8076 1112, email health@ancreagan.com or visit us on facebook at [facebook.com/ancreagan](https://www.facebook.com/ancreagan)

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

Monday 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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.

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

Friday 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.

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**

Friday 1st April	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Wednesday 13th April	Our Lady of the Wayside	5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
Sunday 5th June	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)

Thursday 8 th February	Wednesday 30 th March	Sunday 22 nd May
Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th 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) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 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 22nd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 12th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 26th March	Third Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 1st April		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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

11 th and 12 th February	11 th and 12 th March	8 th and 9 th April
13 th and 14 th May		10 th and 11 th June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: accordomagh@btpopenworld.com		
Courses are limited to 15 couples . Course should be completed at least six months before your wedding.		

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to humankind.

Missionary: That Christians may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

Search for Ancestors: Mike McNally from South Carolina, USA wrote to ask for your help to track 'Francis and Ann McNally (nee McNamee)' who may have died after 1932 and Michael and Mary Bradley (nee McCullagh) who may have died c.1840 if you or anyone you know can help, email him at mike@triadme.com

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

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

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited 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

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 4:12-17:

1. The arrest of John the Baptist was the catalyst for the start of the public ministry of Jesus. Recall the events and experiences that brought about a change in your life, introducing a new phase of ministry, or work, or activity of some kind. In hindsight where do you see the guidance of the Spirit of God in the new direction you took.
2. The change in circumstances included a change in where he lived. How has your life taken a different turn when you moved residence?
3. This was a time when Jesus developed a deeper understanding of his mission in life. Each human person shares the same mission in life: to love God and neighbour. The concrete form this takes is shaped by the free choices we make in the circumstances of our lives. How has your understanding of your mission and purpose in life developed through the years?
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. I have recently returned to Mass and want to get more understanding. What is the plan for selecting the Gospels for Sunday Mass?
- A. The four Gospels are spread over a three year plan. Matthew, Mark and Luke each have a year devoted to them. There are sections from John in each cycle, especially between Easter and Pentecost. This year concentrates on Matthew, a Gospel notable for the amount of Jesus' teaching it contains. Especially important is the Sermon on the Mount, Chapters 5-7. It is there, more than anywhere else, that we read the charter of God for society. We are challenged to imitate the unconditional love of God the Father.

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

The Deep End – Fishermen to 'Fishers of Men':

'At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.' The swiftness with which the men in today's Gospel leave their livelihoods to follow Jesus is astounding. We can't imagine anyone in today's world making such a rash decision. There would be notice to give, bags to pack, bills to sort out, people to bid farewell to, contact numbers to distribute – if we could bring ourselves to leave our comfortable homes and families in the first place, that is. Yet the two pairs of brothers in today's story leave their nets, their boats, and in James and John's case, even their father. Such is the importance of the calling to follow Jesus. Such is the immediacy of the work that has to be done. Jesus tells the fishermen he will make them 'fishers of men'. The disciples don't leave their jobs simply to go on an adventure, to escape the drudgery of everyday life and the responsibility of work and family. They will still be fishermen, but they are to cast their nets wider, to become the kind of people who will bring others into the Kingdom of God.

The call to follow Jesus may not require us to leave behind all we know. Rather it is a call to a deeper understanding of who we are and how we can work to bring about the kingdom.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)

The 2011 prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by Christians in Jerusalem who chose as a theme Acts 2:42: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' This theme is a call back to the origins of the first church in Jerusalem; it is a call for inspiration and renewal, a return to the essentials of the faith; it is a call to remember the time when the church was still one.

Within this theme four elements are presented which were marks of the early Christian community, and which are essential to the life of the Christian Community wherever it exists. Firstly, the Word was passed on by the apostles. Secondly, fellowship (koinonia) was an important mark of the early believers whenever they met together. A third mark of the early Church was the celebration of the Eucharist (the 'breaking of the bread'), remembering the New Covenant which Jesus has enacted in his suffering, death and resurrection. The fourth aspect is the offering of constant prayer. These four elements are the pillars of the life of the church and of its unity.

The Christian Community in the Holy Land wishes to give prominence to these basic essentials as it raises its prayers to God for the unity and vitality of the church throughout the world. The Christians in Jerusalem invite their sisters and brothers around the world to join them in prayer as they struggle for justice, peace and prosperity for all people in the land.

The theme of each day of the octave has been chosen not only to recall for us of the history of the early church, but also to bring to mind the experiences of Christians in Jerusalem today, and to invite us all to reflect upon how we may bring that experience into the lives of our local Christian communities. During this journey of eight days, the Christians of Jerusalem invite us to proclaim and bear witness that Unity - in its fullest sense of faithfulness to the Apostles' teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers - will enable us together to overcome evil, not just in Jerusalem, but throughout the world.

Day 1 (18th January) Sets forth the background to the mother church of Jerusalem, making clear its continuity with the church throughout the world today. It reminds us of the courage of the early church as it boldly witnessed to the truth, just as we today need to work for justice in Jerusalem, and in the rest of the world.

Day 2 (19th January) Recalls that the first community united at Pentecost contained within itself many diverse origins, just as the church in Jerusalem today represents a rich diversity of Christian traditions. Our challenge today is to achieve greater visible unity in ways that embrace our differences and traditions.

Day 3 (20th January) Looks at the first essential element of unity; the Word of God delivered through the teaching of the apostles. The church in Jerusalem reminds us that, whatever our divisions, these teachings urge us to devote ourselves in love to each other, and in faithfulness to the one body which is the church.

Day 4 (21st January) Emphasises Sharing as the second expression of unity. Just as the early Christians held all things in common, the Church in Jerusalem calls upon all brothers and sisters in the church to share goods and burdens with glad and generous hearts, so that nobody stays in need.

Day 5 (22nd January) Expresses the third element of unity; the Breaking of the Bread, which joins us in hope. Our unity goes beyond Holy Communion; it must include a right attitude towards ethical living, the human person and the whole community. The Jerusalem church urges Christians to unite in "the breaking of bread" today, because a divided church cannot speak out with authority on issues of Justice and Peace.

Day 6 (23rd January) Presents the fourth mark of unity; with the church in Jerusalem, we draw strength from spending time in prayer. Specifically, the Lord's Prayer calls all of us in Jerusalem and throughout the world, the weak and the mighty, to work together for justice, peace and unity that God's Kingdom may come.

Day 7 (24th January) Takes us beyond the four elements of unity, as the Jerusalem church joyfully proclaims the Resurrection even while it bears the pain of the Cross. The Resurrection of Jesus is for Christians in Jerusalem today hope and strength that enables them to remain constant in their witness, working for freedom and peace in the City of Peace.



← Day 8 (25th January) Concludes the journey with a call from the Jerusalem churches to the wider service of reconciliation. Even if Christians achieve unity among themselves, their work is not done, for they need to reconcile themselves with others. In the Jerusalem context this means Palestinian and Israeli; in other communities Christians are challenged to seek justice and reconciliation in their own context.

Further information and notes for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available on the website of the World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org). The texts for the Masses for Christian Unity are given in the Missal from page 810. These can be used on days which allow a choice throughout the week of prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions, variant A, may be used each day.