

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

Easter Sunday, Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. 23rd March, 2008

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"Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Easter blessings to all Parishioners"

Mass Schedule for the Easter Octave. 24th March – 30th March, 2008

Monday 24 th March	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Requiem Mass
Easter Monday		John Tuohey, Blackbog Road
Tuesday 25 th March	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Easter Tuesday		
Wednesday 26 th March	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass Intention
Easter Wednesday		William Morris – 1 st anniversary
Thursday 27 th March	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Easter Thursday		
Friday 28 th March	Saint Patrick's	8:00pm Mass
Easter Friday		
Saturday 29 th March	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
		6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 30 th March	Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo'
Second Sunday of Easter	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday 29 th March	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 30 th March	Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,010** and for the collection for the Clerical education and formation taken up last weekend which amounted to **£850**.

Remembering Our Dead: Please pray for **John Tuohey**, Blackbog Road and **Father Patrick McCrea**, Cranag, who entered eternal life this week. As a parish community we extend our sympathy and support to their families. We also pray this week for **William Morris** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Confirmation: On Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm Bishop Hegarty will come to Greencastle to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. Please include the candidates for Confirmation, their families, their sponsors and the Bishop in your personal and family prayers in anticipation of the ceremony.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

10 Day Pilgrimage To The Holy Land: Direct flights from Belfast. 3rd to 12th September – £850PPS. Contact Ann Diamond, Castledawson. (028) 7946 8134.

RECOMMENDED WEBSITE – www.catholiccatechist.org: Online curriculum support for catechists with discussion group, Catholic links etc. *Some content requires subscription.*

Lotto Numbers: 6, 9, 21, 23 (1 winner with 3 numbers – £50) **Next Jackpot:** £6,650

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16th – 21st July, 2008: Application forms are available to any *young person* aged 14-15 years old who would like a place on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Special arrangements are made for the youth who will be lead by the Pilgrimage Youth Team. Volunteers who are *qualified nurses* to work as part of the care team are now required. Further information from **The Pilgrimage Office, 164, Bishop Street, Derry. (028) 7126 0293.**

The Deep End: Boldly Going

Believing that someone has risen from the dead is quite an achievement. It means that you have freed your mind from the limitations of reason. Human reason is limited, is it not? So, is it not desirable to boldly go where reason alone can't take you? If we never take that step into what is seen as in a glass darkly we will not develop fully. We will be so fearful of appearing gullible, or stupid; so fearful of derision from those considered more 'enlightened' and intelligent, so afraid of drifting into insanity, that we will imprison our mind in shallowness and limit our ability to mature spiritually.

As people of faith we have staked our life on what we believe. If Jesus has not risen then what's the point in seeking 'the things that are above'? (Colossians 3:1-4) What's the point in being a Christian if the highpoint of Jesus' life was a lie, a non-event, a con-artist's ruse? Then our faith would be a sham, our values mere delusion.

Look into the eyes of your loved ones: wife, husband, son, daughter, and tell them they have no lasting value. Then see if you can ever look them in the eye again?

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Pip and Lucy's Gospel Stories:

John 20:1-9 • Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Jesus

Lucy: Did you know that the story of Jesus did not end on the cross? An amazing thing happened on the third day after Jesus' death: God raised Jesus from the dead. This is called the Resurrection and we read about it in today's Gospel.

Pip: The death of Jesus must have been an awful time for the disciples. They were such good friends with Jesus, and they looked up to him as their leader, but now he was dead and they were alone. That was so sad.

Lucy: But Pip, what came next was amazing! Of course, they were sad and afraid but Jesus had told them that he would be with them always and their faith would help them understand this. It was Mary Magdalene who went to the tomb and found only the linen cloth there. She was in shock and went running to Peter to see if he knew what had happened. Together, they began to realise that what Jesus had said would happen was actually happening. Can you imagine how exciting this was for them?

Pip: Wow! They must have been gobsmacked by all of this. Jesus had risen from the dead and YES! He was going to be with them to infinity and beyond!

Think of an event in your life that you had prepared for and were anxious about? How did things work out?

Questions people ask:

Q. *In what way was the resurrection of Jesus different from the raising of Lazarus or people brought back to life by the apostles?*

A. There is a difference between resurrection and resuscitation. Resurrection means going forward into a totally new level of life. Resuscitation means coming back in the old form of life. That's what Lazarus experienced. Christianity is based on the belief that we are called to share in the new life opened up by the resurrection of Jesus. This belief far exceeds any theory of reincarnation. St Paul wrote, 'If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith has been in vain.'

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