

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

Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg St. Patrick's, Greencastle Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] – Mission Sunday (23rd October, 2011) 1

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#### CELEBRATE MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday and we unite on this special day with all Churches worldwide, "Together in Faith", to celebrate our faith and the spreading of God's love to far distant missionary lands. Let us individually and as communities assist the missions by prayer and financial help so that they may continue their tremendous work of bringing people to Jesus.

Todav's Gospel

The 1,762 Irish missionaries across the globe greatly appreciate your loyalty and support to their work in the spreading of the Good News, God's word, to all corners of the world. On this special day they unite with us spiritually.

We understand that in these difficult economic times there are many pressures on our personal finances and ask you to please give as generously as you can. A little goes a long way - universally it will make a difference to World Missions. May we all enjoy and share the comfort of God's Word!

Mission Sunday Annual Collection held in all Churches today or Donations can be sent to:

## World Missions, Ireland 64 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6

Liturgy Schedule for the Thirtieth W	eek in Ordinary Time [Year.	A] (24th October, 2011 – 30th October, 2011)
Saturday Evening (22 <sup>nd</sup> October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
		5.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary before
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	St. Patrick's	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Mission Sunday (Together in Faith)		10.30am Confessions
		11.00am Mass
Monday 24th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
St. Anthony Claret (bishop)		10.00am Mass
Station Mass in the home of Mickey and Ma	aria Bradley (Teebane East)	7.30pm Mass with confessions beforehand
Tuesday 25th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Blessed Thadeus MacCarthy (bishop)		10.00am Mass
Wednesday 26th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time		10.00am Mass: DDS Society mems. and bens.
Station Mass in the home of the		7.30pm Mass with confessions beforehand
Thursday 27th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
St. Otteran (monk)		10.00am Mass
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Friday 28th October	St. Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary before
St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles)		8.00pm Mass
Saturday 29th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
St. Colman (bishop)		10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (29th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
		5.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary before
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday:
		James Clarke (Month's Mind)
Sunday 30th October	St. Patrick's	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before
Thirty-First Sunday in	Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Ordinary Time [Year A]		10.30am Confessions
		11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £775

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 taxpaver please consider

a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish. New Weekly Collection Envelopes: New boxes of envelopes are being prepared and will be distributed shortly. If you have

been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She thanks you for your support, patience and help in completing this task.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Kevin Coyle, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Malachi 1:14-2:2: Psalm 17: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-8:13: Matthew 23:1-12:

(Lectionary II, page 172 or 624) (Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Lotto Results: A-C-N-P-R (1 person with 4 letters – £100) Next Jackpot: £6.050

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 23rd October	
The family of Alisha McKenna	(Mission Sunday)	The family of Clodagh McCullagh	
Saturday 29th October	Thirty-First Sunday	Sunday 30th October	
The family of Shauna McGurk	in Ordinary Time	The family of Aimee McGuigan	
Saturday 5th November	Thirty-Second Sunday	Sunday 6th November	
The family of Shona McKenna	in Ordinary Time	The family of Leanne Morris	

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

Parish Stations: Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area

Time	Townland	In the Home of
Monday 24th October at 7.30pm	Teebane East	Michael and Maria Bradley
Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm	Formil	In the Family home of the late John Heagney
Thursday 27th October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Monica Coyle

Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, we were blessed with 9 stations.

Your hospitality was greatly appreciated and I hope you will maintain this tradition in the parish. Fr. Hasson

Baptism: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family Erin McDermott who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Mission Month October - Together in Faith: This theme focuses on the newly independent Republic of South Sudan. World Missions Ireland (the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies) brings prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world, especially those in greatest need. Please support.

During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

Golden Anniversary - Jim and Kathleen McCullagh: Our Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to Jim and Kathleen McCullagh (Marvville) who mark the Golden anniversary of their wedding day on Wednesday 26th October.

Do This In Memory Programme: Thank you for your participation to our parish programme in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holv Communion at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle last weekend. The next liturgy will take place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Saturday 19th November).

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.

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 0 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

## Questions people ask:

Q. The Lord be with you. And also with you.' Why have they changed the response 'And also with you' to 'And with your I think it's being finicky about trivialities.

A. 'And with your spirit' is a more exact translation of the official Latin text. The writings of St John and St Paul speak of the spirit to refer to our innermost being where we are closest to God. In his letters. Paul greets his readers with the prayer that the Lord or the grace of Jesus Christ would be with their spirit. The new response more clearly expresses the prayer our spiritual life will be true to the spirit or mind of the Lord. Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap silvesteroflynn@gmail.com

Greencastle Youth Club Rota						
Monday 24th October		6.30pm – 8.0	0pm	P6 and P7 (Nuala Clarke)		
		8.00pm - 9.3	0pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Patricia Coyle)		
Tuesday	25th October	6.30pm – 8.0	0pm	P4 and P5 (Michelle Clarke)		
An Bruach Dearg Every Wednesday Community Centre Every Friday		dnesday Night	Zumba Cla	asses from 8.00pm to 9.00pm		
		ry Friday Night	Card playi	ng at 8.30pm		
Upcoming Events	Start	ing Next Week	Computer	classes (028) 8675 1633 / (028) 8164 8180		
Our best wishes to Janet Devlin as she progresses on the X-Factor TV show						

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

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

St. Patrick's

**8.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

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

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

General: That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their

brothers and sisters.

Missionary: That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for

evangelisation with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the

poorest Churches.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):

11th and 12th November, 2nd and 3rd December, 13th and 14st January, 10th and 11th February, 9th and 10th March, 20th and 21st April, 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

**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.

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* 

**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.

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

**Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon**: Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality (028) 7135 1233

Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week: This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7th February at 10.00am.

The theme is Catholic Schools - Christ's Body Active in Our World

**Trócaire Fundraiser:** Tommy Sands, is teaming up with Comhaltas and Dún Uladh in an effort to raise much needed funds for the work of Trócaire worldwide. Tommy will play a "Trad for Trócaire" concert at the Dún Uladh Centre in Omagh on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00pm, tickets cost £10.

More details can be found on dunuladh.ie or by calling (028) 8224 2777

# Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal - Diocesan Sung Mass:

Feast of St. Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup> November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.

**Posture during Mass:** Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the *General Instruction* (43) for observation throughout the diocese:

- 1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect;
- 2. Standing from the *Orate Fratres* (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the *Sanctus*;
- 3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass.
- 4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.

# Rouskey Community Centre - Upcoming Events:

Young People's Art Classes with Martin Mc Grinder will be held on Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Saturday 5th November. Age group 5 to 9. Time 10am to 12noon. Age 10 to 14 Time 12.30pm to 2.30pm. I really appreciate if you could ring me make sure your child or young person is registered so that I can put them into different age groups.

Felt Making - Anyone interested in felt making on Saturday 22nd October with Teresa Potynz in one day workshop. Price will depend how many people are in class. Costs will be kept to minimum.

Drama Class Young People's Production of Wizard of Oz is on in November. More details over next few weeks. Contact Bridie for more information. 07847459429 or 81648706 or leave message on phone

## **Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News**

- A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon.
- Sunday 23rd October pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick. The cost per person is £20 which includes bus, travel and a meal.
- Sunday 6th November at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Mass for all deceased young people.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry Mass for deceased teachers.
- Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Forum, Derry.

Age NI First Connect Service: First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:

Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area,

Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email eimear.mckearney@ageni.org

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 Telephone/Email on 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

#### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints

Monday 24th October – St. Anthony Claret (bishop) Not celebrated this year.

Tuesday 25th October – Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy (bishop) [1455-1492] His appointment as Bishop of Ross was opposed and Pope Innocent VIII then appointed him bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out as a humble pilgrim to Rome where he was confirmed as bishop of Cork and Cloyne. On his return journey in 1492 he died at lyrea in Italy.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – St. Otteran (monk)** Descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Columba on Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron saint of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron saint of the diocese.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles) The teaching of the apostles is the living gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. We pray today that they continue to watch over the Church and give it protection against error. St. Jude is patron saint of hopeless causes.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October – St. Colman (bishop) Hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Clare in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. After studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mhor, he returned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.

# Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - Matthew 9:1-8:

- 1. The words and actions of Jesus had a powerful impact on those who came in contact with him. They were 'filled with awe'. In what ways have the words and action of Jesus had an impact on you in your life?
- The story of Jesus curing a paralysed man is symbolic of the power of faith in God's love for us to get us moving again when we have been paralysed by self-doubt, discouragement, failure or disappointment. Recall how you have experienced the truth of this.
- 3. The story reminds us in particular of the liberating effect of being freed from guilt and self-loathing by forgiveness. What has opened you up to trust in the forgiving love that God offers to us? How have you experienced the liberating effect in a relationship of forgiveness given or received?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

## The Deep End – We Are All Called to Mission:

We live in an extremely unequal world where many people struggle to have their basic human rights recognised. Missionaries will often be working among the poorest peoples and in dangerous circumstances. Last year over 2 million Euro was raised in Ireland on Mission Sunday to support the work of missionaries abroad. But it is not all about money. There are many ways we can be in solidarity with the poor: creating awareness, examining our relationships with the environment, being conscious about what we eat/wear and keeping ourselves informed on global issues.

We must remember that we are all called to 'mission' and this does not necessarily mean to work abroad or to only give financial support. It is not a coincidence that one of the patrons of mission is St Therese of Lisieux, even though she never left her convent. Her example shows that we are called to be missionaries in our own communities also. The Mission month of October offers everyone the chance to renew their commitment to the gospel. Can we be missionaries to our own families and to the people around us?

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'

St. Therese of Lisieux

Jane Mellett (ianemellet@vahoo.com)

## All the Baptised Must Communicate the Gift of the Gospel:

Vatican City (25th January (VIS))

Made public today was the Pope's Message for the eighty-fifth World Mission Day, which falls this year on Sunday 23rd October. The theme of the document is: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you".

The call to take the Gospel to everyone, "with the same enthusiasm as the early Christians", as the Venerable John Paul II wrote in the Jubilee Year 2000, "resounds every year in the celebration of World Mission Day", says Benedict XVI in his Message.

"The announcement of the Gospel is destined for everyone", the Pope writes. The Church "exists to evangelise", he says. "Her activity, in conformity with the word of Christ and under the influence of His grace and charity, becomes fully and truly present in all individuals and all peoples in order to lead them to faith in Christ.

"This task has lost none of its urgency", he adds. "We cannot rest easy at the thought that, after two thousand, there are people who still do not know Christ, who have not yet heard His message of salvation.

"What is more, there are growing numbers of people who, though having received the Gospel announcement, have forgotten or abandoned it and no longer identify themselves in the Church; and many environments, even in traditionally Christian societies, are reluctant to open themselves to the word of faith. A cultural shift is taking place, which also draws nourishment from globalisation, from new schools of thought and from the prevailing relativism; a shift which leads to mentalities and lifestyles that ignore the Evangelical message as if God did not exist, and which exalt the search for wellbeing, easy earnings, career and success as the goal of life, even at the expense of moral values".

The Holy Father recalls how "the universal mission always involves everyone and everything. The Gospel is not the exclusive prerogative of those who received it, but a gift to be shared, a piece of good news to be passed on. This gift-commitment is entrusted not just to the few, but to all baptised people".

"Evangelisation", he writes, "is a complex process and includes various elements. Among these, missionary activity has always given particular attention to solidarity, ... sustaining the institutions necessary to establish and consolidate the Church, ... and contributing to improving the living conditions of people in countries most affected by problems of poverty, malnutrition especially among children, disease, and lack of healthcare and education services. This too is part of the mission of the Church. In announcing the Gospel, she embraces human life in the fullest sense of the term".

The Pope continues his Message: "It is unacceptable, as Servant of God Paul VI said, for evangelisation to overlook questions associated with human development, justice, and liberation from all forms of oppression, though obviously while respecting the autonomy of the political sphere. Ignoring the temporal problems of humanity would mean 'forgetting the Gospel lesson of love for our suffering and needy neighbours'. It would not be in keeping with Jesus' own behaviour Who 'went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness'.

"Thus, by responsible participation in the mission of Christ, Christians become builders of the peace and solidarity that Christ gives us, and they collaborate in achieving God's plan of salvation for all humankind", Benedict XVI concluded. "May World Mission Day revive in everyone the desire to 'go out' to meet humankind, bringing Christ to everyone".