

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone
Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle
The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. 23rd November, 2008
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Schedule for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. 24 th November – 30 th November, 2008		
Monday 24 th November Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 25 th November St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Coleman	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 26 th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 27 th November St. Fergal, bishop & missionary	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 28 th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 29 th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Mass: Vigil Mass for Sunday (Deceased members of Naomh Padraig GAA)
Sunday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass

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

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,030** and to the special collection for the retired priests' fund taken up last week, it amounted to **£140**. Any further amounts received will be added this week.

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Cira Jane O'Connor** 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: The sick and housebound will be attended Monday 1st December, **beginning after 10.00am Mass**. 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.

Pro-Life Candle-light Rosary Procession: This will take place in Derry on Sunday 7th December, assembling at the Guildhall at 4.30pm. You are invited to carry a 'light for life' and pray for the protection of Ireland's unborn children from abortion. Candles will be supplied. Come with your family and friends. Tel: (028) 9027 8484 (Precious Life) for further information.

Sacred Heart Messenger: The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Ireland has remained strong through the years. Helping to spread this devotion, the much loved **Sacred Heart Messenger** has, since its beginnings in 1888 continued to find its way each month into countless Irish homes. Containing excellent and entertaining reading for all the family, especially for parents. It has won eight Religious Magazine Awards. You can subscribe during any month of the year. New readers can obtain their monthly copy by contacting **Josephine Clarke** or **Alice Keenan** in this parish. The annual subscription is £10.80.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (Lectionary I, page 5)

Lotto Numbers: 7, 14, 15, 22 (7 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £8,400

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Advent Tuesday's Reflections: "Prepare for God's Arrival" (Isaiah 40:3), beginning 25th November directly after 10.00am Mass for 30 minutes – Omagh Prayer Guidance Team will lead. Please feel welcome to participate – an extra special preparation for the feast of Christmas.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS (Matthew 25:31-46): This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Jesus is telling us that being his disciple is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others? Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others? The standard of love and concern that Jesus presents challenges us to look beyond our comfort zone to those who are most in need. Who are those most in need in your world? When have you been able to move beyond your comfort zone in reaching out to them? Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it as done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them? The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

The Deep End – That New Year's Resolution:
 The end is nigh – liturgically that is – as we celebrate: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Nothing like going out on a triumphal note! However, lest we fly off in a flurry of fervour, let us listen to what that Universal King says to us today. In the Gospel (Matt 25:31-46) he tells us that some of us are blessed and some are accursed. The blessed are those of us who care for the least among us, those who give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; those who welcome the stranger and clothe the naked; those who care for the sick and visit prisoners. The accursed are those of us who do none of this. Now that is not what you'd expect to hear a universal king say. In fact you wouldn't expect him even to be aware of the lowly and the least. But therein lies the greatness of his kingdom: his concern for the weakest. When we pray *The Lord's Prayer* we say, 'may your kingdom come'. We want God's kingdom to establish itself universally as soon as possible. I wonder do we realize that we have a say in that happening. Though the time for its glorious coming is set and known by the Father alone, God's determining of that time just may be influenced by the quality of care that we give to the weakest among us. No need to wait for January to make a New Year's resolution to give that care!
Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2009: Give someone the opportunity of going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage, 16th – 21st July, 2009 as a Christmas gift! Gift vouchers are now available from the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Telephone (028) 7126 0293. Office is open Thursdays 11.00am – 2.00pm and Saturdays 11.00am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events:	
Sunday 23rd November	Usual fortnightly dance continues, music by Patsy Harte and 'Country Storm'
Every Tuesday Night	Dancing class, 8.30pm – 10.30pm
Every Friday Night	Card playing, light supper served
Monday 24th November	Next historical meeting at 8:30pm. At present we are giving serious consideration to planning a school reunion for all past pupils of Broughderg Primary School and would greatly appreciate all interested to come along and contribute to the organisation of this event which will hopefully centre around the Schools Centenary year which is 2010 as the school first opened in 1910 this will be followed with reunion for Crouck Primary School. <i>Everyone welcome</i>

GREENCASTLE YOUTH CLUB – Parent Rota		
Monday 24 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Louise Coyle
Monday 24 th November	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Angela Slane
Tuesday 25 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Rose Kelly