



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist [Year B] (24th June, 2012)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (25th June, 2012 – 30th June, 2012)

Saturday Evening (23rd June)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
There will be NO DAILY MASS from Monday 25th June to Saturday 29th June		
Saturday Evening (29th June)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	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 **£800**.

Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection: This will be taken up this Sunday (24th June). *Please use envelope in your collection box*
The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. This collection was started centuries ago to provide support for the Pope and has evolved to fund the Holy See's charitable actions for those in need.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

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.

Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 30th June directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's Church and at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 1st July. *Bring holy water with you*

Pioneer Outing to Daniel O'Donnell Centre, Dungloe: Saturday 7th July. Bus fare, meal etc. £30.

Please book as soon as possible

Dalradian Gold – Public Meeting: Tuesday 3rd July at 7.00pm in Owenkillew Community Centre, 62 Main Street, Gortin, BT79 8NH. An update on the company will be provided and information on their planned exploration programmes including drilling at Curraghinault will be shared.

For more information call Anne Monaghan on (028) 8224 6289 or visit dalradian.com.

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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

Reminiscence Afternoons at the IOSAS Centre (18th July, 1st August and 22nd August): Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden. Fr. Neal Carlin will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate. Sit back and share in some music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8. Booking is essential so please call the IOSAS Centre to secure your place!

00353 74 93 84866 / goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

Greencastle Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: Congratulations from our Parish Faith Community to Sarah Coyle, Alice Ferrity, Rose Hollywood and Regina McLaughlin who received their gold pins for 50 years of commitment to the ideals and principles of the PTAA. We offer our prayerful support to the young people who made their commitment to the Young Pioneers at the same Mass last Friday evening in our challenging world.

Fundraising Dance in Greencastle Community Centre: For Msgr. Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan on Friday 3rd August, with music by *Country Legends*.

Admission £5.00

Lotto Results: J – P – Q – T – Z (4 people with 3 letters - £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,150

Parish Liturgy for July, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Ciaran Tuohey	Kevin Clarke	Enda Bradley
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey and Maria Morris		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 23rd June</u> The family of Shauna McGurk	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	<u>Sunday 24th June</u> The family of Ciaran Bradley
<u>Saturday 30th June</u> The family of Ruanai McDermott	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 1st July</u> The family of Orla Warnock
<u>Saturday 7th July</u> The family of Joseph Hagan	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 8th July</u> The family of Rachael Tuohey
<u>Saturday 14th July</u> The family of Rachael Devine	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 15th July</u> The family of Laura Tuohey

Meeting in St. Patrick's: Monday 3rd July at 9.30pm regarding the preparation of the site and arrangements for the Mass on Sunday 5th August.
If you can offer your services in any way it would be appreciated if you could attend

Healthy Eating for Summer – A Cooking Show by PAMPERED CHEF in aid of Care for Cancer: Thursday 28th June in Omagh Golf Club at 8.00pm (drinks reception at 7.30pm).

Tickets are £3.00 and are available from Care for Cancer, 1 Campsie Place, Omagh (028) 8224 6599

Trócaire NI Lenten Campaign 2012: Parishioners of the parishes of the Derry Diocese have qualified for the maximum amount of £900,000 in the Matched Funding Scheme introduced this year by the UK Department for International Development. This achievement was due in no small way to the huge generosity of the people of the Derry Diocese, and the assistance of priests and administration staff in ensuring that the monies raised in the Trócaire Lenten Campaign were despatched well in advance of the cut-off date for the funding. Trócaire offer their deep gratitude to everyone in the Derry Diocese who assisted in this remarkable achievement.

Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Saturday 30th June	Public Prayers for remembrance of Dead at St. Patrick's Cemetery after Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st July	Public Prayers for remembrance of Dead at Our Lady of Wayside after 11.00am Mass.
Sunday 5th August	Mass will be held outdoors at the Mass Rock in the townland of Fomil in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners from Badoney Lower, Castlederg (Ardstraw West), Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin and Newtownstewart (Ardstraw East) who along with us in Greencastle helped prepare for the Congress over the past two years. Please invite our neighbours and friends to join us on this pilgrimage. <i>Be aware to respect that it may be too challenging for anyone with a physical disability</i>

Knock Summer Festival – 'ONE': A one day event taking place on Saturday 28th July for young people aged between 17 and 30 in a faith setting to deepen – explore – ignite and celebrate faith – there will be a lot of time for you to talk – reflect – chill out – and have fun! Faith can be fun – the theme is 'ONE'. The festival is free of charge and we are encouraging groups to stay overnight and climb Croagh Patrick the next day (Reek Sunday).

Greencastle Summer Scheme (P4 – P7 Children): Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th July and Monday 9th to Thursday 12th July.

30 for 2 weeks or £20 for 1 week Any queries contact Louise Coyle on (028) 8164 7861 or Rosemary Coyle (028) 8164 7854

Greencastle Summer Camp: There will be Irish Language Summer Schemes for two age groups this year and all children must register on 25th June (between 7.00pm and 7.30pm) in the hall to take part.

Forms, including camp details, can be downloaded from greencastlegaa.com or facebook.com/greencastlegaa

Primary School Pupils (P3 – P5) £20 (£35 for 2) Monday 23 rd July – Friday 27 th July	Secondary School Pupils (1st Year and up) £20 (£35 for 2) Saturday 30 th June – Friday 3 rd August
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Eating Disorder Support Group for Families & Carers of Sufferers: First Wednesday of the every month, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital, Hospital Rd, Omagh,

For further information please contact us on (028) 8225 2202

Parachute Jump for Marie Curie Cancer: Catherine McCullagh asks for your support, she will be available next weekend to receive your donations.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for June (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Christ, Present in the Eucharist: That believers may recognise in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.
Missionary – European Christians: That Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity, and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

The following priests in our diocese have or will be celebrating special jubilees Please pray for them and make direct contact with them if you wish			
55 years	Bishop Edward Daly	16 th March, 1957	Retired
	Fr. Robert Devine	23 rd June, 1957	Retired
50 years	Fr. Brendan Doherty	17 th June, 1962	PP Kilrea
	Fr. Kieran Devlin	17 th June, 1962	Retired
	Fr. Michael McElowney	17 th June, 1962	Retired
	Fr. Patrick McGoldrick	17 th June, 1962	CC Merville
40 years	Fr. Seamus Kelly	5 th April, 1972	PP Ballinascreen
	Fr. Brian Brady	18 th June, 1972	PP Garvagh
	Fr. Peter McLaughlin	11 th June, 1972	PP Sion Mills
35 years	Fr. Charles Logue	12 th June, 1977	CC Kilrea
30 years	Fr. Patrick Arkinson	6 th June, 1982	PP Killygordan
	Fr. Eamon Graham	13 th June, 1982	PP Banagher
	Fr. Noel McDermott	20 th June, 1982	CC Faughanvale
	Fr. Michael Porter	4 th July, 1982	PP Leckpatrick
25 years	Fr. Michael McCaughey	21 st June, 1987	PP The Three Patrons
	Mgr. Eamon Martin	28 th June, 1987	Diocesan Administrator
	Fr. Colm O'Doherty	28 th June, 1987	PP Castlederg
20 years	Fr. Brendan Crowley	14 th June, 1992	CC Malin
15 years	Fr. Paul Faren	6 th July, 1997	Adm. St. Eugene's, Derry
	Fr. James McGrory	6 th July, 1997	Marriage Tribunal
	Fr. Gary Wade	6 th July, 1997	Derry
10 years	Fr. Christopher Ferguson	7 th July, 2002	Hospital Chaplain AAH

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

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 under 8 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

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:
Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.
(028) 8225 1116

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie || T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295
Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

Green Elves Playgroup – Graduation Ceremony: Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm in the Old School House.

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time
God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.
Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us,
All you saints of the diocese pray for us.
Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sunday 2 nd September Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish		
Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30 th June and 1 st July)		
Saturday 30 th June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1 st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
Friday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Tuesday's Child - Upcoming Events

An Evening with Elvis at The Empire Thursday 28 th June	Ireland's two top award winning Elvis tribute acts, Ciaran Houlihan aka Eireann Elvis and Tom Gilson aka GI Blues Elvis will perform at The Empire Music Hall, Belfast. Tom sings rock and roll hits from the young Elvis, while Ciaran sings hits from the Las Vegas era. Ah huh huh and tickets just £10
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Get active and change the life of a child today Recently Tuesday's Child funds rescued 200 street children from city dumps in Nairobi and enrolled in primary school where they get breakfast, lunch and a chance to learn and grow. It doesn't take much to make a big difference. Want to organise your own event? Why not do something in your town or parish to help children in one of our projects around the world. Everything you raise, we give. No salaries, no administration cost, are taken from funds raised.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 1:57-66, 80:

1. The birth of John the Baptist was an occasion of great joy for family and friends. Recall occasions when you celebrated the arrival of a baby. What thoughts and feelings did you have? Use the memory to reflect on the wonder of your own life and give thanks for it.
2. There is often a story behind the name given to a child. What story lies behind your name? Perhaps it says something of the hopes your parents had for you, or the memories they wanted you to retain.
3. 'What will this child become?' The Baptist was to become a herald pointing the way to Jesus. In our turn we are also called to point people towards a better way of life. Recall times when you were able to point somebody in the right direction. Give thanks for those who have done the same for you.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Questions people ask:

- Q. Why are bonfires lit in parts of the country on St John the Baptist's Eve?
- A. Bonfires on this night developed from the mid-summer festival when the sun reaches its highest glory but then begins to wane. That is how John the Baptist understood his mission in preparing the way for Christ. 'He must grow greater, I must grow less' (John 3:30). John the Baptist was the light destined to give way to the light of Christ. In a neat piece of counterpointing, the birth of Christ is celebrated just after mid-winters' day when the sun begins to return. Christ is the light come into the world as a tiny baby destined to grow. I remember an old lady who used to bless our bonfire on this night with the plant known as St John's Wort.

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

The Deep End – That Way:

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. Don't panic, Advent hasn't arrived yet! John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child.

Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. People flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him, a symbol of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction. We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer and closer to God:

'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person'

Michel de Verteuil

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)