

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

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

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**We welcome Fr. Mark Monaghan SMA (Missionary priest in Nigeria and native of Drumragh parish, Omagh) to Greencastle parish. He is no stranger to us and will be here for two weeks while Fr. Hasson is on leave.**

### Mass Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time. 25<sup>th</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass for the D. D. S. (members and benefactors)**
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August St. Monica	Saint Patrick's	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church	Saint Patrick's	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Patrick's	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Celia Keenan – 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

### Confession Schedule

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1000**.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Patrick Gillen, (formerly of Aughminacory)**, whose remains will be interred in Greencastle after the 9am Mass today. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy and prayerful support.

**Sick and housebound** will be attended by Fr. Mark Monaghan SMA on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, beginning after 10:00am Mass.

### Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Family Day – 30<sup>th</sup> August

Places are still available on the following days: 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Reservations essential for One Day Retreats are Family Day. Book at the Lough Derg Office.

Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Derry Diocesan Society for sick & infirm priests:** 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges, with a donation of at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whose ever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. Privileges of members – **deceased** 1. A Mass every day in some parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the First three Sundays of each quarter. **Living** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on church notice-board. 2. When a living member dies, the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

**Please attend Mass on Tuesday if you can**

**Hike to Croagh Patrick:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre are organising a hike on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September for people aged between 16 and 35 (cost approx £35 – transport from Derry, a guide, and dinner in a hotel in Westport). Please contact Yvonne Murray at (028) 7126 4087 or email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**Thornhill Centre, Derry:** Interested in developing your faith? We have a number of courses starting soon:  
**--Prayer in Daily Life-- --Saint Paul-- --Liturgy-- --Theology/Spirituality--**  
For further details telephone the Centre at (028) 7135 1233.

**Green Elves Playgroup:** Reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2008.

### This Week's Calendar of Saints:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** – St. Louis of France. Louis (1214-1270), King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second crusade. He is patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – St. Monica (332-387). Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine, to Christianity and a moral life. She is patron saint of mothers.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** – St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church. Augustine (354-430) was Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron of theologians.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Beheading of John the Baptist, martyr.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** – St. Fiacre, monk. Fiacre was an Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. He passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro, who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Fiachre was given a hermitage near Breuil and there he stayed until his death around 670.

### The Deep End – Our Inscrutable God:

How do you make God laugh? Just tell him your plans! The hymn of praise that is today's Second Reading (Rom 11:33-36) soaring on a loftier plane than that opening quip, nonetheless points to the same reality: the inscrutability of God.

Down from the heady heights of Paul's vision of God, what does it mean for us in daily life that God is inscrutable? Well, let's say first what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that we can't know anything about God, so there's no point in trying to. It means that we can't know everything about him. Coming to terms with God in our life is our number one priority, or should be. Sadly, for many it isn't.

And when we try to come to terms with God we find, as Thomas Merton points out in *Love and Living* (p. 111): There is a disconcerting aura of secularity about much of God's activity as recorded in the Bible, and uneasiness with this has generally led certain types of philosophic religiosity to improve on the concept of God, seeking to make it more spiritual, more impressive to human minds, in a word, more divine. Not only is that secularity found in the Bible, it's found in real life too.

Compare the number of times we were told in the Bible to pray to the number of times we were told to love our neighbour. And showing that love is very down-to-earth stuff indeed the stuff of the Good Samaritan. The sleeves up, hands on approach.

God wants action not just intention. There's nothing inscrutable about that.

*Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)*

### Questions people ask:

- Q.** Was Jesus ever called Christ before St. Peter used that title? For instance, at home with Mary and Joseph was he known as Christ?
- A.** Jesus was his personal name, a name meaning Saviour, announced by an angel and given to him at birth. Christ was a title which identified him as the long-awaited Messiah. This title means the anointed one sent by God. Jesus told Simon Peter that it was only a special grace which enabled him to recognise Jesus as the Christ. I find it impossible to understand how any Christian could be insensitive to the sacred character of these sacred names.

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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

**Lotto Numbers:** 2, 9, 12, 21 (7 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,750