

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (24th October, 2010) – Mission Sunday
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CELEBRATE MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday and we unite on this special day with all Churches worldwide, **“Together in mission”**, 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 “from village to village proclaiming the Good News”. *Today’s Gospel*
 The 1,900 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!

Thank You for your continued support

Please use the special envelope in your box of envelopes for the Mission Sunday Annual Collection today

Liturgy Schedule (24th October, 2010 – 2nd November, 2010)

Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick’s	5.30pm	Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
Sunday 24th October Mission Sunday – Together in Mission	St. Patrick’s Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm 9:00am 10.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass for Sunday Mass: Misso Pro Populo Confessions Mass
Monday 25th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Station Mass in the home of Raymond and Louise Coyle (Formil)	St. Patrick’s	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass Mass with Confessions beforehand
Tuesday 26th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Station Mass in the home of Mary McBride (Glenhull)	St. Patrick’s	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass Mass with Confessions beforehand
Wednesday 27th October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time Station Mass in the home of Barry and Julie Tracey (Leaghan)	St. Patrick’s	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass Mass with Confessions beforehand
Thursday 28th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick’s	9.30am 10.00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass
Friday 29th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick’s	7.30pm 8.00pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass: Derry Diocesan Society
Saturday 30th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick’s	9.30am 10.00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil <i>Do This In Memory Week 2</i>	St. Patrick’s	5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary Vigil Mass for Sunday:
Sunday 31st October Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick’s Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am 10.30am 11.00am	Mass: Misso Pro Populo Confessions Mass
Evening Vigil for Feast Sunday Feast of All Saints	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm 8.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass for Feast Day
Monday 1st November	St. Patrick’s	11.00am	Mass <i>Sick and Housebound Visits</i>
Tuesday 2nd November Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick’s	10.00am 8.00pm	Mass Mass for the Dead

Praying the Rosary During the Month of October

During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week’s collection which amounted to **£1,030**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose Heagney** whose anniversary occurs at this time. *We will remember all who died in this parish during the past year (2009-2010) at the 8.00pm Mass on the Feast of All Souls (2nd November).*
Relatives are invited to light a candle in their memory after the Gospel.

Parish Liturgy (23 rd and 24 th October)	St. Patrick’s (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick’s (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley	Kevin Clarke	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Offertory Gifts	The family of Catherine O’Connor	The family of Cathair Hughes	

Offertory Gifts (30 th and 31 st October)	The family of Tiarnan Teague	The family of Rachael McAleer	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school year. Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community. Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.			

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:
 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever 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 a parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in at 10.00am in St. Patrick’s Church on Friday 29th October**). 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 the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

MISSION SUNDAY

Each year Mission Sunday is celebrated throughout the world to raise awareness of the Church’s Mission, its universality and total inclusivity. Today the Church asks that all peoples and all nations work “together in mission”. Once a year, on Mission Sunday, the Pope asks us to show our support for the missionary work in the younger Churches throughout the world, especially those in greatest need. “Together in Mission” we all share, in whatever way we can, in the work of proclaiming the Good News throughout all corners of the world.
 Actively through prayer and monetary help we can demonstrate our connection with all missionaries who, as Pope Benedict wrote, “proclaim the gospel in distant and difficult places, often at the cost of their own lives”. Pope Benedict requests us to universally offer them our “friendship closeness and support”.
 Everyone of our 1,900 Irish missionaries will tell you of the importance of the support they receive from the Irish people, both spiritually and financially. They feel a togetherness and connection with you at home as they go about their missionary work.
 Mission Sunday is the one specific day annually we, as individuals, together with the rest of the world, get the opportunity to show these wonderful missionary men and women that we are truly together with them in mission and that we are sincerely grateful for the inspiring and admirable work they do in spreading God’s Word.
 Today we demonstrate this clearly in two ways:

- **By prayer and by donating whatever we can to today’s Mission Collection.**

All monies, every penny, collected today will be distributed universally to support the missions throughout the world. 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. On behalf of our Irish Missionaries we **‘Thank You for your support’**.

Upcoming BADA Events	Friday 29th October	Card playing at 8.30pm
	Sunday 7th November	Dance with <i>Country Legends Peter and Harry</i>

Greencastle Youth Club Rota		
Monday 25 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm 8.00pm – 9.30pm	P6 and P7 (Kathleen Gillen) Years 8, 9 and 10 (Caitiona McAleer and Philip McCullagh)
Tuesday 26 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Orla Lucas)

Next Sunday’s Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10
 (Lectionary I, page 928) **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: B – H – T – V – W (4 winners with 3 letters – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,450

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication

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

General: That Catholic Universities may more and more be places where, in the light of the Gospel, it is possible to experience the harmonious existing between faith and reason.

Mission: That the World Mission Day may afford an occasion for understanding that the task of proclaiming Christ is an absolutely necessary service to which the Church is called for the benefit of humanity.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street): 12th and 13th November and 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail accordomagh@btopenworld.com

Naomh Pdraig GAA, Greencastle – Proposed Irish Classes: It is hoped to get Irish Classes in the Hall within the next fortnight. If you are interested in attending please contact Kate McCullagh on (078) 7648 7381 or email caitbeag@btinternet.com with most suitable night other than Monday.

Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:

Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.

For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer €260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for information.

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 www.knockmarriagebureau.com 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*

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 3 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 www.familycaresociety.net

Broughdery First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughdery First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch. *Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

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

Monday 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 Ivrea in Italy.

Wednesday 27th 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.

Thursday 29th 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.

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

Sunday 31st October – Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr) Born around 1566 in the city of Youghal, Co. Cork. In 1598 after a military career he entered the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601 but on 17th June, 1602 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him abjure his faith. Condemned to death, he was hanged in his native city on 31st October, 1602. Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 9:1-6:

1. Today is Mission Sunday, a reminder to us that the Church and all its members are called to bring the good news of the gospel to others. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Recall when you have reached out to another in word or in deed to help them realise that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? What difference did it make to how you felt, or to what you were able to achieve?
3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus'. Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes.

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The Deep End – The Race:

The legendary Greek, Pheidippides, ran the first 'marathon' in 490 bc. Running 40 km from Marathon to Athens, he brought the good news of Persian defeat. Unfortunately he overdid it and dropped dead. Besides his good-news message, he brought another too – albeit unintended: if you run a marathon, prepare for it. You have to train a lot. You have to sacrifice time and comfort. And you must be able to cope with physical stress and endure pain. Yet each year more than 800 marathons are held worldwide. That means that several hundreds of thousands of people run 42.195 km in what is considered to be recreational running.

In today's Second Reading (2 Tim 4:6-8) Paul says that he has fought the good fight and finished the race. Neither is recreational. The distance he covers is not measured in kilometres, miles or any such units. It's measured in terms of spiritual maturity. The 'units' used to measure this 'distance' are: faith, witness and proclamation. His, as ours, is not a race that covers distance. It covers time, and life's experiences both good and bad. It covers advances and retreats, ups and downs, and the about turns we make in life. It covers the 'walls' we face that block our progress to God. It has its highs too: the exhilaration of insight, the thrill of hope's promises, the calm of a clear conscience, the peace of mind from goodness shown and the security of God's love.

This good news is worth dying for. Paul did so. This is not Greek legend.

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Questions people ask:

- Q. Every year I have this problem on Mission Sunday. Who gave Christians or any other religion the right to impose their beliefs on other people?
- A. It was Jesus Christ who sent out his followers to proclaim his message by lifestyle and word to people of every nation and time. If your concern is about people's rights, then remember that people have the right to know the truth about Jesus Christ who came to teach and save all people. Anybody who appreciates God's love and mercy as revealed in Jesus Christ would want all people to share this belief and hope.

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