



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

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

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (25th July, 2010)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather continue to be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time (25th July, 2010 – 1st August, 2010)

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| Saturday Evening | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo |
| Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass |
| Monday 26th July St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Tuesday 27th July Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Wednesday 28th July Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time | | NO MASS |
| Thursday 29th July St. Martha | | NO MASS |
| Friday 30th July St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church) | | NO MASS |
| Saturday 31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola (priest) | | NO MASS |
| Saturday Evening | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo |
| Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass: Felix Slane (Anniversary) |

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£925**. 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.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **Ferdinand McCrory**, **Mary Daly** and **Pat Bradley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 8th August. 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.

The Indulgence of St.Mary of the Portiuncula: On 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to the church and recitation there of the Our Father and Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.

The Pope's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General: That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding, and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Mission: That the Church may be a 'home' for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

Children in Crossfire –Half Marathons: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13th February, 2011 and 20 enthusiastic individuals for the 25th Budapest Half Marathon on 5th September, 2010. A deposit of £150 is requested and minimum sponsorship applies. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrenincrossfire.org for more information. They also hold a car boot sale every Saturday and Sunday at Elagh Business Park on the Buncrana Road, Derry. £5 entry for cars. All are welcome.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exxlesiastes 1:2, 2:21; Psalm 89 or 94; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21
(Lectionary I, page 888) (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

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

| Parish Liturgy (August, 2010) | St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass) | St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass) | Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass) |
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| Lectors (Readers) | Aisling McDermott | | |
| Prayers of Intercession | <i>Volunteers needed</i> | Emmett Bradley | <i>Volunteers needed</i> |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Frankie Bradley | Maria Bradley | Josephine Clarke |
| Collectors | Gerry McDermott Noel Clarke | | |
| Altar Society | Mary McCrory, Mary McNamee and Patta McDermott | | Anne McDermott |
| <i>During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any family to perform this role for us</i> | | | |

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our 11.00am Sunday Mass, readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any family to perform this important role for us. Thank you for everything our parish workers do for our faith community.

The Deep End – Clutter:

Laptops are turning lecture halls into private cinemas and even online casinos. Once considered valuable aides to learning, they're no longer the apple of a teacher's eye. An increasing number of lecturers just don't want them in the classroom anymore. The reason? Students use them less for learning and more for entertaining. Themselves, that is. Not only are those who use them distracted, but so too are those nearby them. Not surprising when laptop use in class becomes networking in Facebook, watching movies, waging World War III virtually and playing poker actually, online. Instead of focusing on teacher talking, students focus on their laptop calling. So, the teacher strikes back, banning them from the classroom. This is a clear example of how something good: the amazing laptop, can get in the way of something better: the desired education.

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 10:38-42) gives another example of the same thing. Jesus visits Martha and Mary. The good here – Martha's attention to guests – gets in the way of something better: her attention to God's word. Mary, on the other hand, just sits absorbed by what Jesus is saying. She's free of clutter in her life and so can focus on what's important. Activity is fine, but it shouldn't push contemplation from our lives.

A Buddhist monk once told Thomas Merton, a famous American Trappist, that you can't contemplate properly until you can close doors quietly. Closing doors quietly on clutter – mental, emotional, and social – is what today's Gospel is about. You may lap that up, but you won't top it!
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Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 -35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie

Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

Clothing Collection for Tyrone Build in Haiti: A collection of clothes etc. is taking place in St. Colmcille's GFC Grounds, Carrickmore now and will continue daily until mid-July. Bags or boxes of all types of clothing, shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels etc. can be left in the green container situated in the upper car-park between 10.00am and 10.00pm daily. The container will be locked nightly. *No toys please!* All proceeds will go directly to Haiti via Tyrone Haiti Build. Your usual support will be very much appreciated. For further info. contact Conor [(028) 8076 1594], Briege [(028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684], Christina [07853 282 563] or Kay [(028) 8224 4145 / 07732 856 354].

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 E260 package.
Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 82241888.

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.

Institute of Irish Leadership (20. The Diamond, Pomeroy) – Coffee Morning:
Saturday 24th July to raise funds for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 18th July, bus pick up at Melmount Centre, Strabane at 8.00am. £35.
For more information call (028) 7126 2512 during office hours

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

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.

Broughderg 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 Broughderg 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

| Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010 | |
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| Friday 13th August | Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages |
| Sunday 15th August | Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages |
| Wednesday 18th August | One Day Retreats resume |
| Monday 23rd August | <i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell |
| Saturday 28th August | Family Day |
| Tuesday 31st August | <i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds |
| Wednesday 1st September | Quiet Day |
| Sunday 12th September | National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk |
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| Tuesday 21st September | One Day Retreats end |

For the 2010 season we are once again offering a varied programme. The usual Three-Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Quiet Days and a Day for Families, along with Confirmation and School Retreats and the Life's Journey Series of Workshops will provide opportunities for many to visit. Whether it is for healing or strength, or for reconciliation or renewal, we invite you to join us for a few hours or a day (or three days!). Whatever your reason for wanting to connect to the Holy Island, know that we are committed to bringing you the *Gift of Hope*.

Questions people ask:

- Q. Years ago a priest told me I was scrupulous and gave me a general formula for confession. But this never leaves me satisfied. Should I lit and tell every sin in detail?
- A. If you suffer from scrupulosity which is an obsessive-compulsive condition, even the most detailed confession would not satisfy you. Stay with the general formula. God already knows every detail and wants you to experience the sacrament, not as a torture, but as a celebration of his mercy.

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

| Naomh Padraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures | | | |
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| Date | Fixture | | |
| Monday 26 th July | Under 12 Boys | Greencastle v. Loughmacrory | |
| Wednesday 28 th July | Under 16 Boys | Greencastle v. Pomeroy | |
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| Training Times | | | |
| Under 12 and Under 14 Girls | Monday nights | | |
| Ladies Senior Training | Monday and Wednesday nights | | |
| Under 16 Boys | Monday nights | | |
| Mens Reserve and Senior Training | Tuesday and Friday nights | | |
| Gaelic Start and Under 12 | Thursday nights | | |
| Under 16 Girls | Sundays at 10.00am | | |
| Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman) | | | |

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 26th July – St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Traditionally named the parents of Mary and grandparents of the Lord. St. Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

Thursday 29th July – St. Martha Sister of Lazarus and Mary. A woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the son of God and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ; we show our Christian spirit of service and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God.

Friday 30th July – St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church) Died c. 450, bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching. Name means *Peter the "Golden-worded"*.

Saturday 31st July – St. Ignatius of Loyola (priest) [1491-1556] Founded the Society of Jesus. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory.

Sunday 1st August – St. Alphonsus Ligurori (bishop and doctor of the Church) Not celebrated this year.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 11:1-13:

- In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come.' That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us, is our good. When have you found that you benefitted when you were open to whatever happened and trusted that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
- One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
- In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Hardwired for God:

I don't know if our genes are, but according to scientists our brains are: hardwired for God. They're programmed to discover supernatural reasons for life's mysteries. Our brain organises the information, our senses send it to discover cause and effect. Since babies only 12-months old can do this, it seems to be innate rather than acquired. So, the findings of researchers at Bristol University studying the development and workings of children's brains are not surprising. They indicate that belief systems offer a possible evolutionary benefit to people. An itch to ask the question 'why' is not the only thing that's innate to us. There's the universal hope, expectation even, that good will conquer evil. Just read your novels, watch your films. Don't you feel more satisfied when the good guy wins? Even books and films with ambiguous endings aren't as emotionally satisfying as those with a clear-cut victory where the one who is good wins out against all the odds. That feel-good factor when good conquers all comes with the job, so to speak, of being human. It's this faith in goodness, more specifically in God, that's the basis for what today's Gospel reading (Luke 11:1-13) tells us: *Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find ...*. Scripture is telling us that God doesn't take us for a ride. He's not a messer, if you'll pardon the slang. He's consistent and we can trust him. That's the God we're hardwired to believe in, the one who gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

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