

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (25<sup>th</sup> September, 2011)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the weeks in Ordinary Time [Year A] (25<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (24<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. James (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Vincent de Paul (priest)	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	10.00am Mass: Opening of the academic year <i>All parishioners welcome</i>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael (Archangels)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> St. Therese of Lisieux (virgin and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil (1<sup>st</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 5.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary before 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary before 9:00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

**During the month of October** members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary **25 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,010**.  
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.  
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.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Elizabeth McCrory** and **Philomena Devlin**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**General:** That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.  
**Missionary:** That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelisation with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

**Invitation to the Parents of the children who are preparing to receive  
Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time in 2012.**

**'Do This In Memory'** is a parish preparation program for the children and families of those preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion/Reconciliation. It aims to help the families of the children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2012 and our parish faith-community prepare together.  
A meeting outlining the programme will be held in the Parochial House on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00pm**. The meeting will last no longer than one hour and we earnestly request that you attend. If it is not raining please park your car at the Church and walk over to the Parochial house. This programme compliments but does *not replace* the work that Mrs McElroy, our Year 4 teacher in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, does in the classroom and everything that you do at home to pass the faith on to your children.  
We hope that your participation in this programme will benefit you, your child and our parish faith community

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm xx; Philippians 4: 6-9, Matthew 21: 33-43;  
(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

**Lotto Results:** A – D – N – Q – U (4 people with 3 letters – £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,850

*As a parish faith-community we thank Fr. Terry Bennett for his ministry to us throughout September*

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<b>Collectors</b>	Gerry McCullagh Mary Bradley	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Colm Beggs Sean McKenna
<b>Altar Society</b>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

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6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>David Morris</b>	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Louise O'Brien</b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Stephen Meenan</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Erin Mulholland</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Shona McKenna</b>	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Leanne Morris</b>

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.

**Home Station Masses During October, 2011:** Everyone who wishes to host a Station Mass in their home during October should book it now in the Sacristy in Greencastle.

**A Week of Guided Prayer:** This will be offered at the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh from 25<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
*Parishioners wishing to participate should register at the parish office*

**Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca) – Mass and Blessing of Roses in Honour of St. Therese:** This will take place in the on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8.00pm. *Please bring along a rose to have blessed at this Mass*  
*All are invited and welcome to attend*

**Friends of Anna and Simeon:** The Knights of Columbanus, Omagh with the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre are launching a prayer initiative for adults to pray for young people. The prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of youth. *The Friends of Anna and Simeon* will be launched on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh.  
*All Welcome*

**Annual Derry Diocese Pioneer Mass:** This will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Hegarty in St. Mary's Church, Desertmartin at 3.00pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.  
*All Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend*  
*Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Mary's Parish Hall*

**SingTonicity – Improving Your Health One Song at a Time!** The new season of the popular SingTonicity Classes has resumed at St. Columb's Hall on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. An excellent way to help relieve the stresses of life in a secure environment, there are fun relaxation exercises, breathing awareness techniques as well as lots of singing and laughter. It's guaranteed to lift your energy, your voice and your spirit. We believe, if you can talk, you can sing! No talent required. Adults £5 per class.  
Tel Siobhan Heaney on 07743 365 971. *Newcomers always very welcome*

**Visit of Brother Jean-Marie from the Taizé Community:** We would like to bring to your attention the forthcoming visit of Brother Jean-Marie from the Taizé Community. Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community in France made up of around a hundred brothers from many different countries. It seeks to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. For over 50 years many people have visited in large numbers for retreats and youth meetings. Their prayer is characterized by contemplative chants now popular throughout the world as well as periods of silence and readings of scripture. Brother Jean-Marie will be attending two events on **30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October**.  
**1. Taizé Prayer Evening led by Brother Jean-Marie (Taizé Community)**  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. St. Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor.  
**2. Taizé Day of Prayer and Celebration of Eucharist** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Communal Prayer from 3-6pm in the Prayer Room (first floor) followed by Sunday Vigil Mass in the Chapel at 8.00pm. Main Celebrant: Bishop Donal McKeown. Tea and refreshments available afterwards.  
All are welcome to experience this peaceful style of meditative worship and prayer from the Ecumenical Community of Taizé. For more information please email Philip on: stcomgalls@btconnect.com or Fr. Raymond McCullagh on: r.mccullagh@ulster.ac.uk

**Youth Club Registration:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Community Centre  
1 Child £5.00      Family £10.00

**Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)**

<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

**Couples planning to Marry in 2011** please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

**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.

**Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.*

**ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge:** ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

**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](http://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*

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):**

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**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 0 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 familycaresociety.net*

**Workshop For Marriage – Renew your Wedding Vows:** Marriage Encounter is a weekend away (Friday 8.00pm to Sunday 5.00pm) for married couples of all ages with a stable relationship. Couples explore, in complete privacy how to come to a deeper, mutual understanding of each other. 30<sup>th</sup> September.- 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

*For information phone (028) 9062 6503 / (028) 7135 0612 or email [marriageencounterweekend@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencounterweekend@gmail.com)*

*For future weekends see [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) for details*

**Engaged Encounter Weekend:** Engaged Encounter is a Church approved Marriage preparation course presented by married couples and a priest for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

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**What is a week of Guided Prayer?**

- It is a way of making a retreat in the midst of your busy life.
- The retreat is scripture based.
- Participants spend some time at home each day reflecting on a chosen passage of scripture, thinking about how it speaks to them in their present life situation.
- Retreatants then come along to reflect with their trained Prayer Guide, in the Pastoral Centre, at a time chosen to suit each person taking part.
- A different passage of scripture is usually given each day.
- The week begins on a Sunday evening with a group meeting, to explain how the week will work, and to look at some ideas about praying the Scripture, and to introduce each participant to their personal Prayer Guide.
- One-to-one sessions are arranged to suit each individual, from Monday - Thursday, and will last no more than half an hour.
- On Friday evening everyone comes together again to bring the week's experience to a prayerful close, and to celebrate.

On Sunday, 2 October, the Catholic Church in Ireland celebrates 'our' Day for Life.

In his 1995 Encyclical Letter, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, the late Pope John Paul II proposed that "a day for life be celebrated each year in every country". The primary purpose of this day should be "to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church, and in civil society, a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition" (EV #85). The Bishops of Ireland responded to this invitation by announcing an annual celebration of the Day for Life. Since 2001, the bishops have published a Pastoral Letter every October celebrating a different theme for each Day for Life.

The theme for Day for Life 2011 is 'A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times'. Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life.

The following paragraphs, taken from this year's Day for life Message, could be included in parish newsletters or missalettes on Sunday 18 and 25 September and 2 October - Day for Life:

• Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to England when he said: "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts."

• Day for Life 2011 is a call for us to work for a society in which all are valued as created, loved by God, redeemed by Christ; not for their fame, or power, or what they own but for their intrinsic worth. It is a call to rediscover the truth that our deepest joy and happiness comes from the knowledge that we are all loved by God from the very beginning, and that by trusting in God's love, through our setbacks and difficulties, 'our own joy will be complete' (John 15:11).

• As a society we have a strong tradition of good neighbourliness and of showing mutual health. Day for Life is an opportunity to ask ourselves if there is anything more we can do to be of help to our neighbours, to improve the quality of life of others and of society as a whole, especially in these financially challenging times.

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**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:  
Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very Telephone/Email on busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES  
**Tel:** ( 028) 9033 2470 **Email:** [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie) **Online:** [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

**Questions people ask:**

- Q. I don't mean to sound disrespectful, but if Our Lady is regularly transmitting messages to certain visionaries, then why did she not send a warning about a tsunami which caused so many deaths and suffering in Japan? A message would have saved so much suffering.
- A. Actually, I too wrestle with the same question. In my mind it raises the question of the authenticity of these visions and messages. I have no doubts about Mary's concern for her children on earth. These messages, as far as I know, never address the great problems of injustice, war, inequality or famine.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap ([silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com))*

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – St. James (Apostle)** One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Lesser.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – St. Vincent de Paul (priest) [1580-1660]** Founded the Congregation of the Mission (The Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the Patron Saint of all charitable works.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – St. Wenceslaus (martyr) [905-925]** Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron Saint of brewers.

**St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)** During the period between 1633 and 1637 these 16 martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki in Japan.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Gabriel, Raphael and Michael (Archangels)** Gabriel brought the message to Mary of the Annunciation (Patron Saint of telecommunications, radio and TV workers). Raphael was a guide to Tobias (Patron Saint of nurses, physicians and the blind). Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular (Patron Saint of radiologists and the sick paratroopers)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church) [340-420]** Translated the bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron Saint of librarians.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St. Therese of the Child Jesus (virgin and Doctor of the Church)** Marie Francois Therese Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron Saint of Missions, florists, aviators and France.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – The Guardian Angels** This feast expresses God's personal care for each individual and our belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard us.

*Not celebrated this year*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 21: 28-32:**

1. The parable tells us behind the law lies God's desire that all people be saved. Superficial observance or the semblance of dutiful obedience is not the key element. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, one who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about what a truly good life is all about.
2. In another place Jesus says that our relationships should be marked by clear communication. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'. What difference does it make to your relationships when you know you can rely on the word of another, and s/he can rely on yours?
3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. When have you been surprised by good you found in a person about whom you had preconceived and prejudiced opinions?

*John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

**The Deep End – Lip Service:**

Which is better (or worse): to make a promise to do something and not keep it, or to say no but then change your mind and do as you were asked? What point is Jesus making here? After all, both sons start out saying one thing and end up doing the opposite. At first glance neither of them come across as the most reliable of characters; I doubt many employers would hire them on the basis of this performance. One clue is to note who is Jesus is talking to – his parables are always intriguing when the chief priests and the elders are in the audience. He seems to delight in upsetting the complacency the religious people – imagine telling the chief priests that the tax collectors and prostitutes, considered the greatest sinners of the time, would get to heaven before them. Would our own religious leaders like to be told such a thing? Would you? Outwardly the religious authorities of Jesus' time had all the appearances of being 'good' – they were pious and dutiful and were quite confident of their standing before God. They are like the first son who says the right thing and makes grand promises, putting on a good outward show. But their actions did not always match. Jesus is very good at turning preconceptions upside down. It is the sinner who truly repents, rather than the outwardly pious person whose actions do not match their declarations, who will be the first to make their way into the kingdom of God. Jesus wants us to follow through with our promises. Discipleship is not about lip service. As with many other areas of life, actions speak louder than words.

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