

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg
 The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 25th October, 2009
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time. 26th October – 1st November, 2009

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| Monday 26th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time | Saint Patrick's | 9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass |
| Station Mass in home of Sarah Coyle (Broughderg) | | 7.30pm Mass (confessions beforehand) |
| Tuesday 27th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time | Saint Patrick's | 9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass |
| Station Mass in home of Maggie Bradley (Muninamale) | | 7.30pm Mass (confessions beforehand) |
| Wednesday 28th October St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles | Saint Patrick's | 9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass: DDS (members & benefactors) |
| Station Mass in home of Kathleen and Michael McCullagh (Cashel) | | 7.30pm Mass (confessions beforehand) |
| Thursday 29th October St. Colman of Kilmacduagh | Saint Patrick's | 9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 30th October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time | Saint Patrick's | 7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass |
| Saturday 31st October Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time | Saint Patrick's | 9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass |
| Saturday Evening | Saint Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| Sunday 1st November Feast of All Saints | Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass |

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£950**.
Please support your parish 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.

Sincere thanks has been extended to Greencastle parish from **The Society for the Propagation of the Faith** for your generous contribution of **£900** to last week's Mission Sunday collection, this will change the lives of many in mission lands and will enable the continued work of missionaries worldwide. We are asked to continue praying for our missionary brothers and sisters as our spiritual support can provide great comfort particularly in difficult times. Further contributions will be gratefully received.

New Weekly Collection Envelopes: New boxes of envelopes are being prepared and will be distributed shortly. If you have been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She extends her thanks to you for all your support, patience and help in getting this task completed.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose Heagney** and **Bridget Donnelly** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: Sr. Josephine Walsh Weekend Retreat with emphasis on forgiving, healing and making a new start, will take place from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November. Call (028) 71 26 2512 during office hours.

Sick and household will be attended **Monday 2nd November**. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or household and would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

'Do This In Memory of Me': Our next parish programme in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion takes place at the Vigil Mass for the feast of Christ the King on Saturday 21st November in Greencastle.

Institute of Irish Leadership (20 The Diamond, Pomeroy): Talk on Townlands and place-names in Tyrone.
 Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a day of renewal with speaker Frances Hogan at the Mellon Country Hotel from 9.00am on Saturday 21st November 21. Offering £20.00. Book by calling (028) 8224 2092 (during office hours).

Derry Diocesan Society (DDS): Please attend the Mass on Wednesday if you can.

Next Sunday's Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 7-19; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:10-12
 Lectionary I, page 999 or Lectionary II, page 1,244

Lotto Numbers: 4, 13, 18, 20 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,750

Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

| Parish Liturgy for November, 2009 | 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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| Readers | John Enright | Mary Clarke | Cairine Gormley |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Mary Tracey | Eileen McKenna | Mary McCrory |
| Prayers of Intercession | Soirse Conway | <i>Volunteer needed</i> | Helen McKenna |
| Collectors | Michael McNamee Margaret Morris | Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly | Pat McGuigan Eoin Clarke |
| Altar Society | Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs and Mary McCullagh | | Anne McDermott |

New choir members will always be welcome

Offertory Gifts: The Year 4 and 7 classes of 2009 / 2010 and their families taking responsibility for presenting the Offertory gifts at each Sunday Mass are as follows:-

| Week | 6.00pm Saturday Vigil | Offertory Gifts Rota | 9.00am Sunday Morning |
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| 9 | Saturday 31 st October The family of Shea McElhatton | Commemoration of All Saints | Sunday 1 st November The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan |
| 10 | Saturday 7 th November The family of Caioleann Conway | Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time | Sunday 8 th November The family of Conan Maguire |
| 11 | Saturday 14 th November The family of Lauren O'Neill | Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time | Sunday 15 th November The family of Jamie Wilkinson |
| 12 | Saturday 21 st November*** The family of Serene Morris | Solemnity of Christ the King | Sunday 22 nd November The family of Connor Bradley |
| 13 | Saturday 28 th November The family of Megan Conway | First Sunday Of Advent | Sunday 29 th November The family of Caioleann Conway |

*** **'Do This In Memory' Programme week 3**

As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and we thank them for what they are doing for us.

Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg – 25th Anniversary: Next September marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. If you have ideas on how we as a parish can mark this occasion, or would like to form an anniversary committee please share them with Fr. Hasson as soon as you can.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

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| Friday 23rd October | Card playing resumes at 8.30pm every Friday night |
| Sunday 25th October | Usual fortnightly dance, with music by <i>Country Cousins</i> |
| Saturday 14th November | Table Quiz at 9.00pm |

Greencastle Youth Club – Parent Rota:

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| Monday 26 th October | 6.30pm – 8.00pm | Francis Bradley (trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre) |
| Monday 26 th October | 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Nuala Fox |
| Tuesday 27 th October | 6.30pm – 8.00pm | Ciara McKenna |

Precious Life Ministries invites you to a Prayer Vigil outside the High Court in Belfast on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October when a judicial review of abortion guidelines will be heard. Your support is also asked for 3 days of prayer and fasting beginning Monday 26th October that abortion guidelines be withdrawn and unborn children protected. Tel Precious Life (028) 9027 8484.

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls:

- From 12.00noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th November.
- The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

IHCPT – Young People's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter 2009): Around 500 young people from all over Ireland spend a week on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the IHCPT, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust at Easter. (www.irishpilgrimage.com) The Irish Pilgrimage Trust welcomes applications from young people with:

- A Physical Disability or illness/suffering/trauma/bereavement (aged 11-18).
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Jet Set Group – Physical Disability (18-25)
- Jet Set Group – Learning Disability(21-30)
- The organisation also has Family Groups for very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative

The IHCPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes or you would like further information about the pilgrimage please contact Damian on 07968312770 or IHCPT, Kilcuan, Clarenbridge, Co Galway, Tel: 00353 91 796622 for further details and an application form. Please note closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October, 2009

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot. Co. Donegal: A space of quiet, prayer and solitude. Available for individual retreats and spiritual guidance. Residential accommodation and meals in the Centre's hermitages. Promotions offer €45 per night. "Come away by yourself to a desert place and rest for a while." Contact Fr. Neal Carlin on 00353 74936 8370 or sacre@eircom.net for enquiries and bookings.

Iosas – Island of Saints and Scholars Centre. Lenamore Road, Derryvane. Muff Co. Donegal
www.columbacomunity.com Tel: 00353 74938 4866 Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com
Director Fr. Neal Carlin. **Listen – feel – look – smell** – come and experience our welcome.

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Intercessors of the Lamb Retreat: A new Religious Order was founded in 1976 by Mother Nadine Brown who was a contemplative Nun for many years. Their main charism is the call to holiness for each individual and is Gospel based with a strong emphasis on intercessory prayers. The order has Priests, Religious and Laity. Two of their members are in ministry in the House of Prayer, Drumkeen, Co. Donegal until Christmas 2009. Two of their members will visit our Dioceses on Saturday 24th October where they will explain their charism and the programmes they offer for each individual.

A one day retreat will be held in Ards friary, Creeslough, Co. Donegal on Saturday 24th October. Commences at 9.30am and will finish at 7.00pm. For booking, please contact Ards Friary Retreat and Conference Centre on 074 9138909 or 0035 37491 38909 or email info@ardsfriary.ie

Holy Land Pilgrimage: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year (dates not decided yet – possibly early June) led by Fr Kevin McElhannon, Killyclogher. For 10 days we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee to Bethlehem and Jerusalem. This once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage will bring to life the people, places and stories of the Bible, and promises to be an enjoyable and enriching experience. Price: £1,190 (price may be less depending on numbers going and is fully inclusive - flights, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, guide, full tours etc.). If you are interested or thinking about going and would like to know more about the pilgrimage, come along to either of the information evenings this Monday (12th October) or Wednesday (14th October) in Christ the King Church, Strathroy at 8.00pm (after 7.30pm Mass). Or contact Fr. Kevin directly at (028) 8225 1055.

"Footprints of God": Fr. Kevin McElhannon will lead a series of reflection evenings from February to April entitled "In The Footprints of God". These evenings are offered to everyone who would like to journey reflectively through the Gospel stories. By reflecting on the Gospel stories, and getting to know the people and places of the Gospels, we hope to deepen our faith and enrich our relationship with Jesus. Though open to everyone, these reflections will be especially beneficial for anyone who is intending to join us on our Holy land Pilgrimage (see above) as it is hoped that these reflections will enhance our experience and enjoyment of the Holy Land. Details of our planned Advent Reflection evenings will be published in a couple of weeks.

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and 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 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 Our Lady of the Wayside on Wednesday 28th 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. *Please attend Mass on Wednesday*

Are you an unattached Catholic seeking new friends or perhaps someone special? Write to the Unattached Directory. 10, Lower Abbey Street, Freepost (F2046) Dublin 1.
Telephone 00353 283 7888. Email help@cathud.com Website www.cathud.com

Help to contain the swine flu impact: Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.

Irish News (18th July, 2009)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Tuesday 27th October – St. Otteran A descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Colm Cille in Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron of the diocese of Waterford.

Wednesday 28th 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. St. Jude is patron saint of hopeless causes.

Thursday 29th October – St. Colman Hailed from Kilmacduagh in County 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.

Saturday 24th October – Blessed Dominic Collins Born around 1566 in the city of Youghal in County 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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 10:46-52:

1. In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?
2. Who was the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love and faith.
3. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard in order to be able to see more clearly (e.g., an assumption, a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?
4. 'Your faith has saved you' Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it saved you.

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Questions people ask:

- Q. Often at Mass we are told that we are celebrating the feast of some virgin. Were there any married saints?
- A. Top of the list place Mary and Joseph. Peter was certainly married and probably the other Apostles too. Others that come to mind are Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, Elizabeth the cousin of Mary, the saintly Queens Elizabeth of Hungary and of Portugal, Margaret of Scotland, the saintly Kings, Louis of France and Edward of England, Monica, the mother of Augustine, Elizabeth Ann Seton of USA, Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin, parents of the Little Flower, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, the martyrs Margaret Clitheroe and Thomas More, and many of the martyrs in Ireland, Japan, Uganda etc.

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The Deep End – A Stupid Question?

Jesus doesn't ask stupid questions. So, why does he ask Bartimeus what seems at best a question with an obvious answer in today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:46-52)? Bartimeus is blind, and a beggar. He calls Jesus 'Son of David'. So the odds are in favour of him wanting more than money. He wants his sight. Yet, Jesus doesn't assume that. Why?

Perhaps he wants to show respect towards Bartimeus, unlike the crowd who tell him to shut up. Jesus invites him to speak for himself. Can we say we always do that with those we consider unimportant to us? Those whose sentences we finish for them? Those whose conversation we cut across when in company? Those whom we think aren't worth listening to?

Or perhaps Jesus wants to test the quality of Bartimeus's faith. 'Son of David' he calls Jesus. Will he now undo the impression he makes by asking Jesus for a few coins? Respecting Bartimeus's freedom, Jesus let's his faith unfold. And what a faith it is! He asks for nothing short of a miracle. Even though he's blind he can 'see' that Jesus is more than ordinary. Faith brings vision of a kind that healthy eyes may fail to. Do we see in Jesus more than the human eye can catch? Is our faith great enough to expect a personal transformation little short of the miraculous by sincerely asking for it? Jesus doesn't force us to ask for the impossible. But he does invite us to. What a shame should we refuse because it might sound stupid!

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