



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

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

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [Year B] (25th November, 2012)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26 th November, 2012 – 2 nd December, 2012)			
Saturday Evening (24th November) <i>Do This In Memory</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
Sunday 25th November Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [Year B]	St. Patrick's	6:00pm Mass: Gerry Daly (1 st Anniversary)	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
		10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass	
Monday 26th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Tuesday 27th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 28th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Thursday 29th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Friday 30th November St. Andrew (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass	
		8.25pm – 9.00pm Prayer Guides preparation evening	
Saturday Morning (1st December) Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Saturday Evening (1st December) <i>Do This In Memory</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
		6:00pm Mass	
Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass: Kathleen and James Duffy (Anniv.)	
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £870 . <i>Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.</i> <i>Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.</i> 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 Kitty Teague , whose Requiem took place last Tuesday, we extend to her family our deepest sympathy and prayerful support in their bereavement – Kitty has been our most senior parishioner this past year. We also pray for Gerry Daly, Rose McCrory, Michael Gillen and Michael McCullagh , whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
Mass for Deceased Young People of the Diocese: St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Sunday 25 th November, 3.00pm.			
Parish Maintenance Committee Meeting: Monday 26 th November at 9.00pm.			
Scor na Og: Congratulations to the children from the parish who have qualified for the county final on Sunday 25 th November, whose names appeared in last week's news sheet. <i>Please come out and support them in the final</i>			
Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 26 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Joanne Beggs
	Tuesday 27 th November	6.30pm – 8.00pm 8.00pm – 9.00pm	Siobhan McKenna Louise Coyle
Special Enriching Weekend for Married Couples in a Stable Relationship: Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, 30 th November to 2 nd December. Designed to help deepen your commitment to one another and enrich the joys you share together, whether you are recently or long married. marriageencounter.ie/(00353) 64664 4319/(00353) 87667 0418/(028) 9062 6503			
Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2013: With Monsignor Danny Monaghan and Maria. For info contact (0044) 28822 41888. <i>Dates TBA</i>			
Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for December (please remember these in your personal prayer)			
General – Migrants: That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.			
Missionary – Christ, the Light for all Humanity: That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.			
Next Sundays Readings: 1 Kings 17: 10-16; Psalm 145: 7-10, r/v 2; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44; (Lectionary I, page 822) (Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)			
Lotto Results: H – J – P – Q – V (4 people with 3 letters – £15 each) Next Jackpot: £2,250			

Parish Liturgy for December, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Caoileann Conway	Emma Clarke	Elaine Coyle
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Colum Keenan	Jimmy Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary Bradley Helen Tracey		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead			
Altar Servers Needed: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so as soon as possible.			
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 24 th November* The family of Chloe McGurk	Solemnity of Christ the King [Year B]	Sunday 25 th November The family of Matthew Conway	
Saturday 1 st December The family of Aiden Morris	First Sunday of Advent [Year C]	Sunday 2 nd December The family of Eoin McCullagh	
Saturday 8 th December The family of Ciaran Morris	Second Sunday of Advent [Year C]	Sunday 9 th December The family of Shea McElhatton	
Saturday 15 th December** The family of Kerrie McLaughlin	Third Sunday of Advent [Year C]	Sunday 16 th December The family of Sorch-Rose Meenan	
* Do This In Memory Week 3		** Do This In Memory Week 4	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.			
IOSAS Centre Christmas Trail (Facilitated by The YARD Project): This year the Celtic Prayer Garden at the IOSAS Centre, Derryvane, Muff will be transformed to provide a truly memorable Christmas experience for all the family. A guided trail under starlight around the Christmas themed houses tells the greatest story ever told – the birth of Jesus. This interactive event will also include crafts for kids and storytelling on some of our favourite Christian traditions. The event (lasting approx 1hr) runs for 3 weekends from Friday 30 th November. Booking is essential and numbers are limited. <i>For more info on times etc: call (00353) 7493 84866 / Facebook 'IOSAS Centre Christmas Trail'</i>			
Dean Maguirc College presents Scrooge: Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th , Thursday 6 th December at 7.30pm. <i>Tickets available from school office. Adults ~ £8 Under 16 ~ £5</i>			
Annual Pioneer Retreat in Termonbacca: Sunday 2 nd December. Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or any Committee Member to book. Temporary Pledge for Advent: Contact Maria or any Committee Member for further details.			
Mill Festival at Glenhull: Sunday 25 th November to Sunday 2 nd December in memory of Alice McGarvey, Eileen Carson and Bernie McDaid. Proceeds to Care for Cancer, Omagh and Green Elves Playgroup, Greencastle. <i>Your support is appreciated</i>			
Christmas Fair at An Creagán: Saturday 1 st December. Santa arriving by Rally Storm Car at 1.00pm, visit him in his log cabin. <i>Admission £5.00, all proceeds in Aid of Arvalee Special School</i>			
Candle-light Rosary Procession: Sunday 9 th December, assembling in Guildhall Square at 4.30pm, and proceed through the streets behind the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Ireland. The Rosary will be led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. You are invited to come along and carry a 'Light for Life' and pray for the protection of Ireland's unborn children. Bring your family and friends and receive many blessings and graces. <i>Candles will be supplied. For further information, contact Precious Life on (028) 9027 8484</i>			
Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July): The cost is £585. An application form is available from Rosemary at The Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ – (028) 7136 2475 (Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1.30pm). <i>Special forms for registered sick, youth and helpers are also available</i>			
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Gratitude has been expressed for your support of the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. <i>Their clothes shop is in Castle Street, Omagh. Their ministry is important approaching Christmas</i>			
Trócaire Global Gifts: Last Christmas Trócaire Global Gifts helped change lives, please be generous again this year and pick up a leaflet from the church porch.			
Free NVQ Level 2: Are you experienced in any of the following trades? Joinery, Plastering and Floor & Wall Tiling but don't have a qualification. South West College are offering Free NVQ Level 2 in the above areas. <i>If interested call Noel McIntyre on 07732 187 755</i>			
BADA An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:			
Every Friday Night at 8.30pm Card playing with light supper served			

Savita Tragedy: Mother and Baby have an Equal Right to Life. - Monsignor Martin

Monsignor Eamon Martin, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Derry has drawn attention to the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child.

Monsignor Martin said that over the past week many people had been asking him to explain the Church's position following the death of Mrs Savita Halappanavar and her unborn child in University Hospital Galway. He said that Savita's death was a devastating personal tragedy for her husband and family and their anguish and sorrow have struck a chord with the people of Ireland. On behalf of the people and priests of the Diocese of Derry, Monsignor Martin expressed his sympathy to the family of Mrs Halappanavar and to all those affected by these tragic events. He said that the tragedy had caught the attention of the nation and that many people had been asking searching ethical questions in an attempt to fully understand the issues involved.

Monsignor Martin went on to echo the words of the Irish Bishops earlier this week in reaffirming some aspects of Catholic moral teaching.

'The Catholic Church has never taught that the life of a child in the womb should be preferred to that of a mother. By virtue of their common humanity a mother and her unborn baby share an equal right to life. Where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are ethically permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby. Whereas abortion is the direct and intentional destruction of an unborn baby and is gravely immoral in all circumstances, this is different from medical treatments which do not directly and intentionally seek to end the life of the unborn baby. Current law and medical guidelines in Ireland allow nurses and doctors in Irish hospitals to apply this vital distinction in practice while upholding the equal right to life of both a mother and her unborn baby. Some would claim that the unborn baby is less human or less deserving of life. Advances in genetics and technology make it clear that at fertilisation a new, unique and genetically complete human being comes into existence. From that moment onwards each of us did not grow and develop *into* a human being, but grew and developed as a human being.'

Monsignor Martin added that the Catholic Church's is not the only voice which advocates the importance of respecting all human life. He said:

'With many other religious and ethical traditions we believe in upholding the equal and inalienable right to life of a mother and her unborn child in our laws and medical practice. This helps to ensure that women and babies receive the highest standard of care and protection during pregnancy. Indeed, international statistics confirm that Ireland, without abortion, remains one of the safest countries in the world in which to be pregnant and to give birth. This is a position that should continue to be cherished and strengthened in the interests of mothers and unborn children in Ireland

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.

Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.

Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.

Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider *The Mystery of Work*: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half-Marathon: Sunday 17th February, £100 deposit secures your place.

For more information please contact events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898

Thank you for your time on this it is greatly appreciated

Now the Scouts: The following statement about perpetrators of the crimes of sexual abuse may sound familiar to Catholics: "That was a different time.... That was a time when people thought—the medical community thought—there was a potential for rehabilitation." This is not a bishop apologising for a priest.

It is Wayne Perry, the president of the Boy Scouts of America, apologising after the release of a cache of documents detailing accusations of abuse of "many thousands of victims," according to The New York Times, allegedly committed by 1,247 scout leaders between 1965 and 1985. The parallels between the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts are striking. Both of these institutions were seen as moral institutions charged with caring for children; both were organised in clear-cut hierarchies; and both instinctively tried to prevent the documents from being released. The B.S.A. called these records the "perversion files."

The terrible revelations about the scouts, however, do not let the Catholic Church off the hook. Nor do they let Penn State off the hook. Child abuse occurs in a variety of settings: families, schools, social service agencies—indeed any setting that includes children. Even organisations that do not deal directly with children are prone to cover-ups: the British Broadcasting Company is embroiled in a case of ignoring the abuse of hundreds of young girls by a popular television host. The scope of these crimes points to the need for greater vigilance, continued transparency and further education about sexual abuse. The Catholic Church has made great strides in the prevention of abuse, but much work remains. In the future, the "perversion files" of every organisation should be empty.

America Magazine (12th November, 2012)

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 under 8 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

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Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:

Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

London Marathon (Sunday 21st April): Why not join team Foyle Hospice for a thrill of a lifetime running/walking one of the world's most exciting marathons, the Virgin London Marathon which takes place Sunday 21st April? This run takes in all the major sites and attractions in London with thousands of spectators all along the course. Places in this event will be difficult to get, but Foyle Hospice has some guaranteed entries for the marathon. For further information contact Noel McMonagle, Community Fundraising Manager. noel@foylehospice.com, (028) 7135 9888.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March
 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 25th November – St. Catherine [335-397] Martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.
St. Colman Born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by Saint Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne. [Not celebrated this year]
Wednesday 30th November – St. Andrew (Apostle) Andrew from Bethsaida was a disciple of St. John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom on this date by crucifixion, but the tradition of an X-shaped cross is much later. Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 18:33-37: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

- Q. Isn't it odd to celebrate Christ as King since his lifestyle was simple and he actually escaped from the crowd who wanted to make him their king?
- A. It depends on how one understands the role of a king. Jesus said to Pilate, 'Yes, I am a king, but my kingdom is not of this world'. He ran off from those who wanted to make him an earthly king as he had no desire for political power or regal pomp. His idea of kingship was to see justice and compassion empowering our lives. Today's feast celebrates a king of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. For such a world we pray 'Thy kingdom come'.

The Deep End – So you are a King: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Pilate plays an interesting role in today's Gospel when he asks Jesus that all-important question: 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Is it the question of someone who does not understand and wants to know more about Jesus? Has Pilate had a sudden insight into who Jesus is? Is he gently mocking him? Or is he simply carrying out an investigation?

After Jesus speaks about his kingdom, Pilate asks again, 'So you are a king then?', prompting Jesus to reply more boldly: 'Yes, I am a king.'

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It can be hard for us to grasp what Jesus means when he talks about the kingdom. He tells Pilate that his kingdom is 'not of this world'. He is a King, but not the king we might expect. He does not have an army to save him from being arrested and put to death. He has not come to reign on earth, to amass power, or to ride into battle, but rather to bear witness to the truth.

Those who are on the side of truth listen to Jesus' voice. What would our lives be like if we were to truly live according to the teachings and example of Jesus?