

## Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church  
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
Broughderg

**The Third Sunday of Easter. 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

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*Our parish faith community offers prayerful support and a warm welcome to the young people who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Friday evening. They continue their faith journey with us through leadership roles at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass tonight (25<sup>th</sup> April) – the ninth week of their 'Do This In Memory' Programme. They will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the 11.00am Mass on the Feast of the Ascension (see note below) and complete their participation in the 'Do This In Memory' programme at the Vigil Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi (13<sup>th</sup> June).*

### Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Easter. 20<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Third Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr St. Louis Marie de Montfort, priest	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe	Saint Patrick's	No Mass
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April St. Pius V, Pope	Saint Patrick's	No Mass
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Feast of St. Joseph the Worker	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May St. Athenasius, bishop and Doctor of the Church	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Fourth Sunday of Easter	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

### Confession Schedule

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Saint Patrick's	7:30pm (before Mass)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**. Further donations for the **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** will be gratefully received and a full acknowledgement will be published soon. **The Diocesan Purposes Collection** will be taken up on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> May, please be as generous as you can.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray this week for **John McAleer, Frank O'Hagan, Patrick O'Hagan, Kathleen O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan** and **Mary Morris (Cashel)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Welcome:** As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Danielle Theresa Gumley** and **Francis Stephen McNamee** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, their parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

**Sick and housebound** will be attended Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. 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 Pope's Intentions For May, 2009: General:** That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious occasions. **Mission:** That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

**Parish Volunteers:** Please sign up for service in your parish. Here are some ways in which you can minister:

Parish Liturgy for May 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Danielle Coyle	Lucy Hood	Geraldine McNamee
Prayers of Intercession	Daniel McEhatton		
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott

***New choir members will always be welcome***

The **Altar Society** needs volunteers for the months of June and July. ***Will you help?***

**During the month of May** parishioners will lead us by praying the Rosary **30 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them and make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Bishop Hegarty asks for your support on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

(there will be no Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2009). The timetable is:

**2.30pm:** Anointing of those who are sick.

**3.00pm:** Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Hegarty.

**4.00pm:** Solemn Blessing of those who are sick, Benediction, Rosary and Procession to the Shrine.

**Please Note:** Because of First Holy Communion on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg will be at **9.00am** and Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle will be at **11.00am**.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will be closed from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** Usual fortnightly dance. Music by *Country Cousins*

**Questions people ask:**

Q. What is baptism of desire? Can I apply baptism of desire to my grandchildren who have not been baptised?

A. Baptism of desire refers to the salvation of people who died without being baptised with water but whose desire for Christ was implicit in the way they lived according to the principles of Christian morality. Your desire for your grandchildren does not mean they are baptised but it is a prayer to God that they will one day come to know Jesus and accept him into their lives. A prayer made with great love will surely be answered.

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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; Psalm 117; John 3:1-2;  
Luke 10:11-18 (Lectionary I, page 490)

**Lotto Numbers:** 4, 7, 11, 16 (3 winners share the £1,950 jackpot – £650 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,000

**Parish News Sheet:** Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the **Wednesday evening** prior to publication. ***Please take the news sheet home with you after Mass***

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 24: 35-48:**

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him or her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his or her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. The disciples had a resurrection experience. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. What have been your resurrection experiences: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after deep hurt etc?
4. It took the disciples some time to grasp the meaning of what was happening. It can take us time to learn the deeper lessons of life. Reflect on an example of some lesson about life that you have learned slowly over time?

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

**The Deep End – In the Wounds:**

In *A Risen Christ in Eastertime*, Raymond E. Brown writes: 'Today disbelief flows from many factors including unconvincing signs, e.g., the proclamation of Christ by some who scarcely resemble him.' Resembling Christ means having wounds and showing them. Not something most of us would want to have, or wish to do. You'd think that the Risen Christ would use something else to dispel the doubts of the disciples in today's Gospel reading (Luke 24:35-48). He uses the breaking of bread to open the minds of two disciples travelling to Emmaus. Now he uses his wounds to quell the doubts of others. Even his startling and sudden appearance among them isn't enough to rid them of doubt. But in his wounds they recognise him. Needless to say, these aren't any old wounds.

They are the wounds the world inflicts on those who love God above all else. They are the wounds of those who proclaim God's truth even when it threatens powerful vested interests. They are the wounds of those who live for others more than for themselves. They are the wounds of those who don't count cost. They are wounds that once accepted are healed and become a source of health for others. We carry them with us in life, but they carry us into eternity.

Resembling Jesus means facing the foe within our own gilded Gethsemanes; forgiving the tormentors who crucify us daily on our petty Golgothas; defeating the demons of our imaginings in the wilderness of our making; and in the longings of a lonely heart in prayer before God.

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