

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (26th September, 2010)**  
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**Today we welcome our recently retired Auxiliary Bishop Francis Lagan to our parish community:**  
He will celebrate Mass for us at 11.00am in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg and will invite all married couples present to renew their marriage commitment. Especially welcome will be the couples who made their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage in OLW over the past 25 years as well as the young people whom he Confirmed during his ministry.

**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (26th September, 2010 – 3rd October, 2010)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 26th September</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: Missio Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 27th September</b> St. Vincent de Paul (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 28th September</b> Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: To ask for God's blessings upon the new academic year
<b>Wednesday 29th September</b> St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael (Archangels)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 30th September</b> St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 1st October</b> St. Therese of Lisieux (virgin and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass (note change in time)
<b>Saturday 2nd October</b> The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's	<b>9.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday <b>9:00am</b> Mass: Missio Pro Populo <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Praying the Rosary During the Month of October**

**During the month of October** members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary **30 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 **£960**. 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 **Elizabeth McCrory, Anthony Bradley** and **Philomena Devlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Anniversaries of the Ordinations of Fr. Terry Bennett and his brother Fr. Donal Bennett (Friday 1st October):** Mass will be concelebrated at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher to mark the anniversaries of their ordination to Priesthood. Fr. Terry celebrates his Diamond Jubilee (60th) and Fr. Donal his Golden Jubilee (50th). They both belong to St. Columban's Missionary Society. Since their retirement from Missionary ministry in the Philippines they have been very supportive of our faith-community here in Greencastle parish. As a way to say thanks to them you can offer your support by attending this Mass or by sending them a card to 27 Kylemore Gardens, Omagh.

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2010 (Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brook Street):** 15th and 16th October; 12th and 13th November; 3rd and 4th December. Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses 6 months before your wedding. Call (028) 8224 2439, e-mail [accordomagh@btopenworld.com](mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com)

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Habbakuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10  
(Lectinary I, page 917) (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

**Lotto Results:** G – S – W – Y – Z (5 winners – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,250

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

<b>Parish Liturgy for October, 2010</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Anne Coyle	Roisin Hood	Geraldine McNamee
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Enda Bradley	Kevin Clarke	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Collectors</b>	Gerry McCullagh Mary Bradley	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Francis Keenan Perry McCrory
<b>Altar Society</b>	Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott

Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community.  
Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known.

**Offertory Gifts:** The Years 4 and 7 pupils preparing to receive the sacraments of First Confession / First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2011 and their families have been invited to take responsibility for presenting the Offertory gifts at Sunday Mass during the month of September and are as follows:-

<b>Week</b>	<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
5	<u>Saturday 2nd October</u> The family of <b>Leah McGuigan</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 3rd October</u> The family of <b>Shaun Coyle</b>
6	<u>Saturday 9th October *</u> The family of <b>Shane McKenna</b>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 10th October</u> The family of <b>Michaela Gillen</b>
7	<u>Saturday 16th October</u> The family of <b>Michelle O'Brien</b>	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 17th October</u> The family of <b>Jordan Gumley</b>
8	<u>Saturday 23rd October</u> The family of <b>Catherine O'Connor</b>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 24th October</u> The family of <b>Cathair Hughes</b>
9	<u>Saturday 30th October *</u> The family of <b>Tiarnan Teague</b>	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 31st October</u> The family of <b>Rachael McAleer</b>

**\* Do This In Memory Programme Week 1**

As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school.

**Parish Stations:** If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2010 please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:  
Monday 4th; Tuesday 5th 12th, and 26th; Wednesday 13th October.

Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a 'Station'.

**Invitation to the Parents of children who are preparing to receive Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time in 2011 – Meeting on Tuesday 28th September at 9.00pm:** *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 2010 and our parish faith-community prepare together. A meeting outlining the programme will be held in the Parochial House on the date mentioned above. This programme compliments but does not replace the work that our year 4 teacher in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, does in the classroom or everything that parents and families do at home to pass the faith on to your children. The Liturgy Group will co-ordinate the programme in our parish. We hope that your participation in this programme will benefit you, your child and our parish faith community.

**Priesthood Sunday:** The Catholic Church in Ireland has dedicated this Sunday as a *day of special prayer for priests*. Please spare a thought today for the priest(s) who minister(s) in your parish, in our diocese and in the four corners of the world. We ask you to remember in particular our five seminarians and also any young man who may at present be considering becoming a priest.

**Our Man in the Vatican, The Papal Visit – Sunday 26th September at 7.30pm on BBC One:**  
An exclusive behind the scenes look at the planning for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Scotland and England last weekend.

**Dance in the Greencastle Community Centre Hall:** Maureen McKnight announces a dance in the Greencastle Community Centre Hall on Friday 1st October from 10.00pm – 12.30am. Music by *Country Cousins*. Admission is £5.00 and includes supper.

**The Family as Domestic Church:** "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love" is the theme for Catechetical Sunday 2010.  
*More info at [greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm](http://greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm)*

**Best of luck** to our young parishioner **Eimear Teague** who is on the Tyrone Women's team for Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Final.

**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.

<b>Upcoming BADA Events</b>	<b>Sunday 26th September</b>	Dance with music by <i>Glenshane Country</i>
	<b>Sunday 3rd October</b> (note change in date)	Sponsored Walk (leaving Centre at 3.00pm)

**The Pope's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**General:** That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.  
**Mission:** That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

**GFC Grounds, Carrickmore – Clothing Collection:** A collection of clothes etc. is currently taking place at the GFC Grounds, Carrickmore with all proceeds going to Trócaire for their work with the flood victims of Pakistan. It will continue until the end of September. Bags of clothes, shoes, bed linen etc. can be left in the green container in the upper car park daily between 10.00am and 8.00pm. The container will be locked nightly.  
*For further info contact Conor on (028) 8076 1594 / 07788 266 897, Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07867 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493.*

**Loreto House, Linsfort Fundraiser – Harvest Glory Floral Art Demonstration:**  
At the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Admission is €10.

**The Yard Project** We also offer specialised addiction counselling

**Back 2 Ur Roots (starting 28<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks):** Come and join other young people as they explore their faith, benefit from practical support such as accredited training and addiction counselling and learn new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment.  
*Tuesday to Thursday (10.00am – 3.00pm)*

**Family Support Programme (23<sup>rd</sup> October):** This 1 day programme is for anyone over 18 who has been affected by or is concerned about the abuse of alcohol, drugs or gambling of a family member or friend. The programme will help people understand addiction and through support, encouragement and information, help you learn new ways to cope and improve the quality of your life.

**Website:** [facebook.com/pages/theyardproject](https://www.facebook.com/pages/theyardproject) **Tel:** (028) 7126 9113 **Email:** [theyardproject@btinternet.com](mailto:theyardproject@btinternet.com)

**Institute of Irish Leadership, 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy – Enrolment for Courses Available:**  
*Basic IT and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literature.*  
*For more info call (028) 8775 7800 or email [kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com)*

**Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers:** Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email [marie@pachelp.org](mailto:marie@pachelp.org) Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. [parentsadvicecentre.org](http://parentsadvicecentre.org) Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

**World Mental Health Awareness Day – Walk and Talk (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October):** 4 mile trail Goshford Park, Armagh. Registration 12:00noon – walk starts at 1.00pm - Registration £10.  
For further information and to obtain sponsor forms please e-mail [info@niamhlouisefoundation.com](mailto:info@niamhlouisefoundation.com) or call the Coalisland Office on (028) 8774 0354, Cookstown office on (028) 8676 9366 or Richhill on (028) 3887 9870.

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo:** The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@knock-shrine.ie) or visit [knockshrine.ie](http://knockshrine.ie).

**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 €260 package. Website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com) Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

**Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon:** Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 runners for the Barcelona Half Marathon on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) for information.

**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.

**Tuesday's Child Children's Charity, Belfast – Free Air-Lift of Humanitarian Aid for Pakistan Flood Victims:**  
We need the following items as a priority: baby food, baby formula milk, baby feeding bottles, nappies, ready to eat non-perishable food, Dioralyte (for rehydration), **water purification tablets**, blankets (new), lightweight **sleeping bags** (new), children's rucksacks, clothes (new), shoes (new). Can you help? Please call us on (028) 9050 2725 or email [info@tuesdayschild.org.uk](mailto:info@tuesdayschild.org.uk). *Further details available on our website at [www.tuesdayschild.org.uk](http://www.tuesdayschild.org.uk).*

**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*

**Foyle Hospice – Male Walk / Run and Boy's Mini Marathon:** Will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September starting at Sainsbury's Car Park at 1:30pm. Two bridges walk / run approx. 6.5 miles and Mini Marathon approx. 2.5 miles. Entry fee £6/£7.  
*Registration forms available from Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre, 61 Culmore Road, Tel: (028) 7135 9888, Foyle Hospice Shop, Waterloo Place, Tel: (028) 7136 2927 or visit [foylehospice.com](http://foylehospice.com)*

**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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) [www.familycaresociety.net](http://www.familycaresociety.net)*

**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*

**The Family as Domestic Church:** "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love" is the theme for Catechetical Sunday 2010. Each year the U.S. bishops choose a theme for catechists to focus on not only on the day but throughout the year. This marriage theme has particular importance for catechetics. When a woman and man pledge their faith and fidelity to each other before the community of the church, they bring into being a unique expression of life and love. Pope John Paul II, echoing Vatican II, spoke of this family as the domestic church, a smaller version of the greater church.

Just like the larger church, the family/domestic church has a mission, to share the love of Christ with the members of the family and with the world beyond. As a couple you become responsible for each other and for your growth in faith. As parents you become the first catechists for your children. Notice that I said first catechists, not the only catechists. Your role is to bear witness to your own faith in Jesus Christ. Children need to "see" their parents living lives of faith. Parish and school catechists can teach more systematically but unless the children experience a living faith in the family there is little chance that faith will grow deep roots.

Today life is complicated and busy. The work week isn't always Monday to Friday. Parents and couples juggle multiple priorities. Our relationship with God can become one of the casualties of the business of our lives, and when our relationship with God is wanting, what do we have to share with our children or with each other? I invite each family, those with small children, school-aged children, no children or adult children, to examine the prayer life of your domestic church. Do you pray with each other and for each other? Do you witness your faith to each other and to others? On this Catechetical Sunday may I ask each couple and each family to rededicate yourself to strengthening your own faith and sharing that faith with the other members of your domestic church.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

**Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly**  
Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware.

#### This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – **St. Cosmas and St. Damian** Not celebrated this year.

**Monday 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.

**Tuesday 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.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – **Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Raphael and Michael** 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)

**Thursday 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.

**Friday 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.

**Saturday 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.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – **Blessed Columba Marmion** Not celebrated this year.

#### The Deep End – Leaving It Too Late:

*The Beano* comic book for children used to sell in its early days for 2D. That's two pennies in old currency. Recently an edition of the first annual, from 1939, sold for £4,264. It was one of only 11 copies believed to be in existence. Just goes to show that what seems of little value today may be quite valuable tomorrow. It's good to prize things now, rather than regret later, perhaps.

That's certainly true of the rich man in today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31). He didn't put much value on Lazarus at his doorstep begging each day. Later, when he sees how important Lazarus is, he comes to realise the error of his ways. But it's too late. This is not an easy parable to accept. It touches on things dark and deep: the condition of serious sinners after death. While he may not have harmed Lazarus during his lifetime, the rich man's heartless indifference to his plight was evil enough to land him in what we would call hell.

This is an unsettling parable. It's uncompromising in what it says. It poses too many problems to go into here, but it should stop me in my tracks. It's intended to. It forces me to ask questions I may not want to ask, questions that have little interest, immediacy, or value for me today, perhaps. But what about tomorrow? Certainly, one of those questions must be: do I take seriously the consequences of what I do, and don't do?

Is the thought of eternal damnation in any way for me like *The Beano*? Comical.

*Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)*

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 16:19-31:

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the Gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God's presence in the world around you? *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

#### Questions people ask:

Q. At a time when the Church is struggling, I often wonder why doesn't God perform some great miracles to bring people back.

A. While we are struggling in Western Europe, remember that the Church is youthful and vibrant in many parts of the world. As for miraculous signs, critics will always find reasons to reject or doubt them. When Jesus performed miracles those who did not believe remained unconvinced. Some said his power came from the devil!

Jesus put it like this: 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*