



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

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

**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (27<sup>th</sup> February, 2011)**

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**This weekend we welcome Fr. Noel Murphy C.S.Sp. (Holy Ghost Missions) as part of our Diocesan Missionary Awareness Programme – every second year a member of a missionary order visits every parish in the diocese.**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 – 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2011)**

<b>Saturday Evening Vigil</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday:
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]      Our Lady of the Wayside			<b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time			
<b>Eucharistic Novena Night I</b>	Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	<b>7.30pm</b>	We listen to God. We are attentive to God's presence in our listening (Fr. Mark-Ephrem Nolan OSB)
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass:
St. David (Patron of Wales)			Bernadette Slane (Month's Mind)
<b>Eucharistic Novena Night II</b>	Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	<b>7.30pm</b>	God Speaks to us – God's Presence in his Word <i>Fr. Gerry Fitzpatrick ODC</i>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass:
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time			Noel McLaughlin (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Eucharistic Novena Night III</b>	Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	<b>7.30pm</b>	We Respond to God. We respond with our hearts, minds and lives <i>Sr. Perpetua McNulty RSM</i>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time			
<b>Eucharistic Novena Night IV</b>	Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	<b>7.30pm</b>	We pray in our need. God's Silence <i>Baroness Nuala O'Loan DBE</i>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>9.30am</b> Confessions
St. Casimer (Patron of Poland) <i>First Friday of the Month</i>			<b>10.00am</b> Mass
150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Christian Brothers' School, Omagh			<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
St. Kieran (bishop)			
<b>The young people who will be Confirmed in our parish on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April will be invited to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
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<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>		St. Patrick's	Michael Devenney (Month's Mind)
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]      Our Lady of the Wayside			<b>9:00am</b> Mass: Misso Pro Populo
Day of Prayer for Temperance			<b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,055**. *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.

**Eucharistic Congress 2012 Support Collection:** Thank you for the recent contribution of **£30** giving a total of **£680** so far.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Noel McLaughlin** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Welcome:** We welcome into our parish faith-community **Aoife Bernadette Slane, Hollie Ellen McAleer** and **Mia Ann Coyle** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer their parents and godparents prayerful support and encouragement as they model their lives on the Gospel to inspire their child whose faith journey has now begun.

**Sick and housebound** will be attended Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 11: 18, 26-28, 32; Psalm 30; Romans 3: 21-25, 28; Matthew 7: 21-27 (Lectionary I, page 661)      **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

**Lotto Results:**    D – J – O – T – Y (5 winners with 3 letters – £10 each)    **Next Jackpot:** £4,350

Parish Liturgy for March, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Caitriona McCullagh	Barry Maguire
Prayers of Intercession	Emma McCullagh	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Peter Noel McAleer
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin	Peter Tracey	Pat McGuigan
	Seamus Keenan	Colm Keenan	Eoin Clarke
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna, Anne McAleer and Maria Bradley		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
Thank you for all you do in our community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries make themselves known.			

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<b>48</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Patrick McElhatton</b>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February The family of <b>Niall Coyle</b>
<b>49</b>	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Michael McCann</b>	Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Shaun Coyle</b>
<b>50</b>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Daniel McCrory</b>	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Michaela Gillen</b>
<b>51</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Shane McKenna</b>	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Jordan Gumley</b>
<b>52</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March * The family of <b>Leah McGuigan</b>	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Cahair Hughes</b>

**\* Do This In Memory Week 7**

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

**Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)**

**General:** That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and be bountiful in social justice and peace.

**Missionary:** That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to the Christian communities and the faithful who are persecuted or discriminated against because of the Gospel

**Eucharistic Novena Prayer 2012**

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognize you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

**Next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> March) is designated a Day of Prayer for Temperance**

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This might be a good time to suggest that we again take a look at the Irish Bishops' Pastoral letter published in 2007.

**Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation – A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference:**

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life. We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community. We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups. What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children in this new emerging country of ours if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations. *Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie*

Greencastle Youth Club Rota			
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Muriel McGuigan)	
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Geraldine McCullagh and Helen Tracey)	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Geraldine Wilkinson)	

**Millennium Forum, Derry – The Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Guest of honour will be Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired Archbishop of Washington DC

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

## Dates for the Diary in 2011

### Sacramental Celebrations

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>5.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop Lagan)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		

### Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

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

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in Our Lady of The Wayside Church.	

### Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b> (after Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>12.00am</b> (after 11.00am 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)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Sunday in Lent	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

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

### ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> April
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Tel: (028) 8224 2439. Email: <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a> Courses are limited to <b>15 couples</b> . Course should be completed at least <b>six months</b> before your wedding.	

**NIE Energy, as part of Age NI's Spread the Warmth campaign**, is inviting people to pledge an act of kindness towards older people this winter. For every individual's pledge to carry out an act of kindness for an older person, **NIE Energy will donate £5 to Age NI** to help provide practical help for older vulnerable people this winter. Your act of kindness can be something as simple as bringing the bins out and in for an older neighbour or offering a lift to someone who doesn't drive. If you are interested in participating, visit [nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php](http://nieenergy.co.uk/services/pledge.php).

**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 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.

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Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie) Online: [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

**Gathering together to celebrate the Eucharist:** Our Lenten programme will take place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh for the combined parishes of *Drumragh, Cappagh, Greencastle, Newtownstewart, Castlederg, Drumquin and Gortin* to reflect on the second part of the Mass (Liturgy of the Word). This is part of a program for this area of the diocese to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress planned for Dublin in 2012. Please take a promotion leaflet home with you this evening, read it and invite friends and neighbours to attend.

Check out the Novena website at [eucharist2012.com](http://eucharist2012.com)

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	God Speaks to Us – 'God's presence in his Word'	Fr. Gerry Fitzpatrick ODC
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	We listen to God – 'attentive to God's presence'	Fr. Mark-Ephrem Nolan OSB
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	We respond to God – with hearts, minds & our lives'	Sr. Perpetua McNulty RSM
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	We pray in our need – 'God's silence'	Baroness Nuala O'Loane

**Samaritans Volunteers – Spring Recruitment Campaign:** Would you like to find out about the vital service that Samaritans provide? Maybe you could help in our work? Come along to our information evenings on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm in Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh.

Call (028) 8225 1530 or email [recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com](mailto:recruit.omagh.samaritans@btconnect.com) for information/application form

**There has been a lot of media coverage about the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence and accepted without prejudice can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Could you help us to provide this vital service?**

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**St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends:** This will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July):** Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

(028) 7126 0293

**Recommended Website – godtube.com:** GodTube is a free video sharing website much like the infamous YouTube but which specialises in Christian-themed videos. The website has a huge selection of themes, from Christian music videos to fascinating insights on how the liturgy is celebrated in other countries and cultures.

**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:familycaresociety.org) [familycaresociety.net](http://familycaresociety.net)

**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

**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.

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – St. David (bishop)** Patron Saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. Died around 601.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – St. Casimir [1458-1484]** Strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron Saint of Poland.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March – St. Kieran (bishop)** Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

#### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 6:24-34:**

1. This passage has many beautiful images and encouraging words. Read it slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
2. We all worry, and possibly spend a lot of energy on needless worry. Often the things we worry about never happen. Behind much worry lies a lack of trust in ourselves, in others and in God. What has helped you to develop the kind of trust that helps you to avoid excessive worrying?
3. One of the situations that can cause anxiety is when we have divided loyalties. 'No one can be the slave of two masters.' A clear set of priorities can help us avoid this dilemma. What has helped you be clear in your own mind on where your priorities lie?
4. 'Set your hearts on God's kingdom first.' Has your faith in God helped you in times of anxiety? Your faith will not take away the problems but knowing that God is with you no matter what can make a difference. What is your experience of this?

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#### **Questions people ask:**

- Q. Are How can a God of love condemn any soul to hell?
- A. The Catholic Catechism calls hell 'the state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed.' Notice the words self-inclusion, inferring that people exclude themselves from God's invitation by deliberately rejecting God and the ways of justice and love. 'And the judgement is this, though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up' (John 3:19-20). Hell is self-inflicted. *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

#### **The Deep End – A Simple Life:**

Do not worry about your life, what you are to eat or what you are to wear. Do not worry about NAMA or the IMF. Do not worry about the banks, about negative equity, about the death of a Tiger that never really existed for the majority of people. God will provide? Is He serious? Today's trouble is certainly enough for today as we are constantly led into situations where we can respond with anxiety or with trust. Whatever we set our hearts on will receive most of our time and energy and for sure, anxiety drains our energy. In today's Second Reading Paul also gives us another reason not to be obsessed with material things – we have too much to do! We are stewards of a Kingdom.

These messages are a mega challenge for all who live in the so-called 'developed' world. If a Kingdom of justice is our prime concern, then there is no storing up of things. There is instead a sharing, in such a way that we all have what is necessary to live. It is living simply, living sustainably, living in solidarity with all members of our society. Today we are asked to reflect on our life values: What is more important? What we have or who we are? Anthony de Mello said, 'You have everything you need right now to be happy'. Do we really believe that? If we do, that is a great liberation and one that enables us to set our hearts on His Kingdom first.

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