

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 27th September, 2009

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. 28 th September – 4 th October, 2009			
Sunday 27 th September		Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass: (Elizabeth McCrory – 8 th Anniversary)
Monday 28 th September		Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time			
Tuesday 29 th September		Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Sts. Gabriel, Michael and Raphael, Archangels			
Wednesday 30 th September		Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church			
Thursday 1 st October		Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church			
Friday 2 nd October		Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
The Guardian Angels			First Friday of the Month
Saturday 3 rd October		Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time			
Saturday Evening		Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: (Susan McAleer – Month's Mind)
Sunday 4 th October		Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule			
Friday 2 nd October		Saint Patrick's	7:30pm (before Mass)
Saturday 3 rd October		Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 4 th October		Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before 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 **£1,000**.
Please support your parish by using your envelope even when you are on holiday or if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish – Thank you.
Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are promptly returned to those parishes.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Elizabeth McCrory, Philomena Devlin** and **John McDermott** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended **Monday 5th October**. 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.

Children in Crossfire have 5 places left for their expedition to the Arctic Circle. Drive your own team of huskies 250kms across the Arctic from Norway to Sweden. 3rd – 10th April, 2010. For more information contact john.ryan@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898

Sacred Heart College, Omagh presents 'Memorable Melodies': A fundraiser to purchase resources for the Music department, in the Strule Arts Centre, 22nd October at 7.30pm.Your support and attendance will be welcomed. Tickets available in the Strule Arts Centre or at struleartscentre.co.uk

Monsignor Danny Monaghan SMA extends his sincere thanks for the financial support - **£1,640** - received from the proceeds of a dance organised in his honour last Friday night (18th September).

The Pope's Intentions For October, 2009: General: That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the Risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist. **Mission:** That the entire People of God to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16. Lectionary I, page 807

Lotto Numbers: 3, 10, 12, 14 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,550

Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish

Parish Liturgy for October 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Lucy Hood	Geraldine McNamee
Prayers of Intercession	Enda Bradley		
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradey	Louise Coyle	Peter-Noel McAleer
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott

New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly
Please consider volunteering your gifts for service in your parish

Prayers of intercession: We need committed and responsible teenagers (male and female) to lead these prayers for us at each Sunday Mass, will you volunteer?

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:-

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 3 rd October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Sunday 4 th October
The family of Noel McKenna	In Ordinary Time	The family of Conan Maguire
Saturday 10 th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday	Sunday 11 th October
The family of Aileen Tracey	In Ordinary Time	The family of Sean & Tara Conneely
Saturday 17 th October*	Twenty-Ninth Sunday	Sunday 18 th October
The family of Luke Breslin	In Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)	The family of Jack Tuohey
Saturday 24 th October	Thirtieth Sunday	Sunday 25 th October
The family of Matthew Conway	In Ordinary Time	The family of Eoin Keenan
Saturday 31 st October	Feast of	Sunday 1 st November
The family of Shea McElhatton	All Saints	The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan

* Do This In Memory' Programme week 2

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. **If you find yourself unable to attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented.**

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours. Mass and Blessing of Roses in honour of St. Therese of Lisieux, Thursday October 1st at 8.00pm.- please bring a rose with you.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, 2009, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:
Monday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th; Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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'.

Monday 12 th October at 7.30pm	Aughascribba	Annie and Margaret Morris
Monday 19 th October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	RoseAnn and Nuala McGarvey
Monday 28 th October at 7.30pm	Broughderg	Sarah Coyle
Tuesday 27 th October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	Maggie Bradley
Wednesday 29 th October at 7.30pm	Cashel	Kathleen and Michael McCullagh.

Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass. Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, 2009.

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events (see last week's news sheet online for other events):

Monday 28 th September	Historical / Senior Citizens Meeting at 8.30pm
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Age Awareness Week 28th Sept – 3rd Oct 2009 – Old Time Dance – music by Country Legends Greencastle Community Centre Saturday October 3rd at 9.30pm. Admission £5.00.

GREENCASTLE YOUTH CLUB		
Monday 28 th September	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5
Monday 28 th September	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9, 10
Tuesday 29 th September	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7
<i>More help is needed from parents</i>		

Pope John Paul II Visit to Ireland (29th September – 1st October, 1979): Many people will fondly recall their personal memories of Pope John Paul II's visit to Ireland thirty years ago – these days may be a good time to reflect on his departing message when he invited the people of Ireland to remain faithful to the message of Christ and to live it out daily.

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)

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

Adult Faith Development

Interested in developing your faith? Thornhill Centre has a number of short and long courses starting in October and November, 2009: Pastoral Ministry: There is a Variety of Gifts; Liturgy: 'Foundations in Liturgy'; Scripture: 'Saint Luke'; Aspects of Faith: 'So What Should We Teach Them?' and Personal Development: 'Dreams Workshop'. For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233.

Study Theology from Home: A Theology programme for lay people offered by distance learning with the Dominicans. This means that you can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in Theology and even more importantly become educated in the Faith, from the comfort of home. For further information contact The Priory Institute. Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Tel: (00353) 1404 8124 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com and visit website www.prioryinstitute.com

Praying as Family:

"The closer people sit to each other [at Mass] the better they understand the meaning of Eucharist. Conversely, the farther apart people sit from each other, the less their understanding." Such is the index suggested by Paul Bernier, S.S.S., to measure the depth of understanding people have of the Eucharist (Emmanuel magazine September / October, 2009). Does this apply to your parish? Or to your choice of a pew or seat? The point Father Bernier is making is that during Mass we are not to focus on our own individual personal piety or devotion. Rather, we gather as God's community in public worship around the table of the Lord for a sacrificial meal. We are not scattered individuals, observers of what the priest does for us. The congregation, led by the priest, offers together the sacrifice of Christ. In most African churches on Sundays, this matter of people sitting far apart is almost never a problem. Whether the church is a small outstation or a large cathedral, Sunday Masses are often overcrowded, with standing room only. Surely that contributes to the spirit of celebration that is so apparent and tangible. In the United States by contrast, many of our large, ornate churches have diminishing numbers of parishioners. Might not one of the functions of the ministers of hospitality be to direct people to come up front and centre? Then we might begin to see the congregation not scattered throughout the church but rather sitting, kneeling and even singing close together as God's family.

America magazine (28th September, 2009)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 28th September – St. Wenceslaus (905-925), Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother.

Patron of brewers.

St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions. During the period 1633-1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki in Japan.

Tuesday 29th September – Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation (Patron of telecommunications, radio and TV workers);

Raphael guide to Tobias (Patron of nurses, physicians, the blind);

Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular. (Patron of radiologists, the sick and paratroopers).

Wednesday 30th September – St. Jerome (340-420) translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of Librarians.

Thursday 1st October – St. Therese of Lisieux (Marie Francois Therese Martin) died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30th September, 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997 (Patron of missions, florists, aviators, and France).

Friday 2nd October – The Guardian Angels. Catholic tradition has recognised that not only individual people have guardian angels but also homes, cities and states.

Thursday 3rd October – Blessed Columba Marmion was born in Dublin in 1858 and ordained priest in Rome in 1881. He served as curate in Dundrum parish and then as professor in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, before entering the Abbey of Maredsous, Belgium in 1886. Elected Abbot of Maredsous in 1909, he remained in office up to the time of his death in 1923. He was the author of three best-selling spiritual classics: *Christ, the Life of the Soul*; *Christ in His Mysteries*; and *Christ the Ideal of the Monk*. He was beatified in Rome on 1st September, 2000.

Questions people ask:

Q. My son says he is an agnostic. Is this the same as an atheist?

A. An atheist holds that there is no God, no divine being. An agnostic accepts the existence of God but holds that God cannot be properly known by the human mind and that we cannot have any true relationship with the divine being. It has been said, rather unfairly I feel, that an agnostic is someone who hasn't the commitment to be a believer, nor the courage to be an atheist.

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Fiftieth International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, 2012

(VATICAN CITY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2009 (VIS)):

The Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses has announced, in a communique made public today, that the next International Eucharistic Congress, the fiftieth of the series, will take place from 10th to 17th June, 2012 in Dublin, Ireland, on the theme: "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another".

"The choice of theme arises from the fact that the celebration of the congress coincides with the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of Vatican Council II which, as Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin has affirmed, was a moment of renewal for the Church's teaching and for her understanding of herself as Body of Christ and Body of God", the communique explains.

"The theme has its direct inspiration in paragraph 7 of the Constitution 'Lumen gentium' which reads: 'Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another. 'Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread'. In this way all of us are made members of His Body, 'but severally members one of another'".

The communique goes on: "The archbishop of Dublin has also emphasised the possibility of developing the theme of the next International Eucharistic Congress by reflecting on certain important topics such as: communion with Christ as a foundation for Christian life; the Eucharist as a way of life for clergy, Christian families and religious communities; the gesture of 'breaking bread' as a principle of Christian solidarity; the Eucharist, seed of life for the world of suffering and fragility; and ecumenism and the sharing of the one bread".

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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 9:38-39, 45, 47-48:

1. John objected to a person who was not in their group casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'She / he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the identity of the person doing the good.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than sin. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – PS: I Thank You!

I came across a prayer some time ago that caught my attention. Can't remember where, but here's the prayer: *Dear God, we rejoice and give thanks for earthworms, bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow and the existence of the teapot, we give thanks. We celebrate and give thanks. Amen.*

In light of today's readings (Num. 11:25-29; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) that prayer makes me ask how often I give thanks to God for the fine things that others do – especially if they seem to be muscling in on my turf. Jealousy is often quicker off the mark than generosity. But not always.

In today's readings Moses and Jesus wish that everyone be filled with God's Spirit. The more that Spirit is active in our world the better. It doesn't matter through whom the Spirit works. Criticising someone for doing well is like telling the Holy Spirit whom he may work with. Now that would be arrogant.

In 1 Cor. 13:4 Paul writes: '... love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude'. If we love it will not be as an afterthought, as a PS: I love you. If we are happy to acknowledge God's freedom to do as he wishes and choose whom he will for his purpose then neither will our thanks be a mere afterthought, a PS: I thank you!

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