

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

St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Fourth Sunday of Easter - Day of Prayer for Vocations [Year B] (29th April, 2012) The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

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Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter [Year B] (30th April, 2012 – 6th May, 2012)				
Saturday Evening (28th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions		
		6:00pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 29th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)		
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B]		10.30am Confessions		
Day of Prayer for Vocations	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass:		
·	•	Jane McNamee (1st Anniversary)		
Monday 30th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
Fourth Week of Easter				
Tuesday 1st May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:		
Fourth Week of Easter	Sick and housebound	John McCullagh (2nd Anniversary)		
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
Fourth Week of Easter		<u> </u>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
Fourth Week of Easter				
Friday 4th May	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass:		
Fourth Week of Easter		Mary Morris (10th Anniversary)		
Saturday 5th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass		
Fourth Week of Easter				
Saturday Evening (5th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions		
		6:00pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 6th May	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)		
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B]		10.30am Confessions		

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £930.

Annual Lenten Trócaire Collection: A further total of £330 was donated.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Holy Week Coffee Morning: Receipts totalled £570.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish. 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.

Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am Mass

Diocesan Purposes Collection: This will be taken up on Sunday 6th May.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Jane McNamee, John McCullagh and Mary Morris whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sick and Housebound: These will be attended *Tuesday 1st May*. Please let them know if you live nearby.

Trócaire Lenten Collection - Government Contribution: Trócaire has received information that the Government in London will match pound-for-pound your contribution to this year's Lenten Collection, they are one of four charities that have received this offer this year and so are especially grateful for your contributions in 2012. If you have any outstanding contributions to make please bring them in as soon as possible as these have to be with Trócaire by the end of this week.

Our Ladv's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo - Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April - Sunday 14th October. See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine ie II T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295 Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

Greencastle Community Centre - Jack Furey and The Year of the Whitehorn: Clanabogan Drama Circle will present two one-act plays by Bryan McMahon this evening at 8.30pm (29th April). Admission: £5.00

An Bruach Dearg	Saturday 12th May	Annual Guest Tea, 8.30pm. Music by Cascades
Community Centre	Sunday 12th August	Dance, details of music at later date.
Upcoming Events	Sunday 26th August	Dance, details of music at later date.

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31: Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. r/v 26: 1 John 3:18-24: Next Sundays Readings: (Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2) John 15:1-8; (Lectionary I, page 514)

A - L - P - R - X (16 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) Next Jackpot: £7,400 Lotto Results:

Parish Liturgy for	St. Pat	rick's	St. Patric	k's	Our Lady of the Wayside	
May, 2012	(6.00pm V	igil Mass)	(9.00am Ma	ass)	(11.00am Mass)	
Readers	Francis M	cDermott	Siobhan Mck	(enna	Geraldine McNamee	
Prayers of the Faithful	Elaine	Coyle	Shanley Clarke		Volunteer needed	
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid K	(eenan	Eugene McC	ullagh	Patricia Donnelly	
Collectors	Raymond	l Bradley	Peter Trac	сеу	Colm Beggs	
Collectors	Lawrence		Colum Kee	nan	Sean McKenna	
Altar Society	Mary McName		e, Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott	
Altar Society		and Patta McDermott		Mary Bradley		
Thank you for all you do in our community, anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries must make it known				ries must make it known		
6.00pm Saturday Vigi	igil Offerto		ry Gifts Rota	!	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 28th April	Four		th Sunday		Sunday 29th April	
The family of Niamh Trac	<b>cey</b> of		Easter	The	family of Ronan Hollywood	
Saturday 5th May			n Sunday		Sunday 6th May	
The family of Kieran Mulho			Easter	Т	he family of Ryan Gumley	

The family of Megan Covle The pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes PS Ascension First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is scheduled for the 11.00am Mass which will take place in Saint Patrick's Church Greencastle. 9.00am Mass will be in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg on this date.

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Feast of the

Saturday 26th May Feast of the Sunday 27th May The family of Shona McKenna The family of Stephan Meenan Pentecost

The Glorious Mysteries	The Joyful Mysteries	The Sorrowful Mysteries	The Mysteries of Light	
(Sunday and Wednesday)	(Monday and Saturday)	(Tuesday and Friday)	(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	The Dirth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of	
Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	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	The Finding of the	The Crucifixion and	The Last Supper and	
Lady as Queen of Heaven	child Jesus in the Temple	Death of our Lord	Institution of the Eucharist	
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During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

Prayers for your personal and family use at this time

### Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time God our Father.

Saturday 12th May

The family of David Morris

Saturday 19th May

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 Fugene 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 Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, All you saints of the diocese pray for us. Composed by Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

## International Eucharistic Congress Prayer 2012.

Sunday 13th May

The family of Kira Donnelly

Sunday 20th May

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 ssgiving 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 recognise 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

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

General: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the

priesthood and religious life.

Missionary: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women

of the African Continent.

### Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 111

Special invitation to Young People to the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: Young people from 17 to 25 years of age from all across Ireland are invited to celebrate their faith at this summer's International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (from 10-16 June) in an event that is being described as one of the most ambitious youth ministry programmes ever presented in this country. 'Go! Be Church!' is the name of the Youth Programme, where around 2.500 young people will gather and experience a lively and international Church while rediscovering the meaning of communion. Come and participate in this event with workshops, dramas, interactive catechesis, concerts, social activities, games, art, fun and much more! Booking is required and youth can register as individuals or groups on www.iec2012.ie/registration. For more information on the youth programme go to www.iec2012.ie/vouth. Liturgical Music for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 announced: The musical repertoire for each of the liturgies of the Congress from 10th June to 17th June has now been released. The goal of the music programme for IEC2012 is to encourage the entire assembly to participate as fully as possible in the liturgies of the week. A core choir will lead the music each day with the participation of many others gathered in the RDS and, on the final day, in Croke Park . We hope to involve choirs and singers from all Ireland . It is important for choirs to register for the Congress as soon as possible if you wish to sing in the Congress liturgies as part of the massed choirs. We suggest that you register as a group, giving your choir name as the group name and send an email to our offices. To book for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/registrations or call 01 2981122. To download the music for the Congress go to www.iec2012.ie/music

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.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June under the theme 'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.



These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

# How to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012):

Call the IEC2012 Booking offices on (01) 2981122 Book Online on the website at iec2012.ie/registration

Download a paper booking form from the Congress website and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14

Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. BOOK NOW!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012**

International Eucharistic Congress	Dublin	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		
Sacramental Celebrations				
Sunday 20th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion		
Feast of the Ascension				

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May St. Patrick's
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30th June and 1st July)

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Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm 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

Saturday 5th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 9th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from *you*. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *John 10:11-18*:

- Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they
  care. Remember the difference that made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part
  of your life.
- 2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
- 3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation or guilt. We can become like the hired hands who do a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and by free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
- 4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

  John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

## Questions people ask:

- Q. What would you hope to see as a result of the Eucharistic Congress?
- A. Focusing more on the holiness of the Church than the scandals. That people will have a greater appreciation of the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. Greater understanding of the parts of the Mass. Moving on from self-centred programmes to a spirituality centred on Christ. More attention to the scriptural readings. Taking on the social challenge of the Eucharist ... to go out on a mission to love and serve the Lord. The theme of the Congress says it all: Communion with Christ and with one another.

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

### Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations - The Gifts of the Love of God

Vatican City (Monday 13th February) [VIS]

The Pope's Message for the forth-ninth World Day of Prayer for Vocations was made public today. The Day is due to be celebrated on 29 April, fourth Sunday of Easter, and the theme of Benedict XVI's reflections this year is: "Vocations, the Gift of the Love of God". Ample extracts of the English-language version of the document are given below:

The source of every perfect gift is God who is Love – Deus caritas est: 'Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him'. Sacred Scripture tells the story of this original bond between God and man, which precedes creation itself. ... We are loved by God even 'before' we come into existence! Moved solely by His unconditional love. He created us 'not out of existing things', to bring us into full communion with Him".

"The profound truth of our existence is thus contained in this surprising mystery: every creature, and in particular every human person, is the fruit of God's thought and an act of His love, a love that is boundless, faithful and everlasting. The discovery of this reality is what truly and profoundly changes our lives".

"It is a love that is limitless and that precedes us, sustains us and calls us along the path of life, a love rooted in an absolutely free gift of God. Speaking particularly of the ministerial priesthood, my predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, stated that 'every ministerial action ... provides an incentive to grow in ever greater love and service of Jesus Christ, ... a love which is always a response to the free and unsolicited love of God in Christ'. Every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God: it is a gift of the Love of God! He is the One Who takes the 'first step', ... because of the presence of His own love 'poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit'. "In every age, the source of the divine call is to be found in the initiative of the infinite love of God, Who reveals Himself fully in Jesus Christ. As I wrote in my first Encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, 'God is indeed visible in a number of ways. In the love-story recounted by the Bible. He comes towards us. He seeks to win our hearts, all the way to the Last Supper, to the piercing of His heart on the Cross, to His appearances after the Resurrection and to the great deeds by which, through the activity of the Apostles, He guided the nascent Church along its path". "The love of God is everlasting: He is faithful to Himself. ... Yet the appealing beauty of this divine love, which precedes and accompanies us, needs to be proclaimed ever anew, especially to younger generations. This divine love is the hidden impulse, the motivation which never fails, even in the most difficult circumstances. ... We need to open our lives to this love. It is to the perfection of the Father's love that Jesus Christ calls us every day! The high standard of the Christian life consists in loving 'as' God loves; with a love that is shown in the total, faithful and fruitful gift of self".

"It is in this soil of self-offering and openness to the love of God, and as the fruit of that love, that all vocations are born and grow. By drawing from this wellspring through prayer, constant recourse to God's word and to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, it becomes possible to live a life of love for our neighbours, in whom we come to perceive the face of Christ the Lord".

"These two expressions of the one divine love must be lived with a particular intensity and purity of heart by those who have decided to set out on the path of vocation discernment towards the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life; they are its distinguishing mark. Love of God, which priests and consecrated persons are called to mirror, however imperfectly, is the motivation for answering the Lord's call to special consecration through priestly ordination or the profession of the evangelical counsels. St. Peter's vehement reply to the Divine Master: 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you' contains the secret of a life fully given and lived out, and thus one which is deeply joyful.

"The other practical expression of love, that towards our neighbour, and especially those who suffer and are in greatest need, is the decisive impulse that leads the priest and the consecrated person to be a builder of communion between people and a sower of hope. The relationship of consecrated persons, and especially of the priest, to the Christian community is vital and becomes a fundamental dimension of their affectivity".

"Dear brother bishops, dear priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, catechists, pastoral workers and all of you who are engaged in the field of educating young people: I fervently exhort you to pay close attention to those members of parish communities, associations and ecclesial movements who sense a call to the priesthood or to a special consecration. It is important for the Church to create the conditions that will permit many young people to say 'yes' in generous response to God's loving call.

"The task of fostering vocations will be to provide helpful guidance and direction along the way. Central to this should be love of God's word nourished by a growing familiarity with Sacred Scripture, and attentive and unceasing prayer, both personal and in community; this will make it possible to hear God's call amid all the

← voices of daily life. But above all, the Eucharist should be the heart of every vocational journey: it is here that the love of God touches us in Christ's sacrifice. ... Scripture, prayer and the Eucharist are the precious treasure enabling us to grasp the beauty of a life spent fully in service of the Kingdom.

"It is my hope that the local Churches ... will become places where vocations are carefully discerned and their authenticity tested, places where young men and women are offered wise and strong spiritual direction. ... As a response to the demands of the new commandment of Jesus, this can find eloquent and particular realisation in Christian families, whose love is an expression of the love of Christ Who gave himself for His Church. Within the family ... young people can have a wonderful experience of this self-giving love. Indeed, families are not only the privileged place for human and Christian formation; they can also be 'the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God', by helping their members to see, precisely within the family, the beauty and the importance of the priesthood and the consecrated life. May pastors and all the lay faithful always cooperate so that in the Church these 'homes and schools of communion' may multiply, modelled on the Holy Family of Nazareth, the harmonious reflection on earth of the life of the Most Holy Trinity".

"I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to all of you, ... and especially those young men and women who strive to listen with a docile heart to God's voice and are ready to respond generously and faithfully".

## The Deep End - The Good Shepherd:

Social media is here to stay, and a survey done in England recently has shown that more and more young people are lonely despite their hundreds of friends on social networking sites. Like this page, follow another, join this group, support this cause. The Gospel today refers to another kind of 'following' and emphasises the importance of relationship. The shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They follow him and this is not a reference to Facebook or Twitter... it is a genuine relationship, not one reduced to numbers or 'likes'. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situation.

Today's Gospel is asking us to follow in a more personal way. In Jesus' time, shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate and the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares this sacrifice to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble (unfriend this person). So this Good Shepherd Sunday we use the image of the shepherd to describe Jesus, not just any shepherd but the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us: 'No, I don't mean Twitter, I mean literally "follow me".'

Jane Mellett (janemellet@yahoo.com)

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)): 11th and 12th May, and 1st and 2nd June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events:		
Art Class Changed to Monday 7th May from 12.00am to 2.00pm		
with Martin McGrinder	Names are still being taken	
Beginners Computer Class	Begins Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm	
Zumba for over 50s	Begins Friday 20th April at 10.00am	
Zumba for all ages	ges Wednesday 18th April at 8.15pm £4.00 per class Come along and join in	
Dancing with Chris   Wednesday 25th April from 6.30pm to 7.30pm		
for Primary School Children	Price with depend on numbers attending	
Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 or 07847 459 428 or leave message on phone		
To hire the centre or equipment contact Sheena on (028) 8164 8186		

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get that little bit of extra help from volunteers. It is a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

**20**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Tour:** A very special Fr. Liam Lawton 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert will be held at Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are on sale from the theatre directly or box office at (028) 8224 7831 or (048) 8224 7831. Also online through *struleartscentre.co.uk* For more info available from liamlawton.com