

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 29th June, 2008

The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

Website: greencastleparish.com Tel: (028) 8164 8474 Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com

Mass Schedule for the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time. 30th June – 6th July, 2008

Monday 30 th June First Martyrs of the Church of Rome	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 1 st July St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2 nd July Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 3 rd July St. Thomas, Apostle	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 4 th July Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 5 th July St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 6 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass – 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Friday 4 th July	Saint Patrick's	7.30pm (before Mass)
Saturday 5 th July	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 6 th July	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1040**. The Pope's Collection will be taken up today (29th June) as the second collection.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for **Brother Isidore Quinn CP** a member of the Passionist Order and native of Broughderg who died on Wednesday 25th June in Botswana. He spent his 53 years of ministry in Africa.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 7th July, **beginning after 10.00am Mass**. 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.

Greencastle Sports Day: Rescheduled for Sunday 6th July, 2008 at the GAA Centre.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 16th – 21st July, 2008: There are **29** places still available. Contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 on Tuesday / Thursday between 11.00am and 2.00pm or Saturday between 11.00am and 1.00pm, and 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. Community Fun Day: Sunday 13th July, if you are willing to help contact us. **Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 20th July, pick up point at Melmount Centre, Strabane at 8.15am, fare: £30. Contact us at (028) 7126 2512 during office hours for details.

Recommended Websites – www.catholiccatechist.org: A resource for catechists, which provides comprehensive teaching resources including lesson plans, games, icebreakers, worksheets and many other useful ideas. **www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/resources/scripture/paul.html:** for information on the year of St. Paul.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: Meeting on Tuesday 1st July at 7.00pm in Church rooms.

Lotto Numbers: 3, 4, 12, 23 (6 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £7,350

Next Sunday's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (Lectionary I, page 637)

Parish Volunteers: Please sign up for service in your parish. The following are some ways in which you can minister. There are more but you need to volunteer.

Parish Liturgy for June 2008	St. Patrick's (6:00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9:00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11:00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Lucy Hood	Cairine Gormley
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Michael Clarke Enda Clarke	Perry McCrory Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott

NEXT WEEKEND...Public Prayers For the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries will take place on the evening of **Saturday 5th July, directly after the Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle and at Our Lady of the Wayside and the former St. Mary's Church Broughderg after **11:00am Mass**. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves where you intend to stand when instructed.

Knock Summer Youth Festival: 24th-25th July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18-35 years old from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 94938 8100 / 087 6927 850 or check out www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry

POPE BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:

Pope Benedict's **general prayer intention for July** is: "that there may be an increase in the number of those who volunteer to serve the Christian community with generous and prompt availability".

His mission intention is: "That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them sowers of hope for a new humanity".

The Year of Saint Paul. June 2008-2009: This month Pope Benedict inaugurates a special Year of Saint Paul, which celebrates the 2000th anniversary of his birth, sometime between AD 7-10.

The known facts of his life are scant. A Jew and a Pharisee (Phil 3:5) from Tarsus, southern Turkey (Acts 9:11), he was educated in Jerusalem by Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Believing that it was God's will, he persecuted the early Christians (Phil 3:6) whom he saw as a threat to the Jewish faith. While on his way to Damascus to deal with a Christian group there, he had an 'encounter' with the Risen Christ. Luke recounts this three times in the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20; 22:3-21; 16:9-23). For Paul, it was the foundation for everything that followed, including his insistence that he was truly an apostle on the basis of that encounter. The Risen Christ had commissioned him to preach the gospel to the Gentiles (1Cor9:1-2; Gal.1:1). Paul's encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus was a life-changing experience that forced him to re-evaluate everything he had thought, been and done up to that point (Phil 3:4-14). He would still worship the same God-the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-but not as before. Converted to a new understanding of who God was, Paul was then able to experience his call to the specific mission that God had for him. Up until his encounter with the Risen Christ the Law was central to his life. Now, he would preach salvation that focused on faith in Christ apart from the Law (Gal.2:16). For a brief summary of Paul's missionary career see Galatians 1:13-2:14.

As an apostle Paul suffered many hardships; shipwrecks, robbery, hunger, thirst, persecution, arrest and –according to tradition-execution in Rome under the emperor Nero sometime in AD60. It was Paul's experience of Christ in his life after the encounter on the road to Damascus that enabled him to become the great apostle whose life and work we focus on during this special year. Central was Paul's own awareness of how Christ's mercy had been at work in him (1Tim. 1:13-14). It was this mercy or grace that absorbed all the hatred, persecution and violence that once dwelt within him and transformed him from 'Saul' into 'Paul'-the one who would change the face of Christianity forever.

Scripture Ireland (page 12, 'Intercom' – June 2008)

Calendar of Saints for the Week beginning Sunday 29th June:

Monday 30th – The First Martyrs of Rome. In addition to Saints Peter and Paul, the first martyrs of Rome died under Nero in the year 64.

Tuesday 1st – St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr. Oliver from Irish nobility, whose family supported King Charles I was ordained in Rome in 1654. Appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669, he was forced to conduct a covert ministry during the suppression of priests. Found guilty of high treason he was martyred 1st July 1681 at Tyburn by hanging, disembowelling, quartering and beheading. His head is in St Peter's Church at Drogheda, Ireland; most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England; some relics in Ireland.

Thursday 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle. Thomas is said to have preached the gospel in India where he was martyred. The faith that led him to know Christ in his wounds also sent him to the farthest places to preach Christ.

Friday 4th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal. Elizabeth (1271-1336), of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

Saturday 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest. Anthony (1502-1539), was a medical doctor before becoming a priest in Milan. He founded the Barnabites.