



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

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

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (29th July, 2012)

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At 4.00pm next Sunday August 5 we, the faith-community of the Greencastle will gather at the site of the Mass rock in the townland of Formil with our neighbours from the parishes of Ardstraw East, Ardstraw West & Castlederg, Badoney Lower, Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin, to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings we received through working together in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and to acknowledge our continuing pilgrimage of faith. Your friends living elsewhere or further away will be most welcome – invite them to join with us. You may wish to engage in the spirit of pilgrimage by walking from your homes to the site but Conway's yard and Rory Conway's field Crockanboy Road will be available for parking cars. Please honour the highway code and respect your fellow pilgrims and the environment especially where we gather to pray. Your support in any way for the efficient running of this event in our parish will be much appreciated. Sinead will take a choir practice in St. Patrick's at 8.00pm on Thursday evening and at 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon at the site before Mass begins. Please remember this week to include a prayer for the weather among your personal and family prayers.

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (30th July, 2012 – 5th August, 2012)

Saturday Evening (28th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Felix Slane (16 th Anniversary)
Monday 30th July Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 1st August St. Alphonsus Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 2nd August Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 3rd August Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Gerard Coyle (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 4th August St. John Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (4th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Susanna Bradley
Sunday 5th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
	Mass Rock, Formil	4.00pm Mass

Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily Thank you for your support especially during the summer season

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£780**.

If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.

Please remember the parish when making your will.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Felix Slane** and **Gerard Coyle**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and Housebound: These will be attended **Monday 6th August**. Please let them know if you live nearby.

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

General – Prisoners: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity

Missionary – Youth Witness to Christ: That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Next Sundays Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, r/v 24; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35; (Lectionary I, page 782) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: C – I – L – N – V (3 people with 4 letters - £35 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,400

Parish Liturgy for August, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Prayers of Intercession	---	---	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Mary McCullagh and Joanne Beggs		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members are always welcome – contact Sinead for details			

As a parish community we thank the young people from year 4 and year 7 and their families for the important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the year they display when they bring the gifts to the altar on our behalf.

During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

Fundraising Dance in Greencastle Community Centre: For Msgr. Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan on

Friday 3rd August, with music by *Country Legends*.

Admission £5.00

Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th August Mass will be held outdoors at the Mass Rock in the townland of Formil in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners from **Badoney Lower, Castlederg (Ardstraw West), Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin and Newtownstewart (Ardstraw East)** who along with us in Greencastle helped prepare for the Congress over the past two years. Please invite our neighbours and friends to join us on this pilgrimage.

There will be choir practice in St. Patrick's on Thursday 3rd August at 8.00pm

Monsignor Eamon Martin, our present Diocesan Administrator emailed us recently to tell us that the second phase of the Support Programme for Pastoral Councils in parishes is now well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part and it is going very well to date. He asks us to give some consideration over the summer as to whether we would like our parish to be considered for Phase Three of the programme, which it is hoped will begin in January, 2013. He will write to us next month with further details but would appreciate it if, in the meantime, we would give some thought as to whether we think the support programme would be a useful process for the future of Greencastle parish.

IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co. Donegal – Morning Prayer of the Church: Every Wednesday morning at 10.00am in St. Canice's Oratory at the Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. *Bacon baps, tea/coffee available afterwards. Suggested donation €5. All welcome*

The Indulgence of St. Mary of the Portiuncula: On 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence is a devout visit to the church and recitation there of the Our Father and Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.

The Portiuncula indulgence was originally granted by Pope Honorius III at the request of St. Francis to those who visit the Portiuncula chapel of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi on 2nd August. St. Francis had gone to this chapel one night and had a vision of Our Lord and his mother, Mary surrounded by a host of angels. When asked if he had a special favour, Francis requested the grace of full pardon for all who having confessed their sins, would visit the chapel. The small chapel is now in the basilica at Assisi and the indulgence is extended, no longer confined to those visiting it.

Lough Derg – Bringing You the Gift of Hope: Whether you are seeking healing, reconciliation or simply a few days peace and quiet from the stresses of modern life Lough Derg is a calm place, a safe place and a unique place. Lough Derg ... You Just Gotta Go. To find out more about what's happening throughout 2012, and to book online go to loughderg.org, where you can view the full Season Guide and info on Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage. The traditional Lough Derg 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15th August. Pilgrims can arrive at Lough Derg on any given day until Monday 13th August between 10.15am and 3.00pm. If you can't make it for the traditional three day pilgrimage, then why not come for a day? Day Retreats and a special programme of workshops and guided prayer retreats will resume on Friday 17th August.

Call (+353) 71 98 61518 or download a copy of the detailed Season Guide now at loughderg.org

Eating Disorder Support Group for Families & Carers of Sufferers: First Wednesday of the every month, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital, Hospital Rd, Omagh, *For more information contact us on (028) 8225 2202*

Faith In The Olympics: "The world's leading athletes should take it on themselves to teach the rest of us what the human spirit is capable of – mind, body and soul – at its best." *The Tablet editorial (21st July, 2012)*

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events

Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th August: Dances

<p>Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1st September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph. Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org</p>
<p>St. Aengus' Church, Burt Co Donegal – Mass for Motorcyclists: Sunday 26th August at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated to pray for all who have fallen in the last year and to ask for God's blessing in the year ahead. It will be followed by a short fund-raising run out to Ned's Point RNLI station. <i>All are very welcome to attend</i></p>
<p>Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore. <i>Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493</i></p>
<p>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 <i>accordomagh@btopenworld.com</i> 12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding</p>
<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10); • Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs; • Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed. • Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed. <p><i>The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>
<p>Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.</p>
<p>War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. <i>Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)</i></p>
<p>Rouskey Community Centre Children/Young People Art Classes with Martin Mc Grinder: Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August. Ages 4 to 8 from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 1.15pm to 3.15pm, and ages 9 to 14 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. £15 per child/young person. Family of 4 or more £50. Re- registered your child/ young person times now available. Only limited number of place available. <i>Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 / 07847 459 428 or my new number 07591 047 556 (leave message on phone). Hire of centre or equipment. Any donation is appreciated for hire of equipment.</i></p>
<p>Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul. And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts! <i>Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12th July, 2009)</i></p>
<p>Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October. <i>See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie ll T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295</i> Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. <i>Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival</i></p>

<p>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? <i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i></p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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 a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.</p>
<p>IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012 Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd September Our Lady of the Wayside Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish Thursday 30th August Friday 19th October Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed</p>
<p>Friday 2nd November St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)</p>
<p>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 6:1-16: <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i> 1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life with which Jesus feeds us. By sharing the bread and wine in the Eucharist we symbolise our unity with one another and with God. Can you recall a particular Eucharist that was especially nourishing for you? What was it that made it different? 2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others? 3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations? 4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?</p>
<p>Questions people ask: <i>Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)</i> Q. Should a bishop be forced to resign because of a mistake he made years ago? A. Saint Peter once drew a sword and cut off the ear of a man. Three times he publicly denied that he had any association with Jesus. Yet Jesus, after his resurrection, while aware of the failures of Peter, appointed him as pastor of the flock, the first pope. Trial by television would almost certainly have asked for his resignation. But judgement by God is enlightened by mercy and invites the sinner to repent. The wisdom of God knows that somebody who once made a mistake is in a better place to ensure that mistake is not repeated.</p>
<p>The Deep End – Real Food for Thought: <i>Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)</i> Jesus performs this great miracle of the feeding of the five thousand and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'King' Jesus is. Yes he can draw a big crowd and deliver and the crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him King'. That is no simple feat in a small outpost of the Roman Empire. But Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of Kingship. His Kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. The passage goes so far to say that Jesus had to 'escape' to the hills. The crowd want their needs satisfied but perhaps are missing the deeper significance here. To crown Jesus as King at this point would only satisfy the crowds superficial needs. Jesus has to escape this. The miracles of Jesus are pointing to something more than addressing basic needs; they are a call to a conversion of mind and attitudes. The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart. <i>Dorothy Day</i></p>