



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

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

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (30th January, 2011)

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Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The purpose of this week is to highlight and celebrate the contribution that Catholic schools make to local community and society in general. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools – rooted in Jesus Christ*. During the coming week we invite you to join us in celebrating the contribution that Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School makes to the life of the faith community here in Greencastle parish. What we celebrate here is repeated throughout this country.

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (31st January, 2011 – 6th February, 2011)

Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 30th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 31st January St. John Bosco (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 1st February St. Brigid (Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Grandparents Day	St. Patrick's <i>Candles will be blessed</i>	10.00am Mass: Service of Light and Commitment for our young people who are preparing for Confirmation
Thursday 3rd February St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) and St. Ansgar (bishop)	St. Patrick's St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry	8.00pm Mass
Friday 4th February Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Maureen Morris (Month's Mind)
Saturday 5th February St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brenda Brennan (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,020**. *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: This will be taken up on Sunday 6th February, please use the special envelope in your box of envelopes.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Brigid Fox** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 7th February. 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.

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

General: That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognised.

Missionary: That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer

Greencastle Youth Club Rota

Monday 31 st January	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P6 and P7 (Geraldine McCullagh)
	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Patricia McKernan and Paul Tuohy)
Tuesday 1 st February	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Joanne Beggs)

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (Lectionary I, page 630)
(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)

Pioneer Total Abstinence Meeting: Tuesday 1st February at 7.00pm.

Lotto Results: C – H – N – P – U (7 with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,150

Serving Our Faith-Community in Greencastle Parish

Parish Liturgy for February, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Danielle Coyle	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohy		<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Emmett Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Brenda Conway and Mary Meenan		Martina McBride Anne McDermott

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
44	<u>Saturday 29th January</u> The family of Sean Og McCann	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 30th January</u> The family of Caoimhe Warnock
45	<u>Saturday 5th February</u> The family of Gary McElhatton	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 6th February</u> The family of Grace Conneely
46	<u>Saturday 12th February *</u> The family of Aine Lucas	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 13th February</u> The family of Ceirán Coyle
47	<u>Saturday 19th February</u> The family of Meaghan Clarke	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 20th February</u> The family of Niall Coyle
48	<u>Saturday 24th February</u> The family of Patrick McElhatton	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 27th February</u> The family of Orla Coyle

*** Do This In Memory Week 6**

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

A Prayer for Your family to pray during Catholic Schools' Week

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our family.
Thank you for the love that binds us together.
Help us to stay always strong and true to each other.
Thank you for the example of love given to us by Jesus.
May his life inspire us to be the best parents we can be.
Thank you for our school community, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and for the teachers who guide and help our students to follow your ways.
May our Catholic schools and families always be rooted in the gospel message of love. Amen.

Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise (3rd February): St. Blaise, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early 4th century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the 8th century he has been venerated as the Patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The candles to be used for the blessing of throats are blessed on the Feast of Presentation of the Lord (2nd February). Using two crossed and unlighted candles the minister touches the throat of each person, saying:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebration of St. Brigid: An evening of celebration of St Brigid will take place on Monday 31st January at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Muff Co. Donegal. The evening begins at 6.00pm with soup and sandwiches in the IOSAS Centre followed by making of St. Brigid's Crosses and finishing with a Mass of celebration in St. Canice's Oratory at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend. For more information contact (00353) 74938 4866

Carmelite Retreat Centre – Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: 1st February, 7.30pm Confessions, Rosary and Mass.

YARD Project (Young Adults Reality Dreams): Back 2 Ur Roots, beginning 1st February 2011, for four weeks. (Tues – Thurs, 10am – 3pm). If you are a young person interested in exploring your faith, benefiting from practical support such as accredited training (OCN Level 2 in Film & Video Production) and learning new life skills in a youth friendly and positive environment, get in touch with us at The YARD Project, Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry T: 02871 269113. We also offer specialised addiction counselling to young people and support to families affected by addiction.

Millennium Forum, Derry – The Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Religious Life: Bishop Hegarty will celebrate this on Wednesday 2nd February at 12.00noon in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, Derry. This special occasion is being held to celebrate and to acknowledge the valuable contribution of religious men and women to the Diocese of Derry. Members of all the religious communities in the Derry Diocese have been invited. Priests from across the diocese will concelebrate.

Everyone is welcome to come to this Mass

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

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

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside

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

Thursday 8 th February	Wednesday 30 th March	Sunday 22 nd May
Monday 11 th July	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th 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) (2nd and 3rd July)

Saturday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	7.00pm (after Vigil Mass)
Sunday 3rd July	Our Lady of the Wayside	12.00am (after 11.00am Mass)
Wednesday 2nd 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 22nd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 12th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 26th March	Third Sunday in Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 1st April		6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 16th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 25th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

ACCORD Marriage-Preparation Courses

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

An Creagán – 6 week Carer's Programme: Started Thursday 27th January, 7.00pm-9.00pm. If you are an unpaid carer and would like to participate in this project, contact An Creagán on (028) 8076 1112, email health@ancreagan.com or visit us on facebook at [facebook.com/ancreagan](https://www.facebook.com/ancreagan)

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy

Flower Arranging Classes: Registration forms now available.

Advanced Irish Language Class: A few places still available.

For more details call (028) 8775 7800

Create your Own Sculptor Workshop: Saturday 12th February (10.00am-4.00pm). Fee £65.

The Rare Owl' Times: The Nomadic theatre Company Saturday 19th February at 8.00pm. Admission is £10.

Vocations Information Day (Saturday 5th February) – "Whom shall I send..?": Could you be called to serve God and God's people as a priest in the diocese of Derry? Come and see a day of reflection on the theme of vocation.

11.00am-4.00pm, Thornhill Retreat Centre, Derry

Please contact Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or Fr. Colm O'Doherty on (028) 8166 1475

First Omagh Presbyterian Church – Drop-In Coffee Morning: An invitation is given to anyone in our faith-community to join them for a 'Drop-in Coffee Morning' in their Rowan Hall on Saturday 5th February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It will be an opportunity to speak to Rev. John Murdock who is retiring from ministry after many years of service in Omagh.

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 9th 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 16th July to Thursday 21st July): Cost: £599.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office opens Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

from Saturday 29th January. (028) 7126 0293

Search for Ancestors: Mike McNally from South Carolina, USA wrote to ask for your help to track 'Francis and Ann McNally(née McNamee)' who may have died after 1932 and Michael and Mary Bradley (née McCullagh) who may have died c.1840 if you or anyone you know can help, email him at mike@triadme.com

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 www.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

Parents Advice Centre – Helpline Volunteers: Men and women urgently required to train and work as Helpline volunteers. The preparation course is OCN accredited Level 2. For further information call (028) 7137 2006, call to the office City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street or email marie@pachelp.org Parents Helpline Floor 2, City Factory Building, 100 Patrick Street, Derry BT48 7EL. Tel: (028) 7137 2006. parentsadvicecentre.org Parents Helpline Freephone: 0808 8010 722 Registered in N. Ireland No: N130087 Registered Office: Andras House, 60 Gt Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7BB A Charity: Inland Revenue No: X0492/80

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 and read about the workings of the Bureau.

Although the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** has concluded, we will continue to be "One in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer" (cf. Acts 2:42) and pray "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21)

This Week's Calendar of Feasts:

- Monday 31st January – St. John Bosco (priest) [1815-1888]** Born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a Patron Saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.
- Tuesday 1st February – St. Brigid (Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland) [c. 454-524]** Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare, with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland, but in several European lands.
- Wednesday 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother ... on this day Christ's faithful people, with candles, in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps'. *Ceremonial of Bishops, n.241*
- Thursday 3rd February – St. Blaise (bishop and martyr)** Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Patron Saint for sore throats and sick cattle. Died in 315.
St. Ansgar (bishop) A Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the 9th century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandanavia. Patron Saint of Denmark.
- Saturday 5th February – St. Agatha (virgin and martyr)** Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd century. Patron Saint of bell-founders