

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). 30th March, 2008

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Mass Schedule for the Second Week of Easter. 31st March – 6th April, 2008

Monday 31 st March The Annunciation of the Lord	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Tuesday 1 st April 2 nd Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Hegarty
Wednesday 2 nd April 2 nd Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass
Thursday 3 rd April 2 nd Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 4 th April 2 nd Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 5 th April 2 nd Week of Easter	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
	Saint Patrick's	6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 6 th April Third Sunday of Easter	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg	9:00am Mass 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to this week's collection which amounted to **£1300** and to the special collection for the Missions taken up on Good Friday which amounted to **£130**. The returns for the Trocaire Lenten Collection are not yet complete but to date you have contributed **£2415** – thank you for your generosity.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Joe Daly** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and housebound will be attended **Monday 7th April**, 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 inform Fr. Hasson.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23; Ps. 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Confirmation: On Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm Bishop Hegarty will come to Greencastle to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. Please include the candidates for Confirmation, their families, their sponsors and the Bishop in your personal and family prayers in anticipation of the ceremony.

31st March is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our retired bishop Most Rev. Bishop Edward Daly (1974). Please pray for him today.

Lotto Numbers: 12, 13, 14, 18 (1 winner with 3 numbers – £50) **Next Jackpot:** £6,700

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 March 2008	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	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Maria Bradley	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Colm Beggs Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Mary Conway	Mary Meenan Brenda Conway	Anne McDermott

The Pope's Intentions For April 2008

General: That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's Resurrection, the source of hope and peace.

Mission: That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelise their respective countries and the whole world.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: The annual dinner dance will be held in "Scullys" on **Friday 4th April** at **8.30pm**. Music by 'Peter & Harry' Tickets from any committee member.

Senior Citizens Easter Party will be held on Friday 4th April in the Community Centre – all Senior Citizens are welcome. Some volunteers are welcome on Thursday 3rd to help prepare. Tel: Maureen at (028) 8164 7029.

Our parish acknowledges the leadership of **Fergal McCrory of Crouck** who assisted the pilgrims on the IHCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes this past Easter week. For more information visit greencastleparish.com/ihcpt.htm

Irish Language Collection: Kate Donnelly asks for your support in the church car park after Mass. Your donations will benefit children and adults attending summer in the Gaeltacht. Go raibh maith agat.

Mary Tracey (from the parish of Badoney Lower) will be completing a 5 day "Trek" in the Jordan Desert in aid of the Ulster Cancer Foundation. Mary has pledged to raise at least £2000 for the local charity. She will be available for those of you who wish to make a donation to her project in the church car park after the Saturday and Sunday Masses i.e. 5th and 6th April or you can contact Mary directly on her mobile 07788694179 for further information.

B.A.D.A. An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. Upcoming Events :-

Sunday 30th March	Dancing to 'Country Traditions'
Monday 31st March	Citizens Advice Bureau available in Centre 11:00am to 1:00pm
Friday 18th April	Annual Guest Tea

The Sacrament of Confirmation – What is it?

In the Church's teaching, **Confirmation**, is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for the conferral of sanctifying grace and the strengthening of the union between individual souls and God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in its paragraphs 1302-1303 teaches:

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15);
 - it unites us more firmly to Christ;
 - it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
 - it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
 - it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:
- Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.*