

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (30th May, 2010)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (31st May, 2010 – 6th June, 2010)

Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Martin O'Hagan (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 30th May Feast of the Most Holy Trinity	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9:00am Mass: Missio Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass: Brigid Coyle (15 th Anniversary)
Monday 31st May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 1st June St. Justin (martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2nd June St. Marcellinus and St. Peter (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 3rd June St. Kevin (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 4th June Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyrs)	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm Confession 8.00pm Mass: Pledge will be offered to Confirmation Class of 2010
Saturday 5th June St. Boniface (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Do This In Memory (week 10)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Johnny McCullagh (Month's Mind)
Sunday 6th June Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9:00am Mass: Missio Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11:00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**. Please support your community by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you. Our parish depends upon your envelope contribution for our material support. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes. **Diocesan Purpose Collection:** This annual collection was taken up on 8th and 9th May, last week **£100** was added. Further donations will be acknowledged. **Second Annual National Collection:** This will be taken up as a second collection on 5th and 6th June (Feast of Corpus Christi) and will go towards the costs of planning and hosting the Eucharistic Congress 2012. **Lourdes Hospitalite Collection:** This annual collection is scheduled to take place on this weekend. The fund is dependent on the monies raised from this one collection to support people who are sick and in need of medical care. It is a vital source of revenue that makes the work of the Lourdes Hospitalite possible.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign Thank you for your generous contributions to this year's Lenten campaign, and thank you to the people who distributed 340 envelopes throughout the parish and brought the campaign into all homes in Greencastle. 107 (127 in 2009) envelopes were returned with **£4,715**. As in 2009, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School organised a fund-raising function during Holy Week and contributed **£300** this year, so that a total of **£5,015** was forwarded this week to the Diocesan Office. No 'Gift Aid' forms for Trócaire were received this year. Despite the stresses of our own economic constraints your care for those who are experiencing even greater stresses is admirable. Last year you gave **£4,930**. Thank you

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith-community we extend our sympathy to Josephine Deviene (Beltrium Cottages, Gortin) on the death of her brother **Vincent Harley (Birmingham, native of Leaghan)** who was buried on Saturday. We also pray for **Martin O'Hagan** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

The Pope's Intentions for June: General: That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death. **Mission:** That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a 'little flock' among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis:14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17 (Lectionary I, page 625)
(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 2)

Pilgrimage to Knock – Bus with Pat McSwiggan: Date changed from Sunday 6th June to Sunday 15th August.

Young Adults Retreat (L'Arche, France): 7th – 11th June. lafermedetrosly.com 'Retreat with Jean Vanier' on Youtube.

Lotto Results: E – F – O – R – Y (3 winners with 4 letters – £35 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,450

Parish Liturgy for June, 2010	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Lectors (Readers)	John Enright	Catrina McCullagh	Sean Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohey	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Colm Beggs Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Bradley and Helen Tracey		Anne McDermott

New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead Donnelly

We are grateful to the people who lead singing and music at the special liturgies involving the children and families involved with the 'Do This In Memory' programme, but no one has volunteered to lead us at our other liturgies at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. **Lectors (Readers) and Special Ministers of the Eucharist:** Thank you for everything you do in our parish faith-community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known.

Offertory Gifts: The Year 4 and 7 classes of 2009 / 2010 and their families taking responsibility for presenting the Offertory gifts at each Sunday Mass are as follows:-

Week	6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
40	Saturday 5 th June* The family of Tara and Sean Coneely	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday 6 th June The family of Aileen Tracey
41	Saturday 12 th June The family of Eoin Keenan	Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 th June The family of Matthew Conway
42	Saturday 19 th June The family of Serene Morris	Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 20 th June The family of Shea McElhatton
43	Saturday 26 th June The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan	Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 th June The family of Eunan Morris
44	Saturday 3 rd July The family of Serene Morris	Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 4 th July The family of Lauren O'Neill

****Do This In Memory Programme Week 10***

As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and we thank them for what they are doing for us. If you are unable to attend ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented. ***During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota, but invite any family to perform this role for us***

On Friday 4th June (First Friday in June, the month of the Sacred Heart) the young people who were Confirmed in our parish on 18th April will be invited to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol until their 18th birthday. Every year those who have been confirmed are invited to take this pledge so this occasion can be an opportunity for those who took this pledge in **2009 (21) 2008 (21), 2007 (19), 2006 (14), 2005 (18), 2004 (13)**, to renew their commitment. Please share this invitation as widely as possible. Following the pledge ceremony **The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association** will present Pins to young people who sign up with them. Also if there is anyone eligible for gold or silver pins please contact the PTAA committee immediately. Suzanne Scott who is a member of the Pioneers Youth committee will present these pins. **Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg at 8.00pm. This might be a good time to suggest that we again read the Irish Bishops' Pastoral letter published in 2007- 'Alcohol the Challenge of Moderation'.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Places are available for general pilgrims. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.

Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 3rd July directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 4th July. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

BADA: Thursday 3rd June SWARD (second call opened). Applications for Enterprising Farm Families, Business, Creation and Development will close on 30th June. Public Meeting on Thursday 3rd June at 8.00pm.

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage Season: This begins on 1st June. The last date for entering the island is 13th August.

Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: Tuesday 4th May beginning with confessions at 7.30pm, followed by Rosary and Mass. *For more details call (028) 71262512 during office hours*

Carmelite Community 16th Annual Funday: Tuesday 1st June. We would be grateful for any items you would like to donate for our Funday stalls.

Maria McCrumlish sent an email this week to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Belfast marathon which took place on Monday 3rd May. She completed the 26.2 mile run and raised **£405** for Maire Curie Cancer Care.

"Superstars" is an Interdenominational Youth Club for Special Needs Children aged 13 to 30 from Cookstown and surrounding districts. We are holding a 3 day Flower Festival in Cookstown Methodist Church starting on Friday 4th June: 2.00pm - 9.00pm, continuing Saturday 5th June: 10.00am - 9.00pm Sunday 6th June: 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm. For further details contact Bridget Doyle on (028) 8675 1140 or 07765 445 024.

Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Parochial House by the Wednesday evening prior to publication

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co. Offaly. The Festival is for young people aged 16 -35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Open-Air Mass: Bishop Hegarty extends an invitation to all the children in the diocese who were Confirmed in their faith this year to an open-air Mass in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry on Thursday 10th June, beginning at 11.30am and finishing around 1.00pm.

Semper Fidelis Pilgrimage Group Crossgar – Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: 7 nights, Half Board ex. Belfast International Airport on Friday 16th July, cost per person sharing is €975. Spiritual Director Fr. Colum Curran PP Killyleagh County Down.
For more details please contact Terry Andrews on (028) 4483 1308 / 07879 998 559

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle, but other groups have asked for support, a clothing bank is now available near to St. Patrick's Church.

Study Theology From Home: The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology, and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24, Tel: 00353 1404 81247 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com

Children in Crossfire – 25th Budapest Half Marathon: Children in Crossfire are recruiting 20 enthusiastic individuals to join them for the 25th Budapest Half Marathon on 5th September. A deposit of £150 is requested and minimum sponsorship applies. Contact Sarah on (028) 7126 9898 or e-mail events@childrencrossfire.org for more information. Children in Crossfire also hold a car boot sale every Saturday and Sunday at Elagh Business Park on the Buncrana Road, Derry. £5 entry for cars.

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

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. Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work should take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Every week for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Special introductory offer E260 package. Website www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: (028) 82241888.

The Priests, with special guest Camilla Kerslake at Millennium Forum, Derry: Tuesday 15th June at 8.00pm. Tickets £19.50 / £24.50 / £29.50 Box Office: (028) 7126 4455.

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.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season lasts from the last Sunday 25th April (last Sunday in April) to Sunday 10th October (second Sunday in October). Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the Church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can call 00353 9493 88100, fax: 00353 9493 88295, email: info@knock-shrine.ie or visit knockshrine.ie

Addiction – The First Step Towards Recovery:
Learn from the past, plan for the future, live in the present - Dependence on alcohol, other drugs or gambling presents life threatening physical and mental health challenges for individuals, stress and relationship difficulties in families, financial problems for all concerned, educational issues for children and young people, deaths on roads and crime on our streets.

An honest response to the following questions will confirm evidence of addiction.

1. Have you ever felt you should cut down on your use of alcohol, other drugs or the time and money spent gambling?
2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or the time and money spent on gambling?
3. Have you ever felt guilty about your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or on gambling?
4. Have you needed alcohol or other drug first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover?

If you are concerned about your dependence on alcohol, other drugs or gambling, staff in White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre R.O.I Tel: 074 9384400 or N.I. Tel 00353 749384400 provide a confidential counselling service for individuals, couples or families.

It has been said that a journey of 1,000 Km begins with the first step, begin the journey into recovery today

Alcohol – The Challenge of Moderation A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference
We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.
We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.
We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.
What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol.
If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.
Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie

Engaged Encounter's Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences in italic following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

No name calling	<i>This includes using affectionate names sarcastically</i>
No third parties	<i>The argument is between the two of you</i>
No past history	<i>If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again</i>
Stick to the subject	<i>Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues</i>
No cheap shots	<i>Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship</i>
Don't go to bed angry	<i>Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue</i>
Maintain a sense of humour	<i>Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine</i>
Hold hands while arguing	<i>This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world</i>

"In terms of what we today can discover in this message, attacks against the pope or the church don't come just from outside the church. The suffering of the church also comes from within the church, because sin exists in the church. This too has always been known, but today we see it in a really terrifying way. The greatest persecution of the church doesn't come from enemies on the outside, but is born in sin within the church. The church thus has a deep need to re-learn penance, to accept purification, to learn on one hand forgiveness but also the necessity of justice. Forgiveness does not exclude justice. We have to re-learn the essentials: conversion, prayer, penance, and the theological virtues."
Pope Benedict XVI en route to Fatima

Broughderg First Responders Scheme: The role of a First Responder is to attend, when possible a patient who has collapsed and administer CPR and / or defibrillation whilst waiting for an ambulance crew to attend. The Broughderg First Responders are volunteers who live and work in the local area they are fully trained and are fully insured. When an appropriate 999 call is received from the area covered by the First Responder Scheme; the volunteers are notified and try to attend to provide whatever care is reasonable. First Responders will only attend when dispatched by Ambulance Control. They have no role in the diagnosis or management of illness apart from the collapsed patient. There will always be a 999 ambulance in attendance. Volunteers are clearly identifiable as they will have ID with them. They will provide whatever care is reasonable and will endeavour to assist either doctors or members of the Ambulance Service as appropriate. If you require any further information about the scheme please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Janet Shields (Dalriada Urgent Care) (028) 2566 3502

Lough Derg Retreat Guide for 2010	
Tuesday 1st June	Three-Day Pilgrimages commence
Friday 13th August	Last day for starting Three-Day Pilgrimages
Sunday 15th August	Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimages
Wednesday 18th August	One Day Retreats resume
Monday 23rd August	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Saturday 28th August	Family Day
Tuesday 31st August	<i>The Befriending God who turns Strangers into Friends</i> Very Rev. Dr. Ken Newell and Fr. Gerry Reynolds
Wednesday 1st September	Quiet Day
Tuesday 7th September	<i>Don't count your years, make your years count</i> Doug and Sue Barnett
Sunday 12th September	National Lough Derg-Day Pilgrim Walk
Wednesday 15th September	<i>This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God</i> Workshop: Desi Maxwell
Tuesday 21st September	One Day Retreats end

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage Season: This begins this week (Tuesday 1st June). The last date for entering the island is Friday 13th August. This pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight: they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted. Pilgrims make nine 'Stations' during their time on the island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer; allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 16:12-15:

1. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right' time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growing in understanding and truth.
2. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Or maybe understanding came to you when praying or reflecting on your life. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom on your journey through life.
3. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you?
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

Naomh Pdraig Greencastle GAA May 2010 Fixtures		
Date	Fixture	
Saturday 29th May	<i>Vintage Day</i>	
Monday 31st May	U14 Girls	Sperrin Og v. Mna na Deirge
Saturday 5th June	U10 Girls U10 Boys	<i>Blitz</i>
Sunday 6th June	Reserves Seniors	Greencastle v. Trillick
Tuesday 8th June	U14 Girls Under 21s	Fintona v. Sperrin Og
Friday 11th June	3 rd s	
Saturday 12th June	Camogie	Fr. Shields v. Eire Og
Sunday 13th June *	Reserves Seniors	Kildress v. Greencastle
<i>Flight of the Earls</i>		
Monday 14th June	U12 Boys U14 Girls	Lougmacrory v. Sperrin Og
Tuesday 15th June	Senior Ladies Under 21s	St. Enda's v. Sperrin Og
Friday 18th June	U12 Girls	Dromore v. Sperrin Og
Saturday 19th June	U10 Boys	<i>Blitz</i>
Monday 21st June	U12 Boys	
Tuesday 22nd June	Under 21s	
Thursday 24th June	U12 League	
Saturday 26th June	U16 Boys Camogie U12 Girls	Eglis v. Fr. Shields <i>Blitz in Greencastle</i>
Sunday 27th June	Reserves Seniors	Greencastle v. Moy
Monday 28th June	U12 Boys	
Tuesday 29th June	Under 21s	
Wednesday 30th June	Senior Ladies U16 Boys	Aghyaran v. Sperrin Og
*Fixtures may be brought forward to Friday or Saturday evening (excluding Flight of the Earls)		
Training Times		
Under 12 and Under 14 Girls	Monday nights	
Mens Reserve and Senior Training	Tuesday and Friday nights	
Ladies Senior Training	Monday and Wednesday nights	
Gaelic Start	Thursday nights	
<i>Information provided by Pat Clarke (Chairman)</i>		

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Questions people ask:

- Q. Since the Trinity is said to be a mystery beyond our comprehension, what is the point of trying to understand it or talk about it?
- A. While we cannot, in this life, have a complete understanding of the inner life of God, yet, through God's revelation in Sacred Scripture, we know a certain amount about the relationships between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our knowledge may be incomplete, yet it can be true. It's like a glass full of water. It is full to its limitation but not containing the entire ocean: incomplete yet true. With the revealed knowledge of God we believe that in Mass we render all glory and honour to the Father, through the Son, in the unity brought by the Holy Spirit.

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

The Deep End – The Most Holy Trinity:

Clue: Mexican salamander. Seven letters. What is it? Haven't a clue? Starts with an a and ends in l. No? Middle letter is l. So it has to be ... *axolotl*. Ah! The stuff of addictions. The first newspaper crossword puzzle appeared in the *New York World*, 1913. Englishman, Arthur Wynne, its creator, called it a word-cross. Ten years on it had soared to the status of a national craze. Even then some media people decried it as a national threat because of the hours 'squandered' on it by all and sundry alike.

Today, Trinity Sunday, we don't celebrate a puzzle, but we do pay homage to a mystery. Puzzles get solved, mysteries don't. They're not for solving. The more you delve into a mystery the more you realise there is to delve into. Thus it is with that mystery we so abstractedly call: the Most Holy Trinity.

God is not an abstraction. God is person. Three in fact. Though no less mysterious for it, God is more accessible to our minds and hearts by being seen as Father, Son and the Spirit of love between them. God is not a cold, unfeeling, unit of isolated magnificence. He is the father running out to welcome home a repentant brat of a son. He is the Son who couldn't resist becoming one of us even though he would have to pay the ultimate price for doing so. And, unlike pagan gods to be feared, God is Spirit inspiring love in the hearts of all people of good will.

Clue: God. Four letters. Solution?

Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)

This Week's Calendar of Saints:

Monday 31st May – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast recalls the *Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her Son within her* and visiting her cousin Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the Saviour (*Marialis cultus*).

Tuesday 1st June – St. Justin (martyr) Was born in the Holy Land and settled in Rome. He became a Christian and is remembered for his defence of the Christian belief and practice. He was martyred c.165.

Wednesday 2nd June – St. Marcellinus and St. Peter (martyrs) Roman clergy, martyred under Diocletian in 303.

Thursday 3rd June – St. Kevin (abbot) Was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew, and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

Friday 4th June – Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyrs) 22 Ugandan youths martyred for their faith in the years from 1885 to 1887.

Saturday 5th June – St. Boniface (bishop and martyr) [673-754] Born in Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He went as a missionary to Germany and founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda in 735.

Sunday 6th June – St. Norbet and St. Jarleth (bishops) Not celebrated this year. Sunday takes precedence over feast days in our liturgy.