# Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry

Saint Patrick's Church Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church Broughderg

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. 30th August, 2009

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Best wishes to the children and young people in our parish returning to school after the summer holidays and to all who are going to new schools or university at this time.

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time. 31st August – 6th September, 2009					
Sunday 30th August	Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'			
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass			
Monday 31st August	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass			
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time					
Tuesday 1st September	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass:			
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time		Sick and housebound will be visited			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass			
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time					
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass			
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and doctor of the Church					
Friday 4th September	Saint Patrick's	8.00pm Mass:			
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	First Friday of the Month	For Living Members of the DDS			
Saturday 5th September	Saint Patrick's	10:00am Mass			
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time					
Saturday Evening	Saint Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday			
Sunday 6th September	Saint Patrick's	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo'			
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11:00am Mass			

### Confession Schedule

Friday 4th September	Saint Patrick's	7:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Saturday 5th September	Saint Patrick's	5:30pm (before Vigil Mass)
Sunday 6th September	Our Lady of the Wayside	10:30am (before Mass)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1140 and for your support in the Sisters of Nazareth taken up on 15<sup>th</sup> August of £50. Please support your parish by using your envelope even when you are on holiday or if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish – Thank you. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are promptly returned to those parishes.

### Sick and housebound will be attended Tuesday 1st September.

Please note the change of day for this month and if you live close by, let your neighbours know.

Samaritan Volunteers – Autumn Recruitment Campaign: Samaritans is a registered charity that provides a completely confidential and non-judgemental listening service for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. The Omagh branch, which has been active since 1975, draws volunteers of all ages and creeds from across Tyrone and Fermanagh. We need a large number of dedicated volunteers to help maintain our service, hence the necessity to recruit twice yearly – in Spring and in Autumn. We are currently recruiting new volunteers and would be grateful if you would include the following in your bulletin: Much media coverage is afforded to the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence, and accepted without prejudice, can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Can you help us to provide this vital service? Find out more about our work at our Information Evenings: Monday 7th September, 2009 at 7.30pm. Omagh Library, Omagh. Tel: (028) 8225 1530 or e-mail omagh. Samaritans@virain.net for information/application form.

**Zipline Across the Lagan For 'Children in Crossfire':** Children in Crossfire need 100 people on 19<sup>th</sup> September to zip 1,000 feet across the River Lagan. 140 feet up at 40mph, this is a truly thrilling and safe experience, a challenge for everyone. For more details and an application form please call (028) 7126 9898. Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org

Help to contain the swine flu impact: Everyone can play their part, and simple measures such as regular hand-washing and using a tissue can go some way towards mitigating this pandemic's impact.

Irish News (18th July, 2009)

CRUSE Bereavement CARE – One-Day Workshop on 'Bereavement and Loss:'Silver Birch Hotel Omagh.

28th September, 2009. Contact Suzanne Quinn Tel (028) 9079 2419 suzanne.quinn@cruse.org.uk Check www.cruseni.org

VERITAS Bookshop and Religious items: 20 Shipquay Street, Derry. Range of books, CD's, music and gifts. Visit soon.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37, Lectionary I, page 796

Lotto Numbers: 1. 7. 11. 19 (6 winners with 3 numbers – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £1.350

Serving Our Faith Community in Greencastle Parish					
Parish Liturgy for September 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)		
Readers	Francis McDermott	Roisin Hood	Anne McDermott		
Prayers of Intercession		Emmett Bradley			
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly		
Collectors	Gerry McCullagh Mary Bradley	Emmett Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen		
Altar Society	Anne Bradley, Mary Morris and Kathleen Tracey Anne McDermott				
New choir members will always be welcome					
Please consider volunteering your gifts for service in your parish.					

**'Do This In Memory 2009-2010**': A parish program supporting families of children preparing for First Holy Communion will begin again soon. The organisers would like to invite you to join their team and help in their work. Contact Maria, Rose, Caitriona or Helen.

## Pilgrimages and Retreats

Lough Derg Pilgrimages One Day Retreats: Cost €29 including boat and light lunch):

30th and 31st August..1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd September

**Family Day** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August **Quiet Day** – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Reservations essential. Book at the Lough Derg Office.

Tel/fax: 00353 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org. Check out loughderg.ie for other events

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Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September	Carers Retreat (open to everyone)
Monday 21st and Thursday 24th September	St. Padre Pio OFM Triduum

Website: ardsfriary.ie Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: Tel: (028) 7126 2512 during office hours.

Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st October.

## Adult Faith Development (beginning in September)

Interested in developing your faith? Thornhill Centre has a number of short and long courses starting in October and November 2009: Pastoral Ministry: There is a Variety of Gifts; Liturgy: 'Foundations in Liturgy'; Scripture: 'Saint Luke'; Aspects of Faith: 'So What Should We Teach Them?' and Personal Development: 'Dreams Workshop'. For further details contact Thornhill Centre at (028) 7135 1233.

Study Theology from Home: A Theology programme for lay people offered by distance learning with the Dominicans. This means that you can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in Theology and even more importantly become educated in the Faith, from the comfort of home. For further information contact The Priory Institute. Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Tel: (00353) 1404 8124 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com and visit website www.prioryinstitute.com

**Parish Stations:** If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October 2009, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October.

# BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 30th August Usual fortnightly dance. Music by Country Traditions

Rural Link Shopping Service: From Greencastle to Omagh Friday 9.00am-1.00pm. £4.00 return. You will be collected at your own door. Contact Rural Link on (028) 8076 0740.

# Congratulations to St. Patrick's GAA Minor Team on the Championship Final draw last Tuesday Best wishes for the replay

PTAA Meeting:	Green Elves Playgroup reopens	Items should be forwarded to				
Tuesday 1st September 7.00pm.	Tuesday 1st September	Par. Ho. by <b>Wednesday evening</b> .				

Check out greencastleparish.com/newssheetarchive.htm for extra notices not printed here

Please take this newssheet home with you

### This Week's Calendar of Saints

**Thursday 3rd** – St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church. Gregory (540-604) was a Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself servant of the servants of Christ. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of musicians.

**Friday 4th** – St. Mac Nissi, bishop. Oengus Mac Nissi took his name from his mother Cnes or Ness. It is claimed that Patrick baptised him and taught him the psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage, but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the 6th century.

# Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - John 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23:

- 1. Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. How have you found that getting appearances right did not necessarily make you a good person?
- 2. Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.' How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?
- 3. What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not primarily in dutiful observance but in their enthusiasm for life and their care for one another. It is good to be with them. Think of the contrast between a dinner party, at which everything is just right but very formal, and another party which is rather haphazard and casual but full of great warmth.
- 4. 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own life and choices? How has this helped your growth as a person?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

# Questions people ask:

- Q. I used to have a regular prayer life but it's a thing of the past. What would you advise me to do to get started again?
- A. A humble and thorough confession would be a good start. Since there are so many ways of praying it is hard to give specific direction without knowing more about you. Can you find a wise spiritual director with whom you can talk? In general, make a workable plan regarding place and time. See what works for you reading, adoration, petition, rosary, time alone or the support of others. One last bit of advice pray the way you can and don't worry about the way you can't.

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

### The Deep End - Give-and-Take:

To paraphrase Benjamin Disraeli: There are rules, damned rules and commandments. Whatever about the rules, damned or otherwise, the commandments must be observed diligently according to today's First Reading (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8). Doing so shows wisdom and discernment (v 6). What a pleasant and peaceful way of looking at someone else's orders to you! Not characteristic of today's ethos. I wonder what goes wrong to give the impression that God's commandments are burdens to be borne, better yet ignored, rather than gifts to be cherished

Why do some people worship money, power and sex instead of the one true God? Why can't they see the tyranny that servitude to these produces? Why can't they see the freedom that having only the one true God in one's life endows? And why can't they see God's commandments as guiding lights to help them travel life's convoluted course in safety? There are so many 'whys'.

God created us to live in community. At family level community living calls for give-and-take. If members make demands regardless of how it affects others, then the quality of life degrades. If all are equally demanding, then you have a dysfunctional family.

At world level, community living also calls for give-and-take: individually, collectively and nationally. God's commandments wise us up to the need for justice, generosity, and respect for all people. They help us to adapt to life out there in the real world. They prevent us from expecting that life to adapt to us. That's why many don't like them. But, if we didn't have them, would we not have to invent them?

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

As little children, they went to mass each week, and every day in the summertime. "We always had a rosary on our beds; and then, of course, [Mother would] hear our bedtime prayers and do our catechism with us," said Patricia, the sixth of Joseph and Rose Kennedy's nine children, in her mother's memoir, *Times to Remember*. They thanked God for the food on their table, and at Sunday dinner they discussed the sermon they'd heard that morning.

From an article in this week's 'Newsweek' on the faith of the late Senator Ted Kennedy who died last Tuesday.