



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

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

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (30<sup>th</sup> October, 2011)**

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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2011 – 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011)			
<b>Saturday Evening (29<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>5.35pm</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: James Clarke (Month's Mind)	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary before <b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Feast Day	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Feast of All Saints	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Mass*	
*We will remember all who have died in our parish in the past year. Relatives will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one.			
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> St. Malachy (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Charles Borromeo	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass	
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Saturday Evening (5<sup>th</sup> November)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: Michael Conway (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9:00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to <b>£1,110</b> and the contribution of <b>£710</b> to the annual Missions collection. 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.			
<b>New Weekly Collection Envelopes:</b> New boxes of envelopes are being prepared and will be distributed shortly. If you have been overlooked please let Stella Keenan know. She thanks you for your support, patience and help in completing this task.			
<b>Sick and housebound:</b> These will be attended <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> . 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.			
<b>Remembering Our Dead:</b> We pray for <b>Brigid Donnelly, Patsy Coyle, Mary Rose Conway, Rose Heagney, Mick Fox and Eddie Fox</b> , whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
<b>Feast of All Saints – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November:</b> A holy day of obligation requiring that we attend Mass. There are two Masses available in this parish (see timetable above)			
<b>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b>			
<b>General:</b>	For the Eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.		
<b>Missionary:</b>	That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfil the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.		
<b>Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing:</b> Sunday at 8.00pm sharp.			
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b> Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25:1-13; (Lectionary I, page 722) <b>(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)</b>			
<b>Lotto Results:</b> F – G – M – P – Q (1 person with 4 letters – £100) <b>Next Jackpot:</b> £6,100			
<b>Our best wishes to Janet Devlin as she progresses on the X-Factor TV show</b>			

Parish Liturgy for November, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Barry Maguire
Prayers of the Faithful	James McCullagh	Rosemary McCullagh	Volunteer needed
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Oliver McCullagh	Dominic Wamock Leo Donnelly	Francis Keenan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Volunteers required		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
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Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Shauna McGurk</b>	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Mairead McGlinchey</b>	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Ruanai McDermott</b>	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Emma McElearney</b>	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Joseph Hagan</b>	Feast of Christ the King	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Lucy-Marie McCrory</b>	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Rachael Devine</b>	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Emma Maguire</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December The family of <b>Tyler Gumley</b>	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Ronan Hollywood</b>	
Parish Stations in October, 2011: Thank you to all families who hosted a Station Mass for your townland. We were blessed with 9 Stations. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I hope you will maintain this tradition in this parish. A special thanks to all leaders and participants in the public recitation of the Rosary before Mass. <span style="float:right">Fr. Hasson</span>			
Book of the Names of the Dead: This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection. <span style="float:right">If you wish to enter a name not already in the book, please feel most welcome to do so</span>			
Do This In Memory Programme: Thank you for your participation to our parish programme in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle last weekend. The next liturgy will take place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November).			
Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls: 1. From 12.00noon on 1 <sup>st</sup> November until midnight on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 <sup>st</sup> November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> November. 2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.			
Volunteers urgently needed for the 50 <sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2012: The 50 <sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> June. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet and greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more! If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website <a href="http://iec2012.ie/volunteer">iec2012.ie/volunteer</a> and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin <b>19<sup>th</sup> November in the RDS</b> . For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900.			
Carmelite Retreat Centre (Termonbacca, Derry) – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November beginning with confessions at 7.30pm, followed by Rosary and Mass.			
Owenkillew Credit Union Ltd. – Annual General Meeting: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November at 800pm in the Greencastle Office. <span style="float:right">All adult members are invited to attend and a draw will be held for those present. Tea Served</span>			
An Bruach Dearg Community Centre Upcoming Events	Every Wednesday Night	Zumba Classes from 8.00pm to 9.00pm	
	Every Friday Night	Card playing at 8.30pm	
	Starting Next Week	Computer classes (028) 8675 1633 / (028) 8164 8180	

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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

St. Patrick's **8.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls  
(remembering all who died during the year)

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

**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 0 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 familycaresociety.net*

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses (St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028 8224 2439)):**

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February,  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Vincent's, Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP shop in this district. It depends on donations from you. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society). We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.*

*Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839.*

**ACCORD – Time for a New Challenge:** ACCORD is a voluntary agency of the Catholic Church providing services to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre is seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. *Tel: 028 82242439*

**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](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau.

**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*

**Thornhill Centre (121 Culmore Road, Derry) – Courses starting soon:** Liturgy – Theology/Spirituality  
(028) 7135 1233

**Catholic Schools Week 2012 – Diocesan Mass for Catholic Schools Week:** This will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am.  
The theme is *Catholic Schools – Christ's Body Active in Our World*

**Trócaire Fundraiser:** Tommy Sands, is teaming up with Comhaltas and Dún Uladh in an effort to raise much needed funds for the work of Trócaire worldwide. Tommy will play a "Trad for Trócaire" concert at the Dún Uladh Centre in Omagh on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00pm, tickets cost £10.  
*More details can be found on [dunuladh.ie](http://dunuladh.ie) or by calling (028) 8224 2777*

### Introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal – *Diocesan Sung Mass:*

Feast of St. Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup> November) at 7.30pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Led by Bishop Hegarty to formally welcome the use of the new edition of the Missal in the Diocese. All involved in Church ministries are welcome – Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Musicians, Choirs and Flower Arrangers. Parishes are invited to bring their copies of the Missal to the celebration for blessing by the bishop.

**Posture during Mass:** Bishop Hegarty commends the following common posture, as set down in the *General Instruction* (43) for observation throughout the diocese:

1. Standing from the beginning until the end of the Collect;
2. Standing from the *Orate Fratres* (pray brothers and sisters...) until the end of the *Sanctus*;
3. Standing from Concluding Prayer until the end of Mass.
4. The practice of kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion is laudably retained.

### Rouskey Community Notes

**Young People's Art Classes** with Martin McGrinder: To be held Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 12noon (ages 5 to 9) and 12.30pm to 2.30pm (ages 10 to 14).

*I'd really appreciate if you could ring me to make sure your child or young person is registered so that I can put them into different age groups (Bridie)*

**Coffee Morning:** £198 raised for Young People's Production of Wizard of Oz. *Thank you to all who supported this*

**Drama Class:** Young People's Production of Wizard of Oz is on in November. There will be a draw on day of the show, anyone wishing to donate prizes is much appreciated. Contact any member of Rouskey Management Committee. More details over next few weeks. Hire of Rouskey Community Centre or equipment. Contact Sheena after 6pm: 81648186. All these events are held in Rouskey Community Centre My mobile number has been wrong sorry for inconvenience. Contact Bridie for more. 07847458429 or 81648706 or leave message on phone

**If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern** or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

### Why We Pray for the Dead

We say prayers, not only for those whom we knew and loved, but also for the "poor souls". Explain to your children about praying for the "poor souls" who may have no one else -- no families, no children or grand-children -- to pray for them. This is an act of charity that we can perform for them.

Be sure to mention that that respect for the dead is part of respect for all human life which comes from God. Our heavenly Father gave us life, and we are all infinitely precious to Him, and he wants us all to be with him in heaven forever. We can see, then, how a denial of death, or a refusal to accept pain, sorrow, and suffering as part of life, is really a denial of the value of life and love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church section on Purgatory (1030-1032) explains that "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (1030).

The Catechism states that "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice... The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (1032).

The feast of All Souls is a reminder to pray for the "faithful departed". Although they are members of the Communion of Saints, have been saved and will one day be in heaven, they need to be perfected before they can go to Heaven, that is, to come into full unity with the perfection that is God.

We hope your school-age children will have an opportunity to attend Mass on All Souls day.

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### Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre News

- A new Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, Dominic O'Reilly has been appointed to replace Justin McMahon.
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick. The cost per person is £20 which includes bus, travel and a meal.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry – Mass for all deceased young people.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry – Mass for deceased teachers.
- Annual Award Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Forum, Derry.

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**Age NI First Connect Service:** First Connect offers emotional and practical support at difficult times to people later in life. The First Connect Coordinator will visit each client at home or at an alternative suitable venue, to discuss their needs and provide them with information on the services that are available. This could be as simple as involving them in the community by organising access to a day centre or community group, a benefits check to ensure they are getting what they are entitled to, providing home safety measures, etc. In agreement with the client, the First Connect Coordinator will signpost them to the services and make sure they are in place.

For more information or to make a referral to the First Connect service contact Age NI at:  
Freephone 0808 808 7575. Alternatively you can contact the First Connect Coordinator for the Western Area, Eimear McKearney on 07425 620 194 or email [eimear.mckearney@ageni.org](mailto:eimear.mckearney@ageni.org)

**Camara:** This is a charity which takes in used computers, refurbishes them and sends them to schools and colleges in Africa. In 2011 we will refurbish over 10,000 computers which will be supplied to schools in Uganda, Lesotho, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda. Every summer Camara sends teams of Volunteers for four very Telephone/Email on busy weeks to Africa to assist our local partners deliver essential training to teachers in the schools we supply. The assignment is for four or five weeks, departing Ireland in early July or early August depending on destination.

Camara Belfast, Unit 23 and 24 Townsend Enterprise Park, Townsend Street, Belfast BT13 2ES

Tel: (028) 9033 2470 Email: [belfast@camara.ie](mailto:belfast@camara.ie) Online: [camara.ie](http://camara.ie)

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 23:1-12:

1. Do our actions match our words? People whose behaviour matches the values they profess have a much greater influence for good. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.
2. Jesus also has hard words for those whose priority lies in receiving acknowledgement and recognition of honour and status from others. Even for the people honoured, such words and gestures can have an empty feeling. How much better for us to be comfortable in our own skin, recognising our goodness, and acknowledging our limitations.
3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards? John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))

### Questions people ask:

- Q. What is Halloween and why these witches and broomsticks at this time of year?  
I'm not comfortable with them.
- A. Neither am I comfortable with these pagan symbols. Hallow is an old English word for holy. Hallowe'en means the eve of All Saints Day. November is the start of winter, season of darkness and death in nature. Pagans of old believed that evil spirits were extra active in this darkness. Witchcraft attempts to make contact with the world of spirits. The Church in its wisdom sets before us the glory of heaven as the meaning of life after death. Give me saints rather than witches any day!

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap [silvesteroflynn@gmail.com](mailto:silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

### The Deep End – Let Your Actions Talk:

Putting on a special dress for prayer can emphasise the importance of the prayer. But Jesus is reminding people here that if the prayer is not already in their hearts and minds, then you can wear what you like, but it won't make much difference. Matthew values the importance of leadership in his community but he is reminding them that the source of this authority lies with God. True witnesses to Jesus must put aside any ideas of grandeur and this message is of course not limited to the Jewish leaders of Jesus' time but to all people of faith. Jesus believes in the 'ordinary' people and he reassures them in today's Gospel that they should not let themselves be awed by those in authority who do not practice what they preach.

We should also remember that when we are in awe of people because of their education or their jobs or their way of living that Jesus liberates us from this. We eventually come to see that we are all human beings, that comparisons are ridiculous and that those we put on a pedestal are just as flawed and just as wonderful as any other human being.

*'I have long since come to believe that people never mean half of what they say, and that it is best to disregard their talk and judge only their actions.'*  
Dorothy Day

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