



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

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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year C] (30th December, 2012)

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Pope Benedict's message for the World Day of Peace (Tuesday 1st January):

Blessed are the Peacemakers looks at both the theological and practical foundations for promoting justice and peace in today's world. From defense of human life to food insecurity, from religious freedom to economic development this message is a far reaching reflection on the need to establish right relationships between people and recognize that, in God, we are one human family'

Peace, Pope Benedict insists, is not a naïve, utopian dream, but rather it reflects the deepest longing of the human heart. While we must work hard to build a new world order based on truth, freedom, love and justice, as Pope John XXIII wrote in 'Pacem in Terris' half a century ago, we must also recognize that true peace is also a gift from God.

The message does spell out many practical concerns including a looming food crisis, the need for new models of development and financial practice based on people, not just profits, and the right to work as a fundamental good for individuals, families and societies. There's also a strong focus on defending the right to life, upholding traditional family values and the need for religious freedom - including conscientious objection to laws or practices which undermine the Church's teaching and beliefs.

Pope Benedict concludes his message with a call for 'a pedagogy of peace' based on pardon and reconciliation. Quoting the prayer, often attributed to St Francis of Assisi, the Pope asks God to make us instrument of His peace, bringing love, mercy and peace wherever there is hatred, hurt or doubt.

Liturgy Schedule for the Season of Christmas week before Epiphany [Year C] (31st December, 2012 – 6th January, 2013)

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| Saturday Evening (29th December) | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass |
| Sunday 30th December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year C] | St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass |
| Monday 31st December Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Tuesday 1st January Mary the Mother of God | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Wednesday 2nd January St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishops and doctors of the Church) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Thursday 3rd January St. Munchin (Mainchin) (bishop) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 4th January Before Epiphany | St. Patrick's | 7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass |
| Saturday Morning (5th January) St. Charles of St. Andrew (Dublin) (priest) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Saturday Evening (5th January) | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass: Maureen Morris (1 st Anniversary) |
| Sunday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord [Year C] | St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Rose and Anthony Quinn (1 st Anniversary) |

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,245** and for your contributions to the Priest's Collection, which was taken up on Christmas Day.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Peter Daly** whose Requiem took place last Monday, we extend to his family our deepest sympathy and prayerful support in his bereavement. We also pray for **Margaret Daly** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 7th January**. Please let them know if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound and who would like a visit please inform Fr. Hasson.

Next Sundays Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12;
(Lectionary I, page 161) **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 1)**

| Parish Liturgy for January, 2013 | St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass) | St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass) | Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass) |
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| Readers | John Enright | Nuala Glass | Sean Clarke |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Brigid Keenan | Eugene McCullagh | Patricia Donnelly |
| Prayers of Intercession | | | |
| Collectors | Margaret Morris Michael McNamee | Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan | Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly |
| Altar Society | Mary Conway, Brendan Conway and Mary Meenan | | Anne McDermott Mary Bradley |

New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead

Altar Servers Needed: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so as soon as possible.

| 6.00pm Saturday Vigil <u>Saturday 29th December (6.00pm)</u> The family of Eimear Tracey | Offertory Gifts Rota Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | 9.00am Sunday Morning <u>Sunday 30th December</u> The family of Luke O'Connor |
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| <u>Saturday 5th January</u> The family of Ciaran Warnock | Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord | <u>Sunday 6th January</u> The family of Lauren O'Neill |
| <u>Saturday 12th January</u> The family of Ciatai Warnock | Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | <u>Sunday 13th January</u> The family of Jamie Wilkinson |
| <u>Saturday 19th January</u> The family of Michael Clarke | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | <u>Sunday 20th January</u> The family of Sean and Tara Coneely |
| <u>Saturday 26th January*</u> The family of Molly Clarke | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | <u>Sunday 27th January</u> The family of Matthew Conway |
| <u>Saturday 2nd February</u> The family of Ryan Coyle | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | <u>Sunday 3rd February</u> The family of Eoin McCullagh |

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

*Do This In Memory Program (week 5)

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

General – The Year of Faith: That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Missionary – Christians of the Middle East: That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):

With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night). A £200 deposit before Thursday 31st January will secure you a seat.

For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2013: For information on Pilgrimages for 2013 please contact 0044 288 2241 888

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July): The cost is £585. An application form is available from Rosemary at The Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ – (028) 7136 2475 (Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1.30pm). *Special forms for registered sick, youth and helpers are also available*

Trócaire Global Gifts: Last Christmas Trócaire Global Gifts helped change lives, please be generous again this year and pick up a leaflet from the church porch.

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Free Computer Classes: Commencing January.

BADA An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Every Friday Night at 8.30pm Card playing with light supper served

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 under 8 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

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

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.

Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.

Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.

Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:

Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

London Marathon (Sunday 21st April): Why not join team Foyle Hospice for a thrill of a lifetime running/walking one of the world's most exciting marathons, the Virgin London Marathon which takes place Sunday 21st April?

This run takes in all the major sites and attractions in London with thousands of spectators all along the course.

Places in this event will be difficult to get, but Foyle Hospice has some guaranteed entries for the marathon.

For further information contact Noel McMonagle, Community Fundraising Manager
noel@foylehospice.com, (028) 7135 9888

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half-Marathon: Sunday 17th February, £100 deposit secures your place.

For more information please contact events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898

Thank you for your time on this it is greatly appreciated

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013

(028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com

11th and 12th January 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March

12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June

Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD

Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Saturday 31st December – St. Sylvester (pope) Died in 335 after being Pope for 21 years. Being elected in the year after the Edict of Milan he was free to build many churches in Rome.

Tuesday 1st January – Mary the Mother of God At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

Lumen Gentium (52)

Wednesday 2nd January – St. Basil the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379] Bishop of Caesarea, a brilliant preacher who lived an ascetic life, establishing norms for monastic life. Implemented the decrees of the Council of Nicaea. Patron Saint of Russia.

St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379] Bishop of Constantinople. He was known as the 'Theologian' because of his wisdom and skill in defending orthodox doctrine.

Thursday 3rd January – St. Munchin (Mainchin) (bishop) Patron Saint of the diocese of Limerick. His traditional birthplace is Dai Cais where a parish and old graveyard, Cell Mainchin (Kilmanaheen) existed. In the 7th century he was granted Inis Sibthann (Ibton) in the tidal waters of Limerick, in the region of which he funded a church and had a thriving religious community.

Saturday 5th January – St. Charles of St. Andrew (Dublin) (priest) [1821-1893] Born in Holland. Took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857, it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. Died on 5th January, 1893. St. Charles was canonized on 3rd June, 2007.

Friday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 2:41-52:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?
2. In the Gospel of Luke this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?
3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life, or in the life of another, where there was pain for family members in following your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

Questions people ask:

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

- Q. When Jesus was growing up in Nazareth did Mary and Joseph know that he was the Son of God?
- A. The revelation of the divinity of Jesus was not yet complete. Because of the virgin birth and the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph certainly knew that Jesus was a very special person sent from God. Yet we read in the Gospel that they did not understand what the twelve year-old Jesus meant in saying that he must be busy about his Father's business. Mary and Joseph went forward in faith, accepting the mystery of what they did not fully understand.

The Deep End – Searching for Jesus:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

In today's Gospel we get a glimpse of Jesus as a young boy as he disappears for three days while the family are on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Searching for a lost child for even 20 minutes is a most nerve wracking event for a parent. But to lose the Son of God for three days is something else. You might think that Jesus is even being disobedient to his parents in this story. We should remember that ancient writers often included a scene from the childhood of their hero in order to show the signs of great things to come. Jesus is eventually found sitting with the teachers in the Temple and is revealed as a very wise teacher.

While this Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of the young boy Jesus, it is also a reminder of our own helplessness to do anything but let God's dream be dreamed. Jesus knew this in a way that his parents could not fully grasp: 'Why have you done this to us?' Mary and Joseph experience the tension between the anxieties of our world and the need to listen and live centred on God.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we pray for families everywhere, for parents and children and ask God to be with them, to guide them and protect them.

'The attraction of the journey is stronger than the pull of all the picnics on the way.'

Margaret Silf