

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone, Diocese of Derry Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (31 st January, 2010) Catholic Schools Week 2010 – 'A Light for Every Generation' The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com Tel: (028) 8164 8474 Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com		
Catholic Schools Week 2010 will be celebrated by the Church in Ireland. Catholic Schools Week acknowledges and celebrates the tremendous contribution that Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. This year the theme for the week is ' Catholic Schools – A Light for Every Generation '. Catholic schools are committed to the education and formation of the young person in every aspect of their lives. Thus Catholic schools are light for parents, pupils, staff and society in every generation. This theme connects the vision of Catholic education with the mission of the Gospel, to bring the light of Christ to the world and to allow that light to shine through and in all that we do in our work in Catholic schools. It also allows us to remember with great gratitude all those who, through their work in establishing schools & places of education, brought the light of Christ to many generations of Irish people in the past.		
Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (1st February, 2010 – 7th February, 2010)		
Monday 1st February St. Brigid (Secondary Patron of Ireland) Sick and Housebound visits	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass (St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed after Holy Communion)
Tuesday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord – Feast Day for Consecrated Life Year 7 Class Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Monthly Devotions in Honour of Our Lady: Beginning with Confessions and ending with Mass	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Candles blessed. Service of Light and Commitment 7.30pm Confessions followed by Rosary and Mass
Wednesday 3rd February St. Blaise (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by the blessing of throats
Thursday 4th February Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry	10.00am Mass 12.30pm Mass with Bishop Hegarty to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week
Friday 5th February St. Agatha (virgin and martyr) First Friday of the Month	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass: Pauline Montague – 2 nd Anniversary
Saturday 6th February St. Paul Miki and Companions	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £880. Please support your parish by using your envelope even if you must attend Mass outside your parish, thank you. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes. Thank you for your offering of £455 for Bishop Hegarty's Stewardship Trust Fund which was taken up last weekend.		
Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family Clodagh Martina Brogan who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, her parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.		
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Thomas McDermott whose anniversary occurs at this time.		
The Service of Light and Commitment for the 2010 Confirmation Class from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will take place at 8.00pm Mass on the evening of Tuesday 2 nd February – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.		
The Pope's Intentions for February, 2010 General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God. Mission: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim his Gospel to all peoples.		
"Step into the Promise of a New Spring" (5th – 7th February): An invitation to a week end of peace, reflection, and appreciation of the gifts of life through music, readings, meditative movement and spiritual awareness. Ards Retreat Centre, Donegal. Phone (074) 9384 015 or e-mail info@ardsfriary.ie		
Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 Lectionary I, page 849		
Lotto Numbers: 12, 14, 15, 16 (2 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) Next Jackpot: £1,600		

Parish Liturgy for February, 2010 Readers Prayers of Intercession Eucharistic Ministry Collectors Altar Society	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass) Mary Slane <i>Volunteers needed</i> Kathleen Bradley Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton Mary Conway, Brenda Conway and Mary Meenan	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass) Roisin Hood <i>Volunteers needed</i> Louise Coyle Emmett Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass) Sean Clarke <i>Volunteers needed</i> Peter Noel McAleer Colm Beggs Sean McKenna Anne McDermott
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 23 24 25 26	6.00pm Saturday Vigil <u>Saturday 6th February</u> The family of Conor Bradley <u>Saturday 13th February</u> *** The family of Eunan Morris <u>Saturday 20th February</u> The family of Aaron Donnelly <u>Saturday 27th February</u> The family of Michaela McBride	Offertory Gifts Rota Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Sunday Of Lent Second Sunday Of Lent *** 'Do This In Memory' Programme week 6 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 find yourself unable to attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented.	9.00am Sunday Morning <u>Sunday 7th February</u> The family of Conan Maguire <u>Sunday 14th February</u> The family of Megan Conway <u>Sunday 21st February</u> The family of Lauryn Hollywood <u>Sunday 28th February</u> The family of Maeve McCullagh
Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg 25th Anniversary (1st September, 2010): We would like to mark its role in the life of our faith community. If you received any of the sacraments on your spiritual journey there (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) and have a photograph or a story you would like to share with our community please contact Josephine Clarke, Anne McDermott or Fr. Hasson.			
Invitation to Tender: We invite competent people for the cleaning of the church roof and exterior at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. Tender documentation can be obtained from The Parish Buildings and Maintenance Committee c/o Fr. Hasson at the Parochial House. Completed forms are to be returned by 12noon on Monday 1 st February.			
There will be a Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 4 th February at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend.			
IHCPT Derry Group 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance: To celebrate 30 years of taking young people with special needs on their annual Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes Group 110 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust (The 'Derry' Group) will be holding a celebration dinner dance in the City Hotel on Saturday 27 th February, music provided by the Odyssey band. The group would like to invite anyone who has travelled with us over the years, young people or group carers, their families and all those who have supported and helped us in any way to join us in what should be a great evening to meet old friends and relive memories of some very special times. Tickets cost £25 and can be obtained from Stephen Browne at 07912500195.			
Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of Saint Blaise (3rd February): St. Blaise, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The candles to be used for the blessing of throats are blessed on the Feast of Presentation of the Lord (2 nd February). Using two crossed and unlighted candles the minister touches the throat of each person, saying Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.			
BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events: Every Friday Night Card game from 8.30pm Sunday 31st January Dance, with music by <i>Mooncoin</i>			
Please support Chloe Coyle in the All-Ireland Talent Show on RTE1 at 6.30pm on Sunday 7 th February.			
Naomh Pdraig GAA Greencastle – Dates for 2010: Sports (9 th May) Youth Club Summer Scheme (5 th July for 2 weeks) GAA Football Summer Camp (19 th July for 1 week) Handball Camp (16 th August for 1 week) GAA Hurling / Camogie Summer Camp (26 th July for 1 week) Confirm with Fiona			

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th – 21st July, 2010): Cost £629 – payable in instalments. Application forms are now available in the sacristy (Greencastle). Forms for those in need of special care or those aged 80 or over are available only from the Pilgrimage Office, Derry. Telephone: (028) 7126 0293.		
The Pioneer Youth Weekend for 12-17-year-olds has been a highlight on the Pioneer calendar since 1998. This year it takes place in Gormanston College, Co. Meath from the 2 nd to the 4 th of July. The event is organised by the Meath Diocesan Youth Committee PTAA. Please circulate this message to parishes and youth groups. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on (085) 7201 646 or dermotfagan@gmail.com .		
Taizé invites everyone to pray for Haiti on the 12th day of each month: Echoing a suggestion made by a Haitian youth, the Taizé Community invites everyone who is able to pray for the people of Haiti, either singly or in groups, on the 12 th day of each month for 12 months, following the earthquake that took place on 12 th January. The young man was a volunteer in Taizé in the summer of 2006. He writes: "I can't tell the difference between life and death since Tuesday 12 th January, when the country was plunged into deep distress. But God is great and since he is love, his plan of love is already prepared for us. The songs of Taizé give me strength and confidence I would never have imagined. Ask all the peoples throughout the world to pray for 12 months on the 12 th day of each month for the Haitian people. Do not hesitate! It is very important." Haiti: Messages from young people: http://www.taize.fr/en_article9734.html Before 12 th February the Taizé website will offer a proposed prayer that can be used on that day.		
The Irish Children's Pilgrimage Trust is taking children/young people with special needs (both physical and learning disability) from the ages of 9-21 years of age from all over Ireland to Lourdes on Easter Sunday (4 th -10 th April, 2010). The IHCPT is looking urgently for nurses to travel with groups this Easter. If you would be interested in travelling please contact Mary on 00353 87796 2047 for further details. The cost is €640.		
A Special Valentine's Gift: Give your husband or wife a special Valentine's gift of a weekend away with you on 12 th -14 th February. A weekend with a difference that will help deepen your commitment to one another and enrich the joys you share together, whether you are recently or many years married. For details call (028) 9062 6503 or (028) 7135 0612. www.marriageencounter.ie . Marriage Encounter is a worldwide Catholic voluntary organisation that runs the Marriage Encounter weekend. Presented by three married couples and a priest, the weekend is a residential workshop that offers married couples with a good stable relationship the opportunity to explore, renew and enrich what they already have going for them in a way that completely respects their privacy. It is very much about the spouses being in a unique sacramental relationship that involves not only them but God, their family and the wider community of the Church to which they belong.		
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 8124/7 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Visit our website www.prioryinstitute.com		
Annual Clothing Appeal: The organisers of the annual clothing/textile collection at St. Columcille's G.F.C. grounds in Carrickmore intend to hold their collection from Thursday 4 th February until Sunday 21 st February. Clothes may be left in the on-site container between the hours of 11.00am and 6.00pm daily. Proceeds from the collection will this year be shared between GOAL-HAITI and the Loreto Mission in PERU. Your usual support would be much appreciated. All types of clothing, shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels etc. are acceptable. Please bag all goods. No sorting necessary. For further information contact (028) 8076 0667, (028) 8076 1594 or (028) 8224 4145.		
<i>Tá fáilte mhór romhaibh teacht ar shiúlóid i nGortín le SIÚIL – bígi i dteagmháil má tá suim agaibh bheith páirteach! Fáilte roimh Gaeilge líofa agus Gaeilge bhríste!</i> You are very welcome to join SIÚIL on a walk in Gortín – make contact if you want to be part of it! Both fluent and broken Irish welcome! Sunday 7 th February at 10.30am – take a lunch and wear walking clothes – meet at the car park at Gortín Forest Park.		
Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Irish Classes: kathleen@instituteofirishleadership.ie Tel: (028) 8775 7800		
Beginner classes	Monday 18 th January (7.00pm – 8.30pm)	£3 per class
Intermediate classes	Wednesday 20 th January (7.00pm – 8.30pm)	£3 per class

This Week's Calendar of Saints:		
Monday 1 st February –	Feast of St. Brigid (virgin and Second Patron of Ireland) Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands.	
Tuesday 2 nd February –	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord This feast is a combined remembrance for the Son and the Mother ... On this day Christ's faithful people, with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as "a light to reveal God to the nations". They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps' (ceremonial of Bishops, 241).	
Wednesday 3 rd February –	St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) Died 315, Bishop of Sebastea, martyred in Armenia. Patron for sore throats and sick cattle. St. Ansgar (bishop) A Frenchman, who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the 9 th century, and preached to the Danes. Apostle of Scandinavia, Patron of Denmark.	
Friday 5 th February –	St. Agatha (virgin and martyr) Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3 rd century. Patron of bell-founders.	
Saturday 6 th February –	St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs) Martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.	
Sunday 7 th February –	St. Mel (bishop) (Ardagh and Clonmacnois) This feast is not celebrated this year.	

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 4:21-30:	
1.	The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy was one to teach them. It can be difficult for us to see those close to us as people through whom God is going to reveal some truth to us. Yet what a difference when we our prejudices and are open to what is being said. Perhaps you have experienced this?
2.	The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
3.	Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?
<i>John Byrne OSA (john@ortlagh.ie)</i>	

Questions people ask:	
Q.	I'm struggling with my faith. I'm full of worries and anxieties. I try to pray but I don't think I really trust God. I feel guilty and I can't let go of past sins even after confession. I go to church but my mind is elsewhere. I'm all a mess. What can I do?
A.	Look how often you've used the first person singular. You are locked up in yourself but the chains that bind you have no lock except your own tight grip. When you open yourself to God and other people the chains will off. You won't find peace in self-analysis. Let your prayer be more adoration and less petition. And never do anything you know to be against God's will. In his will is your peace.
<i>Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)</i>	

The Deep End – Climate Change:

There's something fishy about the North Sea. It's getting hotter. Its temperature rose by 1°C over the last 40 years. Not earth shaking, but serious enough to cause waves. The plankton that cod larvae like have had it. Some 60 percent of them have scuttled off to a cooler clime 1,200 km further north. The result? A sea change. Cod stocks dwindled; crab stocks exploded and jellyfish proliferated as the adult cod that feed on these became fewer. This in turn put pressure on flatfish such as plaice and sole whose offspring crabs crave. Just one extra degree of heat and an ecosystem's food chain snaps. Even the quiet, away-from-it-all sea urchins, mussels and scallops on the sea bed haven't escaped the squeeze.

Now, let's enter our fishbowl and look at our society, our North Sea. Even here, one little degree of change can produce unforeseen consequences. I still remember the shock nearly 30 years ago while home on holidays from the missions hearing a seven-year old girl shout at a five-year-old boy and call him an a**hole. I thought only foul-mouthed Hollywood hoodlums used that language. I figured she'd been exposed at home to so-called entertainment unsuited even to adults. I fume when I hear on the TV seemingly concerned warnings from a disembodied voice about a film containing what it arbitrarily calls 'strong' language. It's never 'foul', or 'bad' always 'strong'. What a fine positive and 'adult' term for something that's debasing!

Needless to say a lot more has entered the fishbowl from Hollywood and elsewhere that has raised the temperature. *Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Divine Word Missionaries, Donamon, Co Roscommon (tomcee@eircom.net)*