

Diocese of Derry, Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone

Saint Patrick's Church
Greencastle

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Broughderg

Pentecost Sunday. 31st May, 2009

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Congratulations to our young parishioners who received Holy Communion for the first time last weekend. Our thanks to the parents, families, teachers, 'Do This In Memory' liturgy leaders and everyone who supported these young people on their faith journey. May they continue to grow faithfully every day.

We welcome amongst us Fr. Joe McMenamin of the White Fathers on Mission Awareness ministry. He will preach at Mass this weekend

Liturgy Schedule for the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time. 1st June – 7th June, 2009

Monday 1 st June St. Justin, martyr	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Sick and Housebound visitation
Tuesday 2 nd June Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 3 rd June St. Kevin, abbot	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 4 th June Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 5 th June St. Boniface, bishop and martyr	Saint Patrick's <i>First Friday in June</i>	8.00pm Mass: (Kevin Morris – 2 nd Anniversary)
Saturday 6 th June St. Norbert and Jarlath, bishops	Saint Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 7 th June Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Bishop Seamus Hegarty	Saint Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside Knock Shrine	9:00am Mass: 'Misso Pro Populo' 11:00am Mass 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm Con-celebrated Mass 4:00pm Solemn Blessing, Benediction, Rosary

Confession Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£900** and the further **£15** for the Diocesan Purposes Collection.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 1st 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.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray this week for **Fr. Willie Rafferty P. Em (Doneyloop)**, he was curate here in Greencastle 1947-1948. We also remember **Nora O'Neill, Kevin Morris** and **Brendan McLaughlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Bishop Hegarty asks for your support next **Sunday 7th June** (there will be no Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2009). The timetable is outlined above A Bus will leave from Gortin, Greencastle and Mountfield. To book seats with Pat McSwiggan call **(028) 8164 7099** as soon as possible.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo: The pilgrimage season continues until 11th October. See the poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie. Telephone 00353 94938 8100. Fax 00353 94938 8295. Also check out **Knock Summer Youth Festival** (23rd-26th July, 2009), book now! knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 9:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (Lectionary I, page 613)

Parish Volunteers: Please sign up for service in your parish. Here are some ways in which you can minister:

Parish Liturgy for June 2009	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Mary Clarke	Martina McBride
Prayers of Intercession	Daniel McEhatton		
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Pat McGuigan Eoin Clarke
Altar Society	Mary Bradley and Helen Tracey		Anne McDermott
New choir members will always be welcome			

Lectors (Readers) and Special Ministers of the Eucharist: Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community and for attending our recent *Evening of Reflection and Renewal* earlier this month. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known.

Offertory Gifts: The Confirmation class of 2009 and their families taking responsibility for presenting the Offertory gifts at each Sunday Mass are as follows:-

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 30th May</u> The family of Carla McElhatton	Pentecost Sunday	<u>Sunday 31st May</u> The family of Megan McKenna
<u>Saturday 6th June</u> The family of Patrick McLaughlin	The Feast of the Holy Trinity	<u>Sunday 7th June</u> The family of Stacey McCullagh
<u>Saturday 13th June</u> The family of Eamonn Tracey	The Feast of Corpus Christi	<u>Sunday 14th June</u> The family of Niall Tracey
<u>Saturday 20th June</u> The family of Claire Tuohy	Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 21st June</u> The family of Calvin Wilkinson

As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers.
Each Family in the class was given the opportunity to present the gifts on four occasions since last September – thank you for taking responsibility for this part of our Sunday liturgy.

Knock Summer Youth Festival: 23rd – 26th July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. An invitation to 18-35 year olds from our parish. For more info and to book contact: 00353 9493 88100 / (087) 6927 850 or check out knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

Diocesan Youth Mass and Blessing for Young Drivers: Today, Pentecost Sunday (31st May) there will be a Diocesan Youth Mass and Blessing for Young Drivers in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry at 7.00pm. All young drivers are invited to bring their license or car keys to this Mass for a special blessing. 'Rejoice', the Diocesan Youth Choir will lead the music and Bishop Hegarty will be the main celebrant. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre after Mass. **Everyone welcome.**

The Camogie Club has restarted after many years. Training will be every Friday night at the community centre from 6.15pm to 7.30pm for underage and 7.30pm to 8.45 pm for seniors.

Looking Ahead – Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed in our Parish Cemeteries: This will take place on the evening of **Saturday 4th July directly after the Vigil Mass** in the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church, Greencastle and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg **after 11:00am Mass**. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 2 nd June	Monthly devotions in honour of Our Lady Beginning with Confessions at 7.30pm and followed by Rosary and Mass.
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BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Friday 12 th June	Annual Guest Tea - Tickets are £10 and are available from all committee members and Broughderg Post Office 9028) 8675 1633, Music by <i>Cascades</i> from 8.30pm.
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Lotto Numbers: 4, 8, 17, 19 (3 winners with 3 numbers – £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,150

The Institute of Irish Leadership 20 The Diamond, Pomeroy www.instituteofirishleadership.ie	
Date	Speaker
Monday 25 th May	Mickey Harte – All Ireland winning manager
Thursday 4 th June	Nuala O'Loan – Former NI Police Ombudsman
Thursday 11 th June	Dr. Tom McGinley – Foyle Hospice Founder
Friday 12 th June	Mairéad Uí Mháirtín – Irish Language Promoter
Thursday 18 th June	Hanna Shields – Successful Everest Climber
Thursday 25 th June	Will McKee – Prolific Entrepreneur
Admission at the door. For further details telephone (028) 8775 7800	

Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the faithful to take an interest in "spiritual and catechistic formation", which he described as "a 'substantial' formation, more necessary than ever in order to live a Christian vocation well in today's world". Addressing adults and young people, he said: "Cultivate a well-thought-out faith, one capable of engaging in profound dialogue with everyone, with our non-Catholic brethren, with non-Christians, with non-believers". "With particular affection, I encourage seminarians and young people following vocational journeys: do not be afraid; rather, feel the attraction of definitive choices, of a serious and demanding formative journey".

Addiction – The first step in 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) 9384 400 or N.I. Tel 00353 74938 4400) provide a confidential counselling service for individuals, couples or families. It has been said that a journey of 1000 Km begins with the first step, begin the journey into recovery today.

Reflection on Exams: Exams are a test of knowledge or skill. They have their importance. However, they are not a measure of the worth of the individual. They indicate one aspect of us, but we are much more than any exam can show. Success or failure does not give the full measure of our worth. Each one of us is unique and precious with our own gifts and talents. God made us that way. God wants us to use those talents. Exams can be an anxious time. But remember, we are more than our exam results. We are loved for who we are, not for our achievements. God wants us to discover all our wonderful gifts. *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Support Centre*

Questions people ask:

Q. When my daughter was baptised the priest explained the importance of her Christian name. Now that she is preparing for Confirmation will she have to take on another name?

A. Taking a new name at Confirmation is still an option but it is no longer required. As you rightly assert, taking a name with some Christian association at Baptism is very significant. We associate naming with christening. One may choose to add a new name at Confirmation but many prefer to use the baptismal name as it shows the unity of the two sacraments.

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 15:26-27; 16:12-15:

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. 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. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.
3. Jesus said the Spirit would 'glorify' him by reminding the disciples of Jesus' own teaching. To whom do you give glory by taking their wisdom and incorporating it in your life? Are there people who give you glory by using your wise advice in their lives?
4. 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? What wisdom would you like most of all to pass on to those close to you?

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The Deep End – Taxi Driver:

This story tells what Pentecost is about. A taxi driver arrives at an address. He honks his horn. No response. He honks again. Still no response. Out he gets and knocks on the door. A stressed voice cries out, 'Just a minute, please.'

After a long pause he hears something being dragged to the door. A frail old woman in her 80's opens the door pulling a suitcase after her. 'Would you carry my case to the car, please?' she asks. 'Sure,' he says, and as he moves off she links his free arm and walks slowly with him to the taxi.

She gives him an address and asks him to go through the city centre. 'It's not the shortest way, Ma'am,' he says to her. 'I don't mind,' she replies, 'I'm going to a hospice. There's no hurry.'

He looks in the rear-view mirror, and sees tears in her eyes as she reveals, 'I've no family left. The doctor says I haven't long to go.' As she says that the driver leans over and quietly switches off the metre.

They drive around the city centre. She points out where she had worked in an insurance office, where she and her husband had lived after their wedding, and a building that once was a ballroom where she had first met him. At one or two places they stop in silence – her mind elsewhere. Much later they reach the hospice.

The taxi driver goes home lost in thought, convinced and content that he has just had one of the most important days of his life. Pentecost means using the language of love.

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