



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (31st July, 2011)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (1 st August, 2011 – 7 th August, 2011)			
Saturday Evening Vigil (30th July)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 31st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i>
Monday 1st August St. Alphonsus Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 2nd August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 3rd August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 4th August St. John Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 5th August Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass: Susanna Bradley (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening Vigil (6th August)	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9:00am Mass: Misso Pro Populo 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 7th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	St. Patrick's	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 **£1,125**. Please support your community 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. 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.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Alice McGarvey** who died on Friday and will be laid to rest in St. Lawrence's Cemetery, Fintona after 11.00am Mass in Greencastle (Sunday), we extend to her family the support of our prayers. We also pray for **Annie Morris (Aughascribba)**, **Jimmy McCullagh (Bracagh South)**, **Jane McNamee (Broughderg)** and **Fr. Packie McLaughlin (former curate in this parish)**, all of whom are recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society. And Susanna Bradley,

Welcome: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family ***Daithi Eoghan Hughes*** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised, his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Sick and housebound will be attended Monday 1st August. 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.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayers)
General: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.
Missionary: That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 22-23;
 Lectionary I (page 688) **(Sunday: Year A) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: D – G – P – T – W (12 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £5,450

Parish Liturgy for August, 2011	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Prayers of Intercession	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Marie Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Michael Clarke Enda Clarke	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Mary McCullagh and Joanne Beggs		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
Thank you for all you do in our community. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries make it known.			

Bringing the Offertory Gifts to the Altar: During the summer months there will be no formal rota. Anyone may volunteer spontaneously to bring the gifts forward. *Do not be shy about doing this*

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.

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage: (€55 includes boat fare and accommodation) You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Wednesday 1st June until Saturday 13th August.
 For further information please visit loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org,
 Tel: (028) 6863 2391 (from NI). The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly): Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th August. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around Northern Ireland.
For more information contact 07706 736 677 (from NI) or book online at youth2000.ie

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: 21st-28th August to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions. £489 direct from Belfast. Accompanied by Monsignor Danny Monaghan. Details from Maria Bradley (028) 8164 8357.

A Farmer's Prayer
 Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,
 Food for our journey,
 You are the Vine and we are the branches,
 Drawing our life from you.
 As we seek to make out living from the land,
 Bless the work of our hands.
 Each day we touch the beauty of your creation,
 Renew your love in our hearts.
 And as we see your plan at work in each season,
 Bring your peace to our home and to those we love. *Amen*

The Indulgence of St. Mary of the Portiuncula: On 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence is a devout visit to the church and recitation there of the Our Father and Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself.

St. Canice's Oratory (IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff) – Healing Mass:
 This will take place in on Friday 12th August at 2.30pm. *Light refreshments afterwards*

BADA An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:
Sunday 14th August Dance with music by *Country Traditions*
Sunday 28th August Dance with music by *Cascades*

Dates for the Diary in 2011
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 21st August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish (St. Patrick's)	
Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 19 th October
The weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church while the Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am in Our Lady of The Wayside Church.	
Wednesday 2nd 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.

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 3rd 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*

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 20th August. A deposit of £15 secures your place with further fundraising of £135. All proceeds are going towards vital life changing projects for some of the world's most vulnerable children.

Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org **Online:** childrenincrossfire.org

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 and read about the workings of the Bureau.

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

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

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock (Sunday 11th September):
 Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Neary (Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. Guest singers: Dana, Fr Liam Lawton, Ann Marie Gibbons and Daniel Furlong (winner of 2011 RTE All Ireland Talent Show).
Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

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*

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 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 **Online:** camara.ie

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 14: 13-21:

1. The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off to be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?
2. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person?
3. The scene is a Eucharistic symbol reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you?
4. When the disciples became aware of the problem they wanted to send the crowd away but Jesus told them 'You give them something to eat'. They thought what they had was insufficient but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little we have to a situation the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?

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Questions people ask:

- Q.** Is it true that Pope Benedict is opposed to giving people Holy Communion in the hand?
- A.** No, he is not opposed to receiving in the hand. However, he is aware that in the large, public celebrations on his travels or in St. Peter's Square there have been people who took the host in hand and then put it into a wallet or book to take it away as a souvenir. On these public occasions, to prevent disrespect, he prefers to see people kneel or genuflect in an act of worship and then receive on the tongue. But otherwise, as he stated in a recent book, 'I am not opposed in principle to communion in the hand.'

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

The Deep End – Alone Time:

Earlier this year I read a selection of entries for a Mother's Day competition, in which sons and daughters described why their mother deserved the prize. The entries had several themes in common – She never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember when she last had a break.

In today's Gospel it is Jesus who needs a break. It is a very human Jesus that we encounter. Having learnt of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdraws from the crowds in a boat to a 'deserted place'. Like any of us, he feels the need to be alone from time to time, and this is a time of particular pressure for him. He has been preaching solidly for some time, Herod is asking questions, and now he hears his cousin John has been killed.

But there is little time for rest. Seeing the crowds that follow him, Jesus feels another very human emotion – pity. The disciples are protective of Jesus and want the people to go away, but Jesus has other ideas. It is a compassionate Jesus who addresses the hunger of his large crowd of followers.

While he needs time to reflect and pray, and we can only imagine how tired and weary he feels, he is happy to postpone his own needs while he cares for his flock. It's an example followed by many a parent. But it is interesting to note what follows the story of the feeding of the five thousand. Having dismissed the crowds, Jesus makes another attempt to retreat by himself, this time up a mountain. His alone time is important.

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