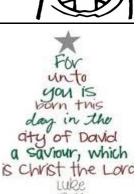


A Saviour has been born to you The angel said: "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." The message of Christmas is a message of joy. Many of us experience it as such but we very soon go back to our ordinary ways of living. As Christians the joy of Christmas is given to us in faith so that others may experience joy also because of us. We cannot afford to go back to joyless living. We need to stretch ourselves to let the joy of this very special time grow and develop in our daily lives so that the world can be filled with the radiance of Christ. We do this through the quality of joy that we develop in marriage and family life. We do it also through the sense of joy that we work at in our faith community. This week we can practise joy in our lives so that it will become infectious for all those around us.

Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life. Our day of Prayer takes place on Friday 29th December.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS May God bless you all; may the presence of Jesus brighten your joy, ease your sorrow, and gather us into unity in our community and in our families. Sonas na Nollag oraibh uilig.



## **Greenlough Parish**

Merry Chrístmas; Sonas na Nollag; Príecígus Zíemassvetkus; Mílad Majíd; Wesolych Swíat Bozego Narodzenía



#### Christmas Message - Monday 25th December 2017

Christmas can mean many different things to us. For some it is a time of great joy, families together, friends meeting each other or maybe a new life in the family. For others it is the first year without a loved one, maybe family members have emigrated - it can be a painful time.

Whatever our situation & feeling, we know and believe that Christ is present to support us always - that is the real joy of Christmas.

2018 sees the renovation work taking place in Lavey Church. We look forward to celebrating some of the Lavey Sacramental occasions in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church during the period of disruption.

As priests of the Parishes of Greenlough and Lavey we thank you for your constant kindness and support, it is privilege to serve you.

We wish each of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May the Lord bless your homes and families and may He fill you with His peace and joy.

With every Blessing, Fr. Dermott & Fr. Eamon

# A Saviour Is Born For Us



Masses during the Week - No Masses Wednesday 26th to Friday 29th December; No Morning Mass Saturday 30th. Saturday 30th December: 7.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 31st December: 9.00am & 11.00am Monday 1st January - Thursday 4th January: 9.00am

Feast of the Epiphany Friday 5th January: Vigil 7.30pm; Saturday 6th: 10.00am

> Month's Mind/Anniversary Masses Tuesday 26th December 2017 at 7.00pm Anniversary Mass for Henry Lynn, RIP

Saturday 30th December 2017 at 7.30pm First Anniversary Mass for Liddy Taggart, RIP

Sunday 31st December 2017 at 11.00am Anniversary Mass for Tommy Clarke, RIP

Friday 5th January 2018 at 7.30pm Month's Mind Mass for Anne McCallion, RIP

Saturday 6th January 2018 at 10.00am First Anniversary Mass for Willie Lagan, RIP

Saturday 6th January 2018 at 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Christopher O'Neill, RIP

Sunday 7th January 2018 at 11.00am Anniversary Mass for Willie Anthony McPeake, RIP

**Greenlough Parish Launch** World Meeting of Families Saturday & Sunday 30th & 31st December 2017.



## Sonas na Nollag - A Very Happy Christmas

Service of Chimes in the Church on New Year's Eve, Sunday 31st December to ring in the New Year from 11.45pm to 12.15am. **Everyone** Welcome





Lavey Parish Mass Times Tuesday 26th December - No Mass Wednesday 27th; Thursday 28th Friday 29th: 9.15am Saturday 30th: 7.00pm; Sunday 31st: 9.00am & 11.00am.

New

Year Blessing

### Sick & Housebound

Fr. Graham will visit the sick & housebound in Greenlough Parish on Wednesday 3rd January.

Counters for January: Teresa Henry; Liam Maguire; Frances Lynn; Pat Kelly & Lenny Kelly. Thanks to Pat Madden, Emily Mullan; Pat, Paul Snr, Paul Jnr, Dervla, and Niall Bradley who counted during December.



MONEY

**Church Cleaning Rota for January** Brigid O'Neill, Alice Hegarty, Martina Kelly & Geraldine Robinson. Thank you for all your help.

Portglenone CCE Christmas & New Year Session.

Friday 5th January 2018 in the Wild Duck Inn.





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**Children in Crossfire** wish to thank all those who took Advent boxes home with them. This campaign really does help change and save lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children. Please return the Advent boxes to the Church at Masses on 6th/7th January 2018.

**Camogie Club News:** 2018 Calendars now available to buy in Clady Shop & Liz's Hairdressers. Cost: £5.00

