

Greenlough

MASS TIMES: Since the most recent announcement re. Mass times in the parishes of Greenlough and Bellaghy/Ballyscullion there has been quite a bit of comment, with expressions of anger and disappointment, and a few people have written to the PPCs and myself.

As I said at the Masses I celebrated last weekend, some of the comments received were unhelpful, and some were downright hurtful, to me personally. A few people offered constructive criticism, with suggestions of suitable times for both parishes.

The changes suggested a few weeks ago were the result of observation of the numbers attending the various Masses. While many people attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass in Clady, the numbers at the 7.00pm Vigil Mass in Bellaghy have been very poor lately. So, allegations of favouritism of Greenlough over Bellaghy are very much unfounded. Admittedly, a good number of Bellaghy parishioners regularly attend the Vigil in Clady. The Sunday morning times came as a result of each of our three communities requesting to have a Sunday Mass.

Having listened to what parishioners have been saying, I have decided that, <u>for the meantime</u>, at least until the end of December, the weekend Masses will be as follows:

Greenlough: 5.30pm (Sat) and 9am (Sun). Bellaghy: 7.00pm (Sat) and 11.30am (Sun). Ballyscullion: 10.15am (Sun).

<u>Please note:</u> this timetable is not sustainable in the long run, given that there is only one priest serving these communities which used to be served by three priests in the not too distant past.

I propose to survey you, our parishioners, with a suggestion of different schedules, including a decision which we should make about the number of weekend Masses to have, either three or four.

For now, please consider the options and, if you feel like getting in touch, please be ready to offer some advice and constructive ideas about the way ahead for both of our parishes.

Fr Pat, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Councils of Greenlough and Bellaghy/Ballyscullion.

### Schedules - 10 November to 16 November 2025 GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 11 November: Mass: 9.30am

Rosary 7.30pm

Thursday 13 November: Adoration 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday 14 November 9.30am

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Saturday 15 November: Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Anniversary Mass for James Toner Children's Liturgy

Sunday 16 November: 9.00am

#### **BELLAGHY**

Monday 10 & Wednesday 12 November9.30amFriday 14 November:7.00pm

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners and Friends

Saturday 15 November: 7.00pm Sunday 16 November: 11.30am

#### BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 16 November

10.15am

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Doherty, Clady Road and Raymond Craig, Bellaghy.

Anniversaries: Agnes McPeake, Elisha McMony McCann, Philomena Tohill, Harry Tohill, Jim McDonnell, James O'Loughlin, Jim O'Loughlin, Jim McTeague, John McCloskey, Peter Kealey.

VOCATIONS: We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and for the future priests of the diocese, that they will know and honour Jesus as the foundation of everything they do to build up His kingdom of justice, love, and peace in the world.

# **Parish** Information

Fr. O'Hagan 028 7938 6259

**Parish Office** 028 2582 1190

St. Marv's **Primary School** 028 2582 1066

St. Conor's College 028 2582 1370

Neighbouring **Parishes** 

**Bellaghy** 028 7938 6259

Lavey 028 7964 2458

Portglenone 028 2582 1118

**Baptisms** Contact the Parish Office

Weddings **Contact the** Parish Office

Confessions As Announced

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Welcome to From next Saturday 15 November Children's Liturgy Children's Liturgy will be held every Saturday during the 5.30pm Mass.

The 'Quiet Room' will be reserved for the children during this Mass.

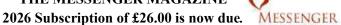
#### Service for Our Deceased Family & Friends

Thank you to all those who organised the beautiful Service on Friday Night. Thanks also to those who participated in any way.



We will continue to remember all our deceased relatives and friends at all Masses during November. The Book of Remembrance will also be available to write in names of deceased loved ones.

# THE MESSENGER MAGAZINE



Please leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Please make cheques payable to: St. Mary's Parish Church Greenlough.

#### Greenlough Grotto Donations can be made:

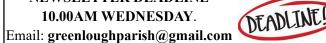
1. Online via your bank account to:

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- 2. Give to any of the Grotto Committee
  - 3. Via Envelopes in the Church
- 4. Loose Change Box in the Church



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10.00AM WEDNESDAY.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS THIS WEEK.

**Greenlough Parish Carol Service 2025 Sunday 7 December at 7.00pm** We are looking for musicians to take part in this lovely Christmas Event. Please contact any of the Grotto Committee or leave your details in the parish office or sacristy. Thank You.



Are you Getting

Email:

**Meeting for Couples getting Married** There will be a meeting at 2.00pm on Sunday 25 January 2026 for all Married? couples getting married in the Parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough in 2026



and early 2027. Couples from both parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend.

**Greenlough Collections - Sunday 2 November** 

Weekly/Monthly/Cash: £1163.43.

Foreign Missions: £26.00. October Standing Orders: £970.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



STANDING ORDERS - If you pay directly from your bank account, we would ask that you regularly check your bank statements to make sure payments

ore being paid out to the parish account.

Order



The Rise and Shine Pilgrimage Trust are having a Church Door Collection at both Masses next weekend, 15/16 November. The Trust organises an Annual Pilgrimage each Easter for a week to take Young People with additional needs to Lourdes.



There will be a speaker to explain more about the Charity at each Mass. Thank you for your support of this cause.