First Sunday of Advent



Waiting for God

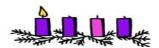
Jesus said to his disciples: "What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!" Three times in the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives the command to stay

awake - so it must be important! But what does it mean for us? This week we begin a new year in our journey of faith and the danger is that it might simply be the same as the one we are ending. We are no further along the road unless we brighten up. The same is true in your journey of love. One year can easily be the same as the last one and when it is like that you are asleep or half dead. This week is another wake up call for all of us whether we are married or single, priest or religious, living in a family or living alone. It is particularly a call to every faith community to make the year ahead a time of growth to the glory of God.

Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

December





Monday 2nd: 9.00am & 7.30pm; Tuesday - Thursday: 9am Thursday: Adoration until 6.00pm Friday 6th December: 7.30pm. Saturday 7th: 10.00am 2nd Sunday of Advent - Saturday 7th: Vigil:7.30pm; Sunday 8th December: 9.00am & 11.00am Month's Mind/Anniversary Masses during the Week Monday 2nd December at 9.00am Anniversary Mass for Margaret Duffin, RIP Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm Month's Mind Mass for Harry Fenton, RIP Friday 6th December at 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Lizzie Darragh, RIP Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Willie John McAteer, RIP Sunday 8th December at 9.00am Anniversary Mass for Patsy McDonnell, RIP Monday 9th December at 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Rosemary Rodgers, RIP

Rosary: This Sunday at 3.00pm in Greenlough Old Church. All Welcome.



Advent Devotions: Sunday 1st December - Rosary/Benediction will be held in the Church at 6.00pm.



Sick & Housebound - Fr. Harkin will visit the sick & housebound in Greenlough Parish this Monday 2nd December.



St. Mary's PS Greenlough **OPEN NIGHT - Tuesday 3rd December** from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.







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Greenlough Parish Collections

25th November: Weekly: £1244.91; **B/Fund:** £339.34. **Retired Priests:** £15.00. *Thank you for your generosity.*

The SVP will hold a special collection at all Masses next Saturday & Sunday 7th/8th December. There is an envelope 'St Vincent de Paul' in your box of envelopes.

Greenlough SVP Christmas Evening will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 6.15pm in the Wild Duck, Portglenone. Please ensure you have your name written on poster on the table in the Church, in Clady Shop or in Elizabeth Bradley's Hairdresser. If transport is required to the Wild Duck you can contact us on 077 6465 4573.

Christmas Mass Bouquets - £2 each now available from:

Brigid O'Neill, Marie Toner, Sue McKeever, Loretto Maguire, Joe Clarke. Mass Bouquets will also be available at all Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th December.

The New Rotas for Ministers of the Word for December & January are now available on the tables in the Church. If anyone would like to read at Mass please contact the parish office or Maureen O'Hagan.

Church Cleaning Rota for December

Nuala Downey, Emily Mullan and Pat Bradley

Thank you for all your help.

Lavey Parish Masses: 2nd - 8th December.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.15am - Mayogall Hall Friday - Adoration: 9.30am - 5.00pm. Saturday: 7.00pm - St. Brigid's PS Sunday: 9.00am & 10.00am - Mayogall Hall.

Solemn Re-opening of Lavey Church & Dedication of Altar by Bishop Donal McKeown Sunday 8th December at 12.30pm

MASS TIMES SUNDAYS:

Vigil: 7.30pm Morning: 9.00am & 11am WEEKDAYS: Mon - Thurs:

Friday: 7.30pm Saturday: 10am

9.00am

First Fridays: 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS
As Announced

BAPTISMS Saturday Afternoon

Fr. Graham 028 7964 2458

Fr. Harkin 028 2582 1190

Parish Office 028 2582 1190

St. Mary's PS 028 2582 1066

St. Conor's College028 2582 1370

Neighbouring Parishes Bellaghy Mgr. Dolan

028 7938 6259

St. Mary's PS Greenlough will hold their Carol Service on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church followed by refreshments in the Bannvalley Hall.

All community & family members are welcome to join us in a night of celebration.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

2 - 7 July 2020. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, is open for general enquiries & for the supply of Gift Vouchers on Thursdays & Saturdays, from 11am - 1pm. Tel: 028 7126 0293, E: derrypilgrim@outlook.com

A few years ago **Pope Francis** issued a plea to all of us to engage in saving **"our common home"**. He puts this responsibility at the very heart of being Christian. He asks that in all our consumer choices we consider **"what kind of world we want to leave to children who are now growing up"**.



The Net December Edition now on sale, £1.50.

Greenlough GAC - Lotto 25/11: 10 13, 16, 26. No Winner. £25: Pat Bradley & Seamus O'Neill. Jackpot next week: £750.



St Columba's Camogie Club - AGM Tuesday 3rd December - 7pm - Club House.



Community Festive Lights Switch-On in Clady at 7.00pm this Friday 6th December.

Come along for some festive fun!



Parish Newsletter - Notices to be received no later than 1.00pm on Wednesday. Thank You.

