

# SUNDAY



Tamlaght  
O'Crilly  
Greenlough

## 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSSES for the WEEK



Monday - Wednesday: 9.00am; Thursday: No Masses  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Friday 8th December - 9.30am (Note Time) & 7.30pm.  
Saturday: 10.00am & Vigil 7.30pm;  
Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

Month's Mind & Anniversary Masses during the Week  
Wednesday 6th December at 9.00am

Anniversary Mass for Rosemary Rodgers, RIP

Friday 8th December at 9.30am

1st Anniversary Mass for Baby James Clarke, RIP

Friday 8th December at 7.30pm

1st Anniversary Mass for Lizzie Darragh, RIP

Saturday 9th December at 10.00am

1st Anniversary Mass for Gerard McGlinchey, RIP

Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Willie John McAteer, RIP

Sunday 10th December at 9.00am

Anniversary Mass for Patsy & Pat McDonnell, RIP

Sunday 10th December at 11.00am

Month's Mind Mass for Jim McTeague, RIP

Advent Devotions: Sunday 3rd  
December - Rosary/Benediction will be  
held in the Church at 6.00pm



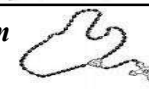
DEVOTIONS & PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
will take place in the Church on  
Sunday 10th December at 6.00pm.  
Everyone Welcome.



Sick & Housebound - Fr. Harkin will  
visit the sick & housebound in Greenlough  
Parish this Monday 4th December.

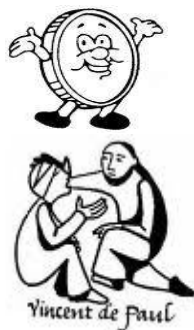


Rosary: This Sunday 3rd December at 3.00pm  
in Greenlough Old Church. All Welcome.



Website:

[www.greenlough.com](http://www.greenlough.com)



### Greenlough Parish Collections

**26th November: Weekly: £1176.32; B/Fund: £365.37.**

**Retired Priests: £16.50. Thank you for your generosity.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society depends on your generosity all year round but especially at Christmas time. *They will hold a special collection at all Masses on Friday 8th December.* There is an envelope marked 'St Vincent de Paul' in your box of envelopes. *Please give generously.*



### Greenlough SVP Christmas Party Evening

will be held on **Tuesday 5th December**

in **Bannvalley Hall, Clady.**

**Food & Music from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.**

Please write your name on sheets provided on the table in the Church. **Contact: Sheila: 07764654573.**

### Greenlough Christmas Mass Bouquets

*now available from the usual sellers. £2.00 each.*

### Carol Service in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church

The pupils of St. Mary's Primary School will present the **Nativity Story on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00pm in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church.** Afterwards there will be refreshments served in the **Bannvalley Hall** along with a raffle to fundraise for the **"The Children's Heartbeat Trust"** charity. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

### Pope's Intentions for December

#### *The Elderly*

*That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.*



Email:

[greenloughparish@gmail.com](mailto:greenloughparish@gmail.com)

### MASS TIMES

#### SUNDAYS:

*Vigil: 7.30pm*

*Morning:*

**9.00am & 11am**

#### WEEKDAYS:

*Mon - Thurs:*

**9.00am**

*Friday: 7.30pm*

*Saturday: 10am*

**First Fridays:**

**7.30pm**

#### CONFESSIONS

**As Announced**

#### BAPTISMS

**After 11.00am**

**Sunday Mass**

**Telephone No's**

**Fr. Graham**

**028 7964 2458**

**Fr. Harkin**

**028 2582 1190**

**Parish Office:**

**028 2582 1190**

**St. Mary's PS:**

**028 2582 1066**

**St. Mary's**

**College:**

**028 2582 1370**

### Neighbouring

**Parishes**

**Bellaghy**

**Mgr. Dolan**

**028 7938 6259**

### Greenlough Parish Finance Committee

There will be a meeting at **7.30pm** in the Church on **Wednesday 6th December.**



### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

**St Columba's Camogie Club**

**Greenlough U6/8 & U10/12**

Christmas coffee morning on

**Sunday 3rd December 9am - 12**

**noon in Bannvalley Hall.** Special

guests; Santa grotto; Christmas snow globe. Make the girls proud! *Everyone welcome! All proceed's towards the club!*



**The Net December Edition** is now on sale

(£1.50). For coverage of faith activities

email: [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com) - or

text/ring 07809292852.



**Citizens Advice - Mid Ulster - Clady**

**Outreach - St. Oliver Plunkett Hall,**

**Wednesday 6th December, 9am to**

**12.00 noon** (providing free, confidential,

*independent & Impartial advice).*



**Greenlough GAC - Lotto 27/11: 4, 10**

**23, 25. No Winner. £25:** Claire Lagan,

Online & Gary Downey, c/o Clady Bar.

**Next Jackpot: £2450.**



### Prayer while lighting the Advent Candle

"O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring light

into the darkness of this world,

and to us, as we wait for his coming call."





**Greenlough Parish - Sunday 3rd December**  
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**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**



**St. Mary's Primary School, Greenlough**

**YEAR 1 ENROLMENT - SEPTEMBER 2018** - Any child whose **4th** birthday falls on or before **1st July 2018** will have reached compulsory school age in September 2018. **Application forms for admission of your child to Primary 1 in September 2018 are available from the School Secretary.** Application forms should be completed and returned to the School Secretary by **Wednesday 10th January 2018.**

**Greenlough Early Years**

**OPEN ENROLMENT - Pre-School Year in 2018.**

Pre-School Admission forms are now available to collect at the Playgroup for **Children** who were **born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015.** **Closing Date is on Wednesday 10th January 2018, 12 noon.**



**Greenlough Early Years**

**Open day Wednesday 6th December from 3.00pm -4.00pm. Everyone Welcome.**

**St. Mary's Primary School Greenlough**  
**OPEN EVENING - Thursday 7th December**  
**from 3.00pm - 5.00pm for pupils who start Year 1 in September 2018.**

*The staff & governors of St. Mary's PS warmly welcome all parents and new pupils to attend and look forward to meeting with you.*



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**Lavey Mass Times: 4th - 10th December 2017**

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9.15am. (No Mass Tuesday)**

**8th December - Feast of The Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday 7th: Vigil - 7.30pm; Friday 8th: 10am.**

**Friday 8th: Carol Service at 7.00pm**

**Saturday 9th December: Vigil Mass - 7.00pm**

**Sunday 10th December: 9.00am & 11.00am.**



**St Columba's Camogie Club**

**Annual Flower Show in Greenlough Pavillion**  
**on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7:30pm.**

**The usual refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you all there.**



**December All-Night Vigil, Knock Shrine**

**The 45th Eucharistic All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Thursday 7th - Friday 8th December.**

*The programme for the night begins on December 7th at 10pm with confessions until 12 midnight in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The vigil will begin at 12 midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross. Mass will take place at 4am on December 8th with main celebrant Fr Freddy Warner and concelebrant Fr Brendan Walsh. St John's Rest & Care Centre will be open all night to facilitate pilgrims who are attending the vigil. For more information please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100.*

**Trócaire Gifts for Christmas:**

**A range of 10 Trócaire gifts are now available. Leaflets are available on the Church Table or see website [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts) tel: 0800 9121200.**

