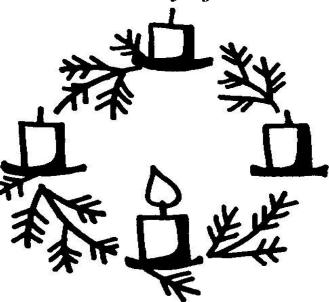
First Sunday of Advent



Our Liberation from Fear

Jesus said to his disciples: "hold your heads high, for your liberation is close at hand". Over the past few years, with all the revelations of scandals in the Church and society, there is a lot for us to be ashamed of and repent for. However, the resulting despair that some people have experienced is not necessary because there continues to be so much goodness in the Church and society that we can be proud of. This week we begin a new year in our journey of faith with Christ. It is an opportunity to once again have confidence in his presence with us, and his power in us. Without in any way being unrealistic, this is a time to look towards him to save us and to set us free. We will find that freedom in how we are with one another in our homes and in our parish community as we approach Christmas and beyond with love rather than selfishness.

Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.



MASSESFIEWWEEK



Greenlough Mass Times, 29th November - 5th December Monday 29th November, Tuesday 30th November & Wednesday 1st December: 9.00am Thursday 2nd December: 9.00am Mass followed by Adoration until 6.00pm

Friday 3rd December: 7.30pm. Saturday 4th December: 10.00am

Second Sunday of Advent Saturday 4th December: Vigil at 7.30pm Sunday 5th December: 9.00am & 11.00am



Although the Wearing of Face Coverings/Masks is Mandatory as you enter & exit the Church, we would be grateful if they could also be worn during all Masses & Services.



PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK

ADVENT DEVOTIONS with Rosary/Benediction will be held in the Church at 6.00pm on Sunday 28th November, Sunday 5th, 12th & 19th December.



Sick & Housebound Visitation Fr. Harkin will visit the sick & housebound in Greenlough Parish on Monday 6th December.



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Advent Devotions - Sunday 5th at 6.00pm

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Greenlough Parish Collections 21/11: Weekly: £764.93; Mthly: £68; Cash: £104.10; Building Fund: £293.20. Retired Priests: £76; Missions: £20. Thank you very much.



St. Vincent de Paul Society. There will be a Special Door Collection at Masses on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th December. There is an envelope marked 'St Vincent de Paul' in your box of envelopes. Please give generously.



Lectio Divina reflections on the Advent & Christmas Gospels: The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat (a repeat of the popular 2018 Advent Retreat). Visit www.prioryinstitute.com or via https://bit.ly/3DWrTkx to register/find out more.



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

Greenlough Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets Cards £2 each or 3 cards for £5.00.

The Cards are available in the Church, from the usual sellers & at all Masses until Christmas.

All Proceeds will go towards Parish Funds.

Could you also help us sell the cards this year?

Tel Paddi @ 028 2582 1190; E: greenloughparish@gmail.com

MASS TIMES SUNDAYS:

Vigil: 7.30pm Morning: 9am & 11am

WEEKDAYS:

Mon - Thurs: **9.00am**

Friday: 7.30pm Saturday: 10am

First Fridays: 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS
As Announced

BAPTISMS Sundays 12.00 noon

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 College:*028 2582 1370

Neighbouring Parishes Bellaghy Mgr. Dolan

028 7938 6259

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."

Pope's Intention for December CATECHISTS - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Continuous Prayer Movement for Marriage & Family Life Our Parish day of Prayer takes place this Monday 29th November.



DRIVE IN BINGO Sunday 5th December 2.00pm at the Pitch



PARISH NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Deadline for all Notices/Anniversary Names is 1.00pm on Wednesday.



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Our Liberation from Fear
Prayer Focus: Increase our strength
of will for doing good.

What are the things that make it difficult for you to keep going? Pray about these.

Do you know anyone who is 'imprisoned' in any way? Contact them this week.

