

**Parishes of Bellaghy (Ballyscullion) and Greenlough**

**26 February 2023**

**First Sunday Of Lent.**

*PARISH MISSION - MARCH 4 - 9*

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**Mass Times this week:**

**St Mary's Bellaghy**

Mon & Wed at 9.30am

Fri at 7pm

Sat Vigil at 7pm Sun at 11am

**St Oliver Plunkett, Clady**

Tues, Thurs & Fri at 9.30am

Wed at 7.30pm

Thurs (Adoration 1pm-5pm)

Sat Vigil at 5.30pm Sun at 9am

**St Joseph's, Ballyscullion**

Mon & Thurs at 7pm

Sun at 10am

**Friday is the First Friday of March:**

**Confirmation—Greenlough Parish:**

We ask that you keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat 4 March. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect them.

**First Confession** for the boys and girls of Primary 4 in St Mary's School, Bellaghy, will be celebrated in the church at 7pm on Tuesday 28 February.



*The Season of Lent*

**Deaths:** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Paul Madden (Antrim)** who died recently. **May he rest in peace.**

**Anniversaries:**

Sat/Sun 25/26: Pat Mawhinney (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Junior Speer (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Eugene McNabb (Month's Mind Mass at 6.15pm in Magherafelt), Paddy McKernan, Mon 27: Lizzie Magill, Tues 28: John Boyle, Francis McErlean, Phelim Kealey, Wed 1: , Fri 2: Kathleen O'Boyle Sat/Sun 3/4: Margaret Bradley (Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm) Mary Jane Milne, **May they rest in peace.**

**"Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year."** St Francis de Sales

**Children in Crossfire** would like to thank all who supported their recent Advent Appeal. Bellaghy & Greenlough Parishes together raised an amazing **£2,102.52**. These funds, will be used to help provide safe, clean water for 6 rural communities in Ethiopia. Thank you so much for your continued support.

The Offertory Collection for last week was:

**Greenlough Parish:** £964.45

**Lourdes Hospitalité:** £142.50

**Bellaghy Parish:** £2,095.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Vocations:** That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry will find their strength, not in bread alone, but in every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**OpenDoor Community Café:**

Open today (Sunday) 11:30am - 1:00pm. Tea, coffee, Scones etc £1 each. Café will open last Sunday of every month



Offering Envelopes



Pray for Vocations



Cafe

**Greenlough Children's Liturgy:** will be held in the Quiet Room during the 5.30pm Mass.

**Greenlough Parish Children & Youth Choir:** First Saturday of every month at the 5.30pm Mass. **There will be a practice this Sunday 26 February at 11.30am in St Oliver Plunkett's Church.**

**Greenlough GIFT Programme:** continues in the Football Pavilion each Monday from 7-9pm .

**Continuous Prayer Movement for Marriage & Family Life:**

Our Parish Day of Prayer is usually the 29th day of each month. Please take your hour on Tuesday 28 February or Wednesday 1 March.

**March Schedules:**

**Greenlough:**

**Church Cleaners: Volunteers Needed**

**Collection Counters:** Geraldine Donnelly, Martin & Grace Kearney

**St Mary's:**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays:** Gertrude Toner

**Vigil:** C O'Neill, M Larkin, B McMenamin, J McGoldrick.

**11am:** T O'Kane, P Diamond, K O'Neill

**Readers: Vigil:** Ciara & Aoibheann Rea

**11am:** Siobhan Scullion

**Weekdays: Mon:** M Scullion **Wed:** A Scott **Fri:** M Kilpatrick

**Church Cleaners: Volunteers needed.**

**Stewards: Vigil:** Manus Óg McShane & Pius Diamond

**11am:** Noel O'Sullivan & Seamus O'Sullivan

**Car Park:** Patsy O'Neill (Ballynease) & Francis Diamond

**Altar Society:** Laura Rea

**St Joseph's:**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** D McErlean & B Carey

**Reader:** Brenda Mullen

**Altar Society:** Helen, Laura & Sarah Louise Duffin

**We welcome into God's family through Baptism:**



Michael Patrick & Connell Anthony McCauley, Orchard Way. Shay Michael Seahill, Nottingham.

**Congratulations** to Roseanna Quinn & Jamie Kennedy who were married recently In St Oliver Plunkett's , Greenlough.



**Trocaire Boxes:**



Trocaire Boxes are available in the Church Porch.

**Mass on St Patrick's Day : If anyone is interested in taking part in the readings or intersessions in Irish on St Patrick's Day please contact either Sally-Ann or Paddi.**

**Safeguarding:** There will be an Information Night in the Open Door Complex, Bellaghy, on Tuesday 18 April, at 7.30pm for (present and future) Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Leaders, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and anyone who has a ministry involving children and/or vulnerable adults. Please note the date and time. The meeting should last no more than an hour.

**Parish Mission:** We will have a **Time of Quiet Prayer and Reflection** to help in preparation for our Parish Mission

Bellaghy—Sunday 26 Feb 5-5.30pm.

Greenlough—Wed 1 Mar 6.45-7.15pm

All are very welcome.

**Bann Valley Community—The Big Spring Clean:** on **Saturday 4 March 9am—12noon.** We would encourage all parishioners to get involved and clear our streets and roads of litter. **Litter pickers, bin bags and a small number of Children's hi-vis vests** will be distributed from Bann Valley Community Hall 9-10am. Please bring your own hi-vis vest if you have one.