

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

**17 December 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent.**



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**Mass Times : St Mary's, Bellaghy**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 7pm

**St Oliver Plunkett, Clady**

Tues, 9.30am Thurs, 7.30pm.

(Adoration 9-5pm Thursday)

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**Saturday 23 December**—Vigil Masses in Greenlough ,  
5.30pm, and Bellaghy, 7pm.

**Sunday 24 December**—*please note: no morning Mass.*

**Bellaghy:**

Sun 24 Dec, 7pm

Mon 25 Dec, 11.15am

**Greenlough:**

Sun 24 Dec, 5.30pm

Mon 25 Dec, 11.15am

**Ballyscullion:**

Sun 24 Dec, 7pm

Mon 25 Dec, 10am

**Confessions:**

**Bellaghy:** Mon 18 Dec at 10am

**Greenlough:** Tues 19 Dec at 10am

**Ballyscullion:** Fri 22 Dec 5.30pm—6.30pm.

**Penitential Service**

**Greenlough:** Mon 18 Dec at 8pm

**Bellaghy:** Tues 19 Dec at 7.30pm.

**Bethlehem Abbey Portglenone:**

**There will be confessions daily next week**

**Monday—Saturday 11.30am—12.30pm & 3pm-5pm**

**Anniversaries this week:**

**Deaths:** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of  
**Elizabeth McCann (Castledawson)** who died recently.

**Sat/Sun 16/17 Dec:** Mass in Memory of Stephen O'Loane,  
Seamus, Diarmuid & Shane O'Neill (Mass at 5.30pm),  
Patsy McErlean (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), John Kielt &  
Paddy McGoldrick (Anniversary Mass at 9am), Bridget  
Duffin & Doreen Cunning (Anniversary Mass at 10am),  
Charles McPeake & Maureen Lynn (Anniversary Mass at  
7.30pm on Thurs 21 Dec), Gerry O'Neill, Darren Hasson,  
Anthony Gyax, Willie McElwee, Marjorie Flanagan, Sarah  
Doherty, Roy Molloy, Peter McIvor, Gemma Mulholland,  
Hugh McErlean, Annie McLaughlin, Bridget McLarnon, Eoin  
McErlean, Dan Joseph Madden, Joseph Toner,

Nan Diamond, John Collins, Eddie Kerr, Brigid Kerr,  
**Sat/Sun 23/24:** Shelley Mullan, Denise Bradley & Henry  
Lynn (Anniversary Mass 5.30pm 24 Dec) , Joe O'Neill,  
Fr Michael Mullan & Susan Mullan (Anniversary Mass Green-  
lough at 11.15am 25 Dec), Mary Convery, Barney Lynn,  
Mary Ann O'Neill, Charles John Agnew, Seamus Gribbin,  
Biddy Joyce, Rosemary McKeever, Barney Lynn,  
James Diamond, Geraldine McErlane, Sheila Scullion,  
Margaret McErlean, Maeve Scullion (25th Anniversary),  
Kevin McErlean, Vincent Hamill. **May they rest in peace.**

**The Offertory Collection** for last week was:

**Bellaghy Parish:** £1,705.00

**Greenlough Parish:** £871.64 **Thank you.**

**The Annual Christmas Collection** will be taken up at the  
Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Please  
use the envelope provided.



**Greenlough Christmas Mass Bouquets:** Mass Bouquets  
£2 each or 3 cards for £5. cards will be available next  
week in the Church, Parish Office, Sacristy and usual  
sellers. Proceeds towards Parish Funds.

**St Mary's PS, Greenlough—Carol Service:**

This will take place on Tuesday 19 December at 6pm in  
St Oliver Plunkett's Church. Everyone welcome.

**Greenlough Early Years Pre- School** will open for online  
applications on 9 January 2023 at 12 noon. If you have  
any queries please call Louise Steele 02825 822727.

**Bellaghy Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets** are available  
from the sacristy and Parish Office. *Minimum donation*  
**£2. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Unit, Antrim**  
**Area Hospital.**

**Sacred Heart Messenger Magazine:** There are still a few  
outstanding payments. Please return subscription of £22 to  
the Parish Office or Sacristy as soon as possible.

**The Annual Carol Service**

Will take place in St Mary's Church,  
Bellaghy on Friday 22 December  
at 7pm.



**Vocations:** Our prayer this weekend for the seminarians of  
the diocese of Derry and for those discerning their vocation is  
taken from the words of St Paul in our second reading: "May the  
God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept  
safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body.... God has called you  
and he will not fail you."

The Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help takes place in St  
Columba's, Long Tower, Derry concludes this  
Sunday at 6pm, Christmas Reflection with  
Carols by Candlelight.  
<https://longtowerchurch.org/webcam/>

**Meeting for Couples getting married:**

There will be a meeting in the Prayer  
Room at St Mary's Church, Bellaghy , at  
2pm on Sunday 28 January for all couples  
getting married in the parishes of Bellaghy  
and Greenlough in 2024 and early 2025.  
Couples from the parishes who are  
planning to marry elsewhere are welcome  
to attend.



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



Anthony Thomas Paul Madden,  
Portglenone.

Brona Mary Duffin, Toome.

Seánie Jack McGlinchey, Bawnmore.

**St Mary's PS And Nursery Unit, Bellaghy.**

Open Morning on  
Wed 20 December 9.30-10.30am

**Nursery Places** For Those Born Between  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Primary Places** For Those Born Between  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

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**Bingo:** Every Monday at 8.30pm in the  
Open Door Complex.