

Parishes of Bellaghy (Ballyscullion) and Greenlough

10 December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent.



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Mass Times : St Mary's, Bellaghy

Mon and Wed, 9.30am Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11am

Please note no Mass on Friday 15 Dec

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady

Tues, 9.30am Thurs, 7.30pm.

(Adoration 9-5pm Thursday)

Fri 15 Dec, 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph's, Ballyscullion Sun, 10am

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

The implementation of a new Mass schedule will be suspended for a while, to allow for discussion and feedback. If you have any thoughts on Mass times please speak with a member of either PPC or with Fr Pat.

Obviously, not everyone's wishes or opinions can be honoured, but it would be important to keep in mind that the weekend timetable should allow for one priest to cover all the Masses as that will soon be the reality for our two parishes.

Anniversaries this week:

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Michael Gallagher (Larne), Paul McGuiggan (Burt/Bellaghy) , Eileen McKeown (Randalstown) and Matthew McGuigan (Cookstown)** who died recently.

Sat/Sun 9/10 Dec: Sharon Scullion (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Patsy McDonnell (Anniversary Mass at 9am), The Lavery Family (Anniversary Mass at 10am), Jeannie Diamond, Gemma Mulholland, Bridie Mulholland, Willie Craig, Mary Blue, Frank Scullion, Willie John McErlean & Philomena McErlean, John O'Neill, Sadie Kilpatrick, Margaret McNally, Jamie McCartney, John O'Boyle, Paddy Mackle, Jamsie O'Neill, Susan Nugent, Michael Cassidy, Jimmy McErlean, Catherine Scullion, Anna Diamond, George Patrick Henry, John Henry, Mary Ann Henry, Rosemary Rodgers, Hugh Grieve, Mary Marron, PJ McLaughlin, Eileen Boorman, William Davidson.

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 Cuning (Anniversary Mass at 10am), Gerry O'Neill, Darren Hasson, Anthony Gyax, Willie McElwee, Sarah Doherty, **May they rest in peace.**

The Offertory Collection for last week was:

Bellaghy Parish: £2,725.00

Greenlough Parish: £1,537.50 Thank you.



Vocations: We pray for our diocesan seminarians and for those currently discerning their vocation to the priesthood that, like John the Baptist, they will prepare God's people for the coming of Jesus at the end of time and as He comes to us every day.

Congratulations to Michaela Lynn & Niall McFadden also Emma Donegan & Timothy McAllister, who were married recently.



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.*

Bellaghy & Greenlough's Medical Aid Collection last weekend for Palestine raised £1,050.00. Thank You!!

Sacred Heart Messenger Magazine: The 2024 subscription £22 is now due, please return, using envelope provided, to the Parish Office, Sacristy or promoter.

The Annual Carol Service

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



Fr Pat hopes to attend the Sick and Housebound during the week ahead, as follows:

Tuesday 12 December (afternoon) - Greenlough B

Friday 15 December (morning) - Bellaghy C

The Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry continuing each Sunday before Christmas beginning at 6pm. This year's theme is "Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood" Guest speaker on Sun 10 December will be **Fr Stephen Ward.** <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:

Gráinne Lynn, Eimear Marie Lagan & Cara Bernadette Higgins.



Coffee Morning on

Sat 16 Dec 10am-1pm at O'Donnell's, 9 Loup Rd, Toome BT41 3TW



All proceeds to School Aid Romania

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

Everyone Matters— Christmas Performance on Sun 10 Dec at 2.30pm in The Open Door Complex. Entrance is free. Fundraising donation buckets will be at the door.