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Thank you very much to all those who contributed to last weekend's collections. Greenlough: £1,272.31; Bellaghy / Ballyscullion: £2,613.



The end of one year and the beginning of another is an opportunity for all of us to look forward while looking back. As parish communities we look back with gratitude to God for the blessings we received in 2025. We congratulate all those who celebrated the sacraments—Baptism, First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage. We think too of all those who were anointed, and all of our parishioners, neighbours, relations, and friends who died, as we pray for the people who were bereaved in the past year.

We give thanks to Almighty God for all those who work in any capacity in our parishes, whether paid or voluntary. Without the service of our volunteers our parishes would not run as smoothly as they do, and so many things would be left undone. We're always happy to welcome fresh offers of help. If you'd like to offer your time as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Collector, Counter, Member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Council, or in any other way, please get in touch with the parish office or with myself.

With every good wish and blessing for 2026, a year which I invite you to dedicate to The Holy Spirit whose great Feast we will celebrate at Pentecost, 24 May 2026.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**ATHBHÍ JAÍN FAOJ MHAIJSE DAOJBH GO LÉJR**

*Fr Pat*

## THE PARISHES OF BELLAGHY and GREENLOUGH

**4 January 2026**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

### ***Masses and Devotions this week:***

**Monday 5 January**

**Mass, Bellaghy, 9.30am**

**Tuesday 6 January: Feast of the Epiphany**

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**Greenlough, 6.30pm**

**Ballyscullion, 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 6 January**

**Bellaghy, 9.30am**

**Rosary in Greenlough at 7.30pm.**

**Wednesday 7 January**

**Bellaghy, 9.30am**

**Thursday 8 January**

**Adoration in St Oliver Plunkett Church, 9am—5pm.**

**Friday 9 January**

**Greenlough, 9.30am**

**Adoration in the Carlo Acutis Adoration Room, Bellaghy, 10am—8pm.**

**Rosary at 7.30pm.**

**Masses on Saturday 10 / Sunday 11 January at the usual times.**

**6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, but we continue to be a people of Faith, Love, and Hope. These are not empty words, but an encouragement to us to believe in God, to love our neighbour, and to wait confidently for the blessings the Lord wishes to give us, especially the gift of salvation, everlasting life in Heaven. We are invited to keep our eyes and our minds fixed on Jesus, facing whatever comes our way in the certainty that the last word belongs to Him.**

**ANNIVERSARIES** for Bellaghy / Ballyscullion parish. **Sat/Sun 3/4:** Rosemarie Devlin (Anniversary Mass at 7pm); Edmund O'Donnell (Anniversary Mass at 10.15am), Eoin O'Boyle, John McClenaghan, Ella McConomy, Patsy Brennan, Joe Pat O'Kane. Ben Woods (Anniversary Mass at 7pm on Sat 10 Jan), Katie & John Glackin (Anniversary Mass at 7pm on Sat 10 Jan). Ambrose Kearney (First Anniversary Mass at 11.30am on Sun 11 Jan).

Anniversaries for **Greenlough Parish** will be announced at the weekend Masses.

**May they rest in peace.**

### **January Schedules:**

#### **St Mary's:**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays:** Kevin Toner.

**Vigil:** C Kerr, C Gallagher, S Armstrong, M Larkin.

**11.30am:** K Doherty, L Harkin, R Donnelly, M Lennon, M Duffin.

**Readers: Vigil:** Lorcan Cassidy, Finn Gibbon

**11.30am:** Donna Doherty

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

**Church Cleaners:** Teresa Devlin, Dolores Mulholland, Anne Scott.

**Stewards: Vigil:** Hugh Griffin. **11.30am:** Sean Rea, Patrick Griffin, Michael Keenan.

**Car Park:** Eugene Cassidy, Leo Neeson. **Altar Society:** Mairead & Nuala Diamond.

**St Joseph's:** **Eucharistic Minister:** Brenda Mullen **Collector:** Colm Scullin

**Reader:** Helen Griffin **Altar Society:** Monica McLaughlin, Mary Sheridan

#### **Baptism Dates:**

**January 17** — Greenlough, 4.15pm.

**February 7** — Bellaghy, 1pm.

**February 21** — Greenlough, 4.15pm

*To arrange a Baptism please contact Sally-Ann or Paddi in either of the Parish Offices.*

The next meeting of **Bellaghy Historical Society** will take place in the Old School House, Castle Street, at 8pm, on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

**Topic:** Early Settlement on the Bann

**Speaker:** Thomas McErlean

### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 4-11 September 2026.**

**Cost:** £849 : **Spiritual Director:** *Fr Pat O'Hagan.*

For booking, call Maria at (028) 8164 8357 or 07768395038.

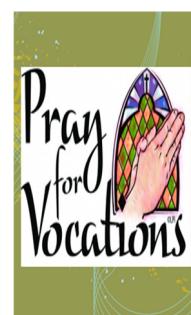


**Saturday 10 January. Open Days at St Pius X College, Magherafelt, Session 1: 9.30am—12 pm; Session 2: 11.30am—2pm.** **St Conor's College, Kilrea, Session 1:** 9.30—11.30am; **Session 2:** 12.30—2.30pm.

**Thank you to all those who contacted the Parish Pastoral Councils, the Parish Offices, or Fr Pat regarding the times of Masses.** The new schedule, to be announced soon, will come into effect on 7/8 February.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** Mon 29 June to Friday 3 July (4 nights) ex City of Derry Airport. Cost £895 inclusive of local taxes but exclusive of single supplements and insurance. The Pilgrimage office will open for bookings on Sat 17 Jan 2026 at 11am. Gift Vouchers to any value are now available (Mon to Thurs) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

At the beginning of a new year our prayer for seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is taken from St Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in our second reading: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."



There will be a weekend retreat in Drumalis, Larne, 6-8 March 2026, for anyone (18+) interested in diocesan priesthood. For further information, please speak with Fr Pat.