

# SUNDAY



Tamlaght  
O'Crilly  
Greenlough

Sixth Sunday of Easter



*The Spirit of God's love*

Jesus said to his disciples: **"You did not choose me; no, I chose you."** Anybody who is involved in a team sport will know the tension there is in wondering if they will be picked for the team and then the delight when they are picked or the utter disappointment when they are not. Jesus has picked each one of us for his team of disciples because the task of transforming the world is so vast and because each one of us has our own unique gifts and opportunities for the task. Our responsibility is to say yes to his call and take our part in his mission. As always this begins in our homes with the most intimate relationships of human life, to make those the best they can possibly be. Our mission is also to our faith community and parish community where we have a special relationship in the Body and Blood of Christ. And it extends to the world in which we live. This week we can refresh the enthusiasm and joy of being chosen.

*Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*

Alleluia  
He is  
Risen

## Sunday 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Greenlough Mass Schedule: 10th - 16th May**

**Monday - Thursday: 9.00am.**

**Friday 14th May - School Leavers Mass at 1.30pm**

**Evening Mass: 7.30pm**

**Saturday 15th: 10.00am & Vigil 7.30pm**

**Sunday 16th: 9.00am & 11.00am**

**Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday  
after Morning Mass until 6.00pm**

**NUMBERS RESTRICTED TO 90**

**We ask that Face Masks are worn inside the Church.**

**Please use sanitiser on entering/exiting the Church.**

**[www.greenloughparish.com/web-cam/](http://www.greenloughparish.com/web-cam/)**

**or [www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-oliver-plunketts](http://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-oliver-plunketts)**

**Anniversary Masses during the Week**

**Saturday 15th May at 7.30pm**

**for Maggie & Willie Loughlin, RIP**

**Sunday 16th May at 11.00am for Don Scullin, RIP**



### First Confessions

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation will be held this **Wednesday 12th** at **6.30pm** in the Church for our **Primary 4 Class**. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare for this beautiful Sacrament.



*First Reconciliation*

**Baptisms will be held**

**on Sundays at 12.00 noon.**

**If you have a child for baptism  
please contact Paddi  
in the parish office to book.**



Email: [greenloughparish@gmail.com](mailto:greenloughparish@gmail.com)



**Lavey Mass Schedule: 10th - 16th May 2021**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.15am**  
*Adoration on Friday from 9.30am until 5.00pm*  
**Saturday 15th May - Vigil Mass 7.00pm**  
**Sunday 16th May: 9.00am & 11.00am Mass**  
**NUMBERS IN THE CHURCH RESTRICTED TO 60**  
*We ask that Face Masks are worn in the Church.*  
*Please use sanitiser on entering & exiting the Church.*  
[www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-of-mercy](http://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-our-lady-of-mercy)

**Greenlough Parish Collections - 2nd May 2021**  
**Weekly/Monthly/Cash: £1356.91; Trócaire: £30.00.**  
**B/Fund: £134.00. Thank you for your generosity.**  
**Missing Details - Do you have Envelope 227?**  
Please contact Paddi so we can update our records.

**GREENLOUGH PARISH NEWSLETTER.** Please have all items for the newsletter in by **1.00pm on Wednesday.**  
Tel: 582 1190 or E: [greenloughparish@gmail.com](mailto:greenloughparish@gmail.com)

### Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre

**Confirmation Preparation Sessions:** It has once again been a very different and challenging year for our Year 7 and 6th Class children, who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation.** *Bearing in mind concerns over having children well prepared to receive the sacrament, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has put together a programme to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey.*



**Linking with Filled With Joy,** pupil workbook and Disciples of Jesus, parent booklet (which many schools and parishes already have and which are still available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of 4 sessions, **17th, 18th, 19th & 20th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon** on the [catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/). Each day sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music.

Website:

[www.greenlough.com](http://www.greenlough.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

Sunday After  
11.00am Mass

Telephone No's

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



### Greenlough Parish Sacraments 2021

#### First Confession

**Wednesday 12th May at 6.30pm**

#### First Holy Communion

**Saturday 5th June at 12.00 Noon**

#### Confirmation

**Saturday 19th June at 12.00 Noon**

#### Parish Webcam Recordings

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Parishioners are asked to note that the **Recording of Services broadcast on our webcam must be requested 48 hours in advance** of the Mass/Service by contacting the Parish Office 2582 1190. **Please note we are unable to access material after the event has happened.**



#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Prayer Focus - The Spirit of God's Love

*Help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord.*

**Can you recall a time when you felt joyful recently?**



*Think of someone in your family or community whom you could encourage to come back to the practice of their faith. How will you go about it?*



# Synodal Pathway

Easter to Pentecost 2021  
Call for Submissions

[www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod)



**As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years.**

The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly.

**Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations.**

Individual & groups are invited to submit ideas as to how:

- \*the national conversation might best be conducted,**
- \*what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.**

For further information on making a submission go to [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod) - Please note that submissions are sought by 23rd May 2021 and can be made directly online through that website.



## Walking Together – A Synodal Pathway leading to a National Synodal Assembly for the Catholic Church in Ireland

### WHAT IS A SYNOD?

The word "synod" evokes the image of "walking together on the way". For the Church it is a time-honoured way of working out together the "navigation map" for the Church at particular times.

Synodality is about the whole People of God helping each other listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Pope Francis emphasises that this is not simply a matter of discussion as in a parliamentary debate. Rather it is primarily a prayerful spiritual time of communitarian discernment.

It is about finding the best ways for every baptized person to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

### THE INITIAL PHASE – PRAYER, LISTENING, CONSULTATION, DISCERNMENT

The initial two-year phase of embarking on the synodal pathway and leading, in time, to a National Synod, helpfully coincides with preparation for the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

We envisage the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. This will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations as well as groups, movements and organisations both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland – past, present and future. It will also include discussion and debate via related information sessions and educational programmes on the meaning and processes of synodality. We will research best practice in listening and synodal processes and assemblies at home and around the world.



**FAITH**



### THE PLANNING PHASE – PREPARATION FOR A NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

The planning and preparation phase for a National Synodal Assembly will bring together and seek to implement the fruits and recommendations from the Initial Phase.

It will, in particular, take account of the conclusions of the General Assembly in Rome in 2022, together with any Apostolic Exhortation by the Holy Father emerging from the General Assembly.

The aim of this phase will be to design the particular form of our National Synod and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.



### NEXT STEPS

Next June, at the Summer General Meeting, bishops intend to establish a task group to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway. This task group will be made up of lay women and men, including young people, religious, priests and bishops.

We encourage reflection, study and research on the theme of synodality at parish, diocesan, regional and national level and we invite writers, theologians and lecturers to prepare papers for sharing and discussion in the initial two-year phase.

From 6 April next, an online page will be available on the Bishops' Conference website for the submission of ideas and suggestions.

As we embark on the synodal pathway, we ask for prayers that this may be a time of renewal, reform and new hope for all the People of God in Ireland.

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