

Parishes of Bellaghy (Ballyscullion) and Greenlough

12 March 2023

Third Sunday Of Lent.

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Mass Times this week:

St Mary's Bellaghy

Mon 13 at 9.30am

Wed 15 at 9.30am

Thurs 16 Vigil for St Patrick's Day at 7pm

Fri 17 March, St Patrick's Day at 11am

Sat Vigil at 7pm Sun at 11am

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady

Tues 14 at 9.30am Wed 15 at 7.30pm

Thurs 16 Vigil for St Patrick's Day at 7.30pm

(Our Young People from the Parish GIFT Programme will lead us in this evening's Mass).

Fri 17 March at 9am

Sat Vigil at 5.30pm Sun at 9am

St Joseph's, Ballyscullion

Mon 13 March at 7pm

Thurs 16 March at 7pm

Sun 19 March at 10am

The Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation Collection will be taken up at all St Patrick's Day Masses on Thursday 16 & Friday 17 March. Please use the envelope provided.

The P4 children from St John Bosco PS will celebrate their **First Confession** in St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, at 7pm on Tuesday 14 March.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Jeannie McTaggart (Clady Rd)** and **Gabrielle Keenan-O'Connor (Perth, Australia)** who died recently. **May they rest in peace.**

Anniversaries:

Sat/Sun 11/12: James McCamphill (Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm), Bernie Quinn (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Paddy Devlin, Roddy Devlin, Margaret McDonald, Frances O'Neill, Felix O'Neill, John Larkin, Margaret Quinn, Jim Scullion, Cassie Toner, Paul Doherty, Germaine Doherty.

Mon 13: Bernie Quinn,

Tues 14: Minnie McCallion

Wed 15: John James O'Neill (Month's Mind at 7.30pm), Eugene O'Neill (Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm), Patricia Murphy,

Thurs 16: Charlie Kealey, Isabella & Patsy Kealey,

Fri 17: Anthony McMullan,

Sat/Sun 18/19: Brigid Madden, (Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm), Danny Madden, Brigid McErlain, Mary Conlon (Anniversary Mass at 9am), Maura Waide, **May they rest in peace.**

The Offertory Collection for last week was:

Greenlough Parish: £1,489.06

Bellaghy Parish: £2,160.00

Thank you for your generosity.



By all accounts our **Parish Mission** from 4-9 March was a great success. It was heartening to see the large numbers of people, young and old, attending the morning Masses, at 7am and 9.30am, and at the evening Services each day. There was also a very large congregation at the Anointing Service on Wednesday afternoon. The **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** have said what a privilege it was for them to give their very first Parish Mission as a community here among us. With them I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all those who attended the Mission and all those who helped in a variety of different ways. Our Mission, in some ways, is just beginning now, as we try to build on the good things we've heard, done and said together in the past week. "The Lord is with us." **Fr Pat**

Greenlough Cleaning Teams: Volunteers are needed, for April, May, June, July and August. Please contact Declan in the Sacristy or Paddi in the Parish Office.

Altar Servers—Parental Consent Form: We ask that any outstanding forms be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Volunteers: Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Church Cleaner or Counter please contact either Paddi or Sally-Ann.

Confirmation—Greenlough Parish: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Thanks to their teachers and parents & all those involved in preparing them for the Sacrament. Thanks also to those who provided the beautiful music and all those who helped in the Church during the Ceremony.

The local **Comhaltas** will take up their annual collection for the promotion of the Irish Language at the St Patrick's Day Masses in Greenlough (Thurs evening and Friday morning).

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.

Vocations: "O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts." The response to today's Psalm is our prayer for those called to serve the Lord as priests of the diocese of Derry.

Friday, 17 March, marks the end of the **Diocesan Year of Prayer for Vocations**, but please keep this intention in your thoughts and prayers as the Church constantly needs workers to reap the Lord's abundant harvest.

New Weekly Envelopes:

Will be distributed at the end of March. **Please let us know if any of the following apply:**

Change of name, address or any other details.

If you've recently moved into the Parish.

If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

If you would like to pay by Standing Order.

Contact either :

Paddi 02528 821190 or

Sally-Ann 02879 386259.

Thornhill Ministries: Oct 15th 2023

Pilgrimage Retreat to the Holy Land.

Direct flights ex Dublin 9 nights staying in Bethlehem and Nazareth. To

register/for details, please contact thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org / 07736832458

Bellaghy Historical Society:

Next meeting Tues 14 March @8pm in The Old School Centre.

Speaker: T McErlain.

Topic: Church Island 6th—21st Century.

Castledawson GAC: Lotto No's: 6, 10, 11, 12 £25 each to M McClenaghan & B Hughes. Jackpot £1100

Bellaghy club lotto: 5 9 11 16 £25 each to Ciaran Gallagher & Geraldine Quinn. Jackpot £3.500