

GREENLOUGH and BALLYSCULLION PARISH NEWSLETTER
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Church Island Sunday will be celebrated today (30 August). Anyone wishing to take part is invited to gather on Ballydermott Road at 2pm.

MASS SCHEDULE: 31 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 1 September: 9.30am; Rosary: 7.30pm

Thursday 3 September: Adoration - 9.00am to 5.00pm

Friday 4 September: 9.30am.

Saturday 5 September: Vigil Mass - 5.30pm: (streamed to Bellaghy): *Anniversary Mass for Barry O'Neill, Francie O'Neill & Mary O'Neill*

Sunday 6 September: 11.00am (streamed from Bellaghy)

BELLAGHY

Monday 31 August: 9.30am; Wednesday 2 September: 9.30am

Friday 4 September, Adoration, 10am – 8pm.

Saturday 5 September: 5.30pm (streamed from Greenlough)

Sunday 6 September: 11.00am (streamed to Greenlough)

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 6 September: 9.45am

Fr Pat is going on pilgrimage to **Medjugorje** from 4 – 11 September, and will bring the intentions of all our parishioners to Our Blessed Lady.

Vocations: That the men called to priesthood will be filled with courage and hope as they hear Jesus calling them to follow Him by renouncing themselves, taking up their cross every day, and finding life in Him and in the service of His people.

Anniversaries: Thomas James McCloskey, John Joseph McErlean, Kathleen McCloskey, Brigid Marron.

Lawrence Mulholland, Mary Ann O'Neill, Tommy McCann, Annie Diamond, Mary Woulahan. Sinead and Clodagh Rose Milne (Anniversary Mass at 11am, 30 August).

Greenlough Collection - 23/8/26: £728.72.

Counters for September: Eileen Reid, Bridie McAlynn, Michael Henry

Clady Church Cleaning Team for September: Bridie McAlynn.

Volunteers Needed: Would you be willing to help with the cleaning of St Oliver Plunkett Church in September? Please contact Declan in the Sacristy or email the parish office.

Bellaghy Church Cleaners for September: Maria McMullan & Tracy McErlean.

The Greenlough Parish Office is currently closed but you can contact us via phone: **028 2582 1190**, email, or message us on our parish **Facebook page**.

The Bellaghy Parish Office will reopen on Thursday 3 September.

Please send Notices & Anniversaries by phone, in writing, or via email to the parish office by 10.00am on Wednesday. Thank you.

Bann Valley Community Group: Please join us in **Clady Hall** on **Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm** for an information event hosted by the **RSPB on the plans for Moneystaghan Wood**. They are keen for as much local engagement as possible.

Bingo - Marian Hall, Kilrea makes a welcome return on Thursday 17 September at 8.30pm, every 2 weeks. Double books £20, Single £10, Half books £5. Last House £250.

Season of Creation 2026: The Season of Creation takes place from **1 September to 4 October**, bringing Christians throughout the world together in prayer, reflection and action for the care of our common home. This year's theme, ***Living Water***, invites us to give thanks for the gift of water and renew our care for God's creation.

ROSARY VIGIL FOR LIFE - outside **Belfast City Hall** on **Sunday 30th August at 2.00pm**. Join Precious Life in prayer to uphold the sacredness and dignity of unborn life, and pray that Belfast Council will reject plans to illuminate the City Hall in celebration of abortion. For more information, **contact 028 9027 8484 / 07592 280522 or email info@preciouslife.com**.

The Rosary will be recited outside Belfast City Hall at 1pm on Monday 31 August, to join people in prayer for Life, Justice, and Truth.

Donegal Rise and Shine Trust (The Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) are celebrating 40 years of taking young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. Mass on **Saturday 26th September in the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Letterkenny, at 12 noon**. The Mass will be concelebrated by **Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal Mc Keown**, and many of the priests who travelled to Lourdes with us over the years. Everyone welcome.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on **Tuesday 1 September 2026**. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before Mass at 7.15pm. Blessing with a First Class relic of St. Pio while closing prayers are recited. Everyone Welcome.

The Men's Rosary will be recited in **Bellaghy**, at **1.00pm**, on **Saturday 5 September**, at the **junction of Main St and Castle St**, to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray for peace, justice, and respect for Life.

Dates for baptism: Bellaghy – at 1pm on 26 Sept; 10 Oct; 7 Nov; 5 Dec.
Greenlough – 12.30pm on 13 Sept; 4;15pm on 24 Oct; 28 Nov; 19 Dec.

We pray for **Bishop Dónal McKeown** as he prepares to retire, and for **Bishop Michael Router** as he prepares to begin his ministry among us as Bishop of Derry. His installation will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, at 3pm, on Sunday 20 September. Each parish is invited to send 5 parishioners to the Mass of Installation. If interested, please contact your parish office.