Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 21 December



Christmas Message 2025

This week we will celebrate Christmas Day. The birth of Jesus Christ, over two thousand years ago, was a pivotal moment in the lives of many people at that time, and ever since. In a sense, we join the Angels, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men who rejoiced with Mary and Joseph at the birth of the long awaited Saviour of the world.

We join the apostles and the disciples - men and women - who knew Jesus personally, who walked with Him and worked with Him in those early days of spreading the Good News of God's love for us in sending His Son among us.

We join all those who, down the years and right up to our own time, have lived up to their baptismal promises to be God's people, living and handing on the faith to the generations coming behind them.

As we gather with family, friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners for Christmas Mass and other celebrations, let us pledge ourselves to be a people of Faith, Hope, and Love in a world which needs the presence of Jesus Christ - through our care, our words, and our actions - now more than ever before.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Nollaig shona daoibh, agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise.

Fr. Pat



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MASSESFORWWEEK



GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 23 December:

Rosary: 7.30pm

Mass 9.30am

Friday 26 December: NO MASS

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27 December: Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Liddy Taggart

Sunday 28 December: 9.00am

BELLAGHY

Monday 22 December:9.30amSaturday 27 December:7.00pmSunday 28 December:11.30am

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 28 December: 10.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

Ballyscullion: Monday 22 December 7.00pm Greenlough: Tuesday 23 December 7.00pm

Bellaghy: Wednesday 24 December 12.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Greenlough: 4.00pm

Anniversary Mass for Fr. Michael Mullan, Susan Mullan, Shelley

Mullan, Denise Bradley, Henry Lynn

Bellaghy: 6.00pm

Ballyscullion: 8.00pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

Greenlough: 9.00am

Anniversary Mass for Joe (the Gringo) O'Neill

Ballyscullion: 10.15am; Bellaghy: 11.30am

Greenlough Christmas Mass Cards

ALL YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRISTMAS MASSES.



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Baptisms Contact the Parish Office

Weddings Contact the Parish Office

Confessions
As Announced

Please note No Adoration on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Resumes Thursday 8 January 2026.

Collection: Sunday 14 December
Weekly: £1218.31. Counters for January: Pat
Kelly, Lenny Kelly, Francis Lynn & Liam Maguire.
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - A Special Collection
will be taken up at Masses on Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day. There is a special envelope in your box.

VOCATIONS: In both the First Reading and the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus called "Emmanuel" - a name that means "God-is-with-us!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day Emmanuels - the loving, healing, forgiving, and merciful presence of God in the Church and in the world.

Continuous Prayer Movement - Marriage & Family Life. Our Parish day of Prayer is on Monday 29 December. January Theme:

Couples getting married in the parish in 2026

The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 6 January 2026
There will be a limited newsletter for the next 2 weekends. Notices/anniversaries must be submitted by Wednesday in advance of both weekends.

Happy Christmas Everyone.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
May God bless you all;
may the presence of Jesus brighten your joy,
ease your sorrow, and gather us into unity
in our community and in our families.
Sonas na Nollag oraibh uilig.



GREENLOUGH Tuesday 30 December Wedding 1.00pm; Rosary 7.30pm Wednesday 31 December 7.30pm New Year's Eve Mass Friday 2 January **NO MASS** SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Saturday 3 January 5.30pm First Anniversary Mass for Kathleen Henry Anniversary Mass for Bridget McDonnell, Tommy Clarke Willie Anthony McPeake 9.00am **Sunday 4 January** FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Monday 5 January 6.30pm Anniversary Mass for Willie Lagan & Christopher O'Neill Tuesday 6 January **No Morning Mass** Rosary 7.30pm 9.00am - 5.00pm Thursday 8 January Adoration Friday 9 January 9.30am THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Saturday 10 January 5.30pm Anniversary Mass for Thomas Edward McCloskey, Barry McCloskey, Felix Rankin, Philomena Mulholland, Una Henry Sunday 11 January 9.00am **BELLAGHY Monday 29 December** NO MASS Thursday 1 January New Year's Day 11.00am Tuesday 6 January Feast of the Epiphany 9.30am Saturday 3 January & Saturday 10 January 7.00pm Sunday 4 January & Sunday 11 January 11.30am BALLYSCULLION: Sunday 4 & Sunday 11 January 10.15am Monday 6 January: Feast of the Epiphany: 7.30pm

Anniversaries: Charles McPeake, Fr. Michael Mullan, Susan Mullan, Denise Bradley, Shelley Mullan, Joe (the Gringo) O'Neill, Dan Madden, Hugh O'Neill, Cahal McQuillan, Henry Lynn, Patrick McGoldrick, Patrick McGoldrick, Snr, Maureen Lynn, Vincent Hamill, Mary Jane Lagan, Liddy Taggart, James McErlean, Margaret Mackle.