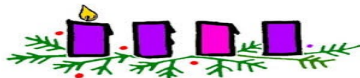


SUNDAY



Tamlaght
O'Crilly
Greenlough

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Pastoral Letter from Bishop McKeown

This weekend Bishop Donal McKeown shares his Advent Pastoral Letter, **Moving Forward Together in Changing Times**, inviting all of us to a renewed focus on prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, and working together in mission. He reflects on the challenges faced by families and communities today and reminds us that Advent assures us of God's closeness and hope. The bishop highlights the importance of parish collaboration - supporting one another in sacramental life, outreach, and faith formation - while recognising the vital role of our priests, parish leaders, coordinators, and volunteers whose dedication sustains parish life. Bishop McKeown goes on to state his intention that ongoing discussions about forming pastoral areas - bringing parishes together in shared mission - will be completed before Easter 2026. He also points to the existing encouraging signs of renewed prayer and growing youth involvement across the diocese. We are encouraged to walk forward in faith: Christ is with us and continues to lead His Church. You are encouraged to read the full letter at:

derrydiocese.org/pastoral-letter

BAMBINELLI BLESSING

Over the past number of decades, during Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figurines (Bambinelli) from their homes to St. Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope. All children & families are



invited to bring their 'BABY JESUS' figurine to be blessed at all our Masses next weekend, 6 & 7 December, Second Sunday of Advent. Following the blessing, families take their 'bambino' home, wrap it and as a family open that parcel first on Christmas morning and the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday 30 November 2025

Schedules - 1 to 7 December 2025

GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 2 December: NO MASS; Rosary: 7.30pm

Thursday 4 December: Adoration 9.00am - 5.00pm

*Please note Adoration from 1.15pm to 2.15pm
will be in the Quiet Room.*

Friday 5 December 9.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6 December: Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Willie John McAteer

**Children's Liturgy for P1 - P4 continues
every Saturday during the 5.30pm Mass.**

Sunday 7 December: 9.00am

Anniversary Mass for Patsy McDonnell

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 7.00PM - CAROL SERVICE

BELLAGHY

Monday 1 December 9.30am

Saturday 6 December: 7.00pm

Sunday 7 December: 11.30am

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 7 December 10.15am

*Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the
family and friends of Martin Laverty, Lavey*

*Anniversaries: Ryan O'Neill, Colm McKillen, Danny Curry, May & Joe Close,
Michael Scullin, Kathleen McErlean, Anne McCallion,
Jean McAteer, Mickey & Annie Henry, Brigid Lagan.*

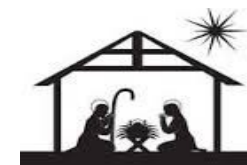


GREENLOUGH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Cards: £2.00 each or 3 for £5.00.

Cards available from the Parish
Office, Sacristy and at Masses
until Christmas.

Proceeds to the Grotto Fund.



Website: www.greenlough.com

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College
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Portglenone
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Baptisms
Contact the
Parish Office

Weddings
Contact the
Parish Office

Confessions
As Announced

St. Mary's Primary School
Greenlough
OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER
4.00pm - 6.00pm



ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone interested in becoming a server, from Primary 5 upwards (there's no upper age limit!) is welcome. Parents should, please, contact the parish office to receive a consent form.



Altar Servers

Training will take place this Thursday 4 December from 1.15pm - 2.15pm in the Church.

The Rise and Shine Trust would like to sincerely thank all Greenlough & Bellaghy parishioners who contributed to an extremely generous total of **£7,368.00** and **€115**. Your donations will benefit so many people in our pilgrimage next Easter. *Your intentions will be remembered in our prayers at the grotto next Easter.*



Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026
Monday 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 Saturday 17 January 2026 at 11.00am.



However, Gift Vouchers to any value are now available (Monday to Thursday) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

DEADLINE: 10.00AM WEDNESDAY

Parish Office open Tuesday & Thursday



Email: greenloughparish@gmail.com

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent we pray for our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, that they will prepare their hearts and minds to welcome the Lord Jesus into their lives.



Greenlough Parish Carol Service

Get into the Christmas spirit
and keep this date free!!!

We warmly invite you to our

**CHRISTMAS CAROL
SERVICE**



Sunday 7 December at 7.00pm
St Oliver Plunkett's Church

Various Artists involved

Refreshments provided

Admission: Donation

The Carol Service is in aid of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

Greenlough Collections - Sunday 23 November

Weekly: £975.91. Thank you for your generosity.

ENVELOPE COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER

Emily Mullan, Pat Madden, Pat Bradley, Paul J Bradley.



DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Nuala Downey, Emily Mullan & Pat Bradley.

Thank you for all your help.



Sacred Heart Messenger Magazine: There are still a few outstanding payments. Please return **Subscription of £26.00** to the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank You.



Prayer while lighting the Advent Candle

"O God, as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring light
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming call."

