



Sunday 11 January 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Over the past few years there has been a lot of chopping and changing of Mass times in our parishes. The timetable, which will be announced in the newsletters next weekend, will be the definitive version. I don't imagine it will please everyone, but I'll try to explain the rationale behind it.

I am trying to serve the people of these parishes on my own. When there were three priests in Greenlough and Bellaghy, and many more priests in the neighbouring parishes, it was easy to offer Mass at a variety of times, and easy to get cover for holidays, illness, or other absences. Since that is no longer the case it's necessary to reduce the number of weekend Masses to a level where they can be celebrated by one priest.

Alternating Masses in these parishes doesn't work. The "traffic" between the parishes is very much "one way." Also, there are a number of other options for people who find that the Mass times in our parishes don't suit them, and I know that some of our parishioners are now regularly attending Mass elsewhere, and some people still choose to follow Mass on the webcams.

The present timetable of five weekend Masses - two Vigil Masses and three Sunday morning Masses - is not sustainable any longer. So, I've decided that there will be one Mass in each of our three churches every weekend, with no alternating of locations.

The new timetable will come into force on the weekend of 7/8 February.

Fr Pat

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Schedules - 12 to 18 January 2026

GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 13 January: Mass 9.30am; Rosary: 7.30pm
Thursday 15 January: Adoration 9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 16 January: 9.30am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17 January: 5.30pm
Anniversary Mass for Rose Larkin

Sunday 18 January: 9.00am
BELLAGHY

Monday 12 January: NO MASS

Wednesday 14 January: 9.30am

Saturday 17 January: 7.00pm

Sunday 18 January: 11.30am

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 18 January: 10.15am

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Harry Gibbon, Bellaghy, who died recently.

Anniversaries: Barry McCloskey, Thomas Edward McCloskey, Felix Rankin, Philomena Mulholland, Una Henry, Bridget McDonnell, John Henry, Eileen Boorman, Eddie Kerr, Jean Rankin, Elizabeth Collins, Betty Collins.



The Children's Liturgy for P1 - P4 [Children's Liturgy](#)
children continues every Saturday during the 5.30pm Mass.



Baptism Dates - January & February 2026

Greenlough: Saturday 17 January 4.15pm

Saturday 21 February 4.15pm

Bellaghy: Sunday 25 January 12.30pm

Saturday 7 February 1.00pm

Contact Greenlough or Bellaghy Parish Office to Book.

Tamlaght
O'Crilly
Greenlough

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Parish Office
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St. Mary's Primary School
028 2582 1066

St. Conor's College
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Neighbouring Parishes

Bellaghy
028 7938 6259

Lavey
028 7964 2458

Portglenone
028 2582 1218

Baptisms
Contact the Parish Office

Weddings
Contact the Parish Office

Confessions
As Announced

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Derry Diocesan Trust: Administrative & Financial Officer
- permanent post, 8 – 10 hours per week.
Working for Swatragh Parish, the job is based in Kilrea Parochial House. Working Days - Wednesday & Friday. For application pack, tel: 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than **12 noon Monday 26 January 2026**.



Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

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**.
Contact The Lourdes Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.
Tel: 028 7126 0293. Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com



The Ulster University, in conjunction with both the Diocese of Derry and the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, is launching a new collection of commentaries on a selection of Columban Manuscripts: Friday 16 January, 6.30 - 9.00pm, COI Diocesan Centre, 24 London Street, Derry. Everyone is welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10.00AM WEDNESDAY.

DEADLINE!

Anniversary Names or Notices received after the newsletter is printed will be held over until the following weekend.
Parish Office is open on Tuesday & Thursday this Week.

Email: greenloughparish@gmail.com

The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism and that each one of us is called to be holy and to fulfil our vocation in life. We pray that the men called to serve the diocese as priests will know that, like Jesus, they are beloved sons of the Father, and that they will find fulfilment in spreading the Good News of God's love for everyone.



Vocations

The 7:30pm Mass at St Columb's Church, Waterside, Derry, on Tuesday 13 January, will be followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations, from 8-9pm. Anyone who cannot attend in person can join in the Prayers and Devotions via the parish webcam.

Greenlough Collections - Sunday 4 January 2026

Weekly: £1052.51. Thank you for your generosity.



SICK AND HOUSEBOUND VISITATION

Fr. Pat hopes to attend the Sick & Housebound on:

Tuesday 13 January: GREENLOUGH

**Friday 16 January: Bellaghy A (Town Area)
& Ballyscullion**



Monday 19 January: Bellaghy B (Hillhead Area)

Tuesday 20 January: Bellaghy C (Ballynease/Ballyscullion Road)

Meeting for Couples getting Married. There will be a meeting at 2.00pm in Bellaghy on Sunday 25 January for all couples getting married in the Parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough in 2026 and early 2027. *Couples from both parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend.*

**Are you
Getting
Married?**

Bishop McKeown will launch Catholic Schools Week (18-24 January) at the 10.00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 15 January.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into God's Family,
Erin Josephine Madden, Aoife Anne Cassidy,
Cathán Gerard Kelly and Cadhla O'Neill,
who were baptised recently.

