

Children in Crossfire are thrilled with the kind support received so far for their Advent Appeal and extend their sincere thanks to everyone who donated or volunteered to help. There is still time for anyone wishing to return their contributions to the parish next weekend, or if you prefer you can donate via this link, noting your parish name in the comments. www.childrenincrossfire.org/donate-advent

St Vincent de Paul Conference: Our Conference members would like to thank all those who gave vouchers for our Christmas appeal and to everyone who gave so generously to our Annual Church Door Collection.

We are able to help so many individuals and families because of the generosity of people in our own area.

Thank You.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima

We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14 July to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 0 2871264087

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2025: led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required.

The Pilgrimage Office will open for booking on Saturday 1 February 2025, 11.00am to 1.00pm. Enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com

St. Malachy's G.A.C. – Lotto Numbers: 2 10 15 22. Jackpot not won; Lucky Dip winners £25 each to Kathy Bradley and Ryan Heaney. Jackpot next week £2500

Church Webcam: We are now using Church Media to livestream our Church Services, if you have any problems please contact: Team iTech Media / Church Media 02887738494.

Please send Anniversary names and notices to the Parish Office by 1pm on Wednesday.

St Mary's, Bellaghy/St Joseph's, Ballyscullion. Second Sunday In Ordinary Time. 19 January 2025. Catholic Schools Week.



St Mary's, Bellaghy

Mon & Wed 9.30am

Fri, 7pm

Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11am

Adoration every Friday from 10am— 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm).

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady

Tues, 9.30am Thurs, 7.30pm

Adoration 9am - 5pm Thursday.

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph's Ballyscullion Sun, 10am

Contact Details:

Fr Pat O'Hagan, P.P.
25, Ballynease Road,
Bellaghy, BT45 8JS.

St Vincent de Paul

07508549588

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Ambrose Kearney (Oldtown Road)** and **Ben Woods (Dumfries)** who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES Sat/Sun 18/19: Elizabeth Davidson (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Kathleen Gillen (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Sean Diamond (Month's Mind Mass Fri 24 Jan at 7pm), Vincent & Sarah Loughlin, John McGurk, John Davey, Alice McGoldrick, Hugh McGoldrick, Mary Cushley, Bertie Mawhinney, Mickey McCloy, Adrian Heaney, Annie Kealey, Brigid Mackle, Jane McMullan, Molly Quinn, Frankie Strathern, Gretta Lynn, Ethna Officer, Mary Cassidy, Mary Jo Keenan, Jim & Mary Dougan, Patrick McFerran, Malachy & Anthony O'Neill, Rosemary Toner, Patrick & Maisie Campbell, John & Rea McCartney, Rosaleen McCamphill, Frank Larkin.

Sat/Sun 25/26: Sarah & Willie McErlean, Mick Cassidy, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Thomas Donnelly, Anthony Brady, Ellie McGoldrick, Bella McGoldrick, Brendan Toner, Brendan McErlean. **May they rest in peace.**

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The Offertory Collection **Thank you!**

Collection: £1,945.00

Benevolent Fund Collection: £310.00

Please make cheques payable to: St Mary's Church.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025 begins this **Sun 19 Jan** and continues until **Sat 25 Jan**. The theme for this year is '**Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ**'.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in **33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary**, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7.00pm**, and concludes on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tues **11 Feb 2025**.

Details can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration.

As we pray for the grace to use our God-given gifts as God would wish us to use them we pray in particular for those called to use them as priests in the service of the parishes and people of our diocese.



Meeting for Couples getting married: in The Open Door Complex, Bellaghy, at **2pm on Sun 9 February 2025** for all couples getting married in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough in 2025 and early 2026. **Couples from the parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!**



Receiving Holy Communion should be the high point of our attendance at Mass. It's the Body of Christ. It's one of the ways He is present to us (and within us) nowadays. It's the nourishment our souls need to strengthen and sustain us. We pray for the faith we need to believe the words of Jesus when He said, "This is my Body... This is my Blood" and for an ever deepening respect for the Eucharist. Fasting from food for an hour before receiving Holy Communion is an act of respect. Not chewing gum or eating sweets as we come to Mass (or in the church building) is a way of honoring the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We should come forward to receive Holy Communion with reverence and devotion, and say a loud and fervent "Amen" when the priest or the minister says, "The Body of Christ" returning to our seats and offering a prayer of thanksgiving for what we have just received.



January Schedules:

St Mary's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays: Kevin Toner

Vigil: G Toner, C Kerr, C Gallagher, S Armstrong, M Larkin.

11am: K Doherty, L Harkin, R Donnelly, M Lennon, M Duffin.

Readers: Vigil: Lorcan Cassidy, Finn Gribbon **11am:** Donna Doherty

Weekdays: Mon: M Scullion **Wed:** A Scott **Fri:** M Kilpatrick

Church Cleaners: Dolores Mulholland, Teresa Devlin, Anne Scott

Stewards: Vigil: Hugh Griffin **11am:** Sean Rea, Patrick Griffin, Michael Keenan

Car Park: Eugene Cassidy & Leo Neeson **Altar Society:** Mairead & Nuala Diamond

To celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025,

St. Eugene's Cathedral, Christ Church along with The Association of Iconographers Ireland, invite you to an **Exhibition of Icons** in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry, BT48 7ER from Monday 20 January to Wednesday 22 January 2025 from 10.30am to 8.30pm.

Entry to the exhibition is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

All Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses are to arranged through the Parish Office.