St Ergnat's GAC: Winter Wellbeing Event Sat 28th November 10am-1.30pm : Men's Health Check Bus, Cooking Demos, a chance to try out activities available in the community. **Booking for bus essential @ 07515 954734**

Ceili Class every Thursday night 7-9.30pm in the Open Door Complex. Everyone welcome.

St John Bosco Primary School Open Morning for children due to start primary school in September 2027 will be held on Tues 1 Dec from 9:30-10:30 am
We look forward to welcoming prospective parents to our school. Our new pupils will have their own special Induction Morning in June.

St Mary's PS, Greenlough – Open Day, Thursday 3 December, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Parents of prospective pupils are welcome to come along, explore the school, and meet the team. Email: www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com Tel: (028) 25821066.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Router.
Option 1 – 7-14 July – 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.
Option 2 – 8-13 July – 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to pilgrims requiring assistance, and to their family members, Care Team, and Youth, and Youth Leaders. There will be a Single Supplement. Travel Insurance will be an additional cost. Expressions of interest should be emailed to: derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings will begin in mid-January. **Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers,** (maybe a Christmas gift idea), of any value, are available to purchase from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry**. Tel: (028) 71362475** for further information.

Any outstanding payments of £26 for the **Messenger Magazine** should be returned to the sacristies of any of the churches, or to the Parish Office in Bellaghy, as soon as possible, please.

Greenlough Parish Office is closed until further notice, but is contactable by phone on (028) 25821190, or by email: greenloughparish@gmail.com
Website: www.greenloughparish.com
Bellaghy Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am – 3pm;
Friday, 8-11am. Tel: (028) 79386259 or email: info@bellaghyparish.com
Website: www.bellaghyparish.com Please note: the office is closed on Tuesdays.

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion
15 November 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

We take so much for granted, living here in Ireland, including the fact that we are free to practise our faith. Sadly, this is not the case for some 413 million Christians who live in countries where religious freedom is seriously violated, particularly North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, and Nigeria. Christian citizens of these and many other countries face government repression, extremist violence, and pressure from society and, sometimes, family members. People and properties, including churches, are attacked. Anti-Christian laws are passed and implemented.
We are asked to pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters, wherever they are, especially on "Red Wednesday" which falls on 18 November this year. As we pray for them we give thanks for their bravery in professing their faith despite the difficulties they face, and we pray for the courage to practise our faith despite whatever opposition we may face.

This weekend we welcome speakers from the Diocesan Committee for Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament who are visiting our parishes to encourage us to "...spend one hour [per week] with the Lord." Anyone who would like to help is invited to a meeting in The St Carlo Acutis Adoration Chapel at St Mary's, Bellaghy, at 7pm on Monday 16 November.

That our seminarians, the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, the present and future priests of our diocese will see their talents as gifts of the Holy Spirit to be used for the glory of God and the salvation of God's people.



This week's diary:
Mon 16 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Tues 17 – Greenlough, - Mass at 9.30am. Rosary at 7.30pm.
Wed 18 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Thurs 19 – Greenlough – Adoration, 9am – 5pm
Friday 20 – Greenlough – No Mass.
Friday 20 – Bellaghy – Adoration, 10am – 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm)
Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough) **Sun, 11am** (Streamed to Greenlough)
Sun, Ballyscullion – Mass at 9.45am

Deaths: We pray for the families and friends of **Arthur Mulholland (Glenravel formerly Ballynease),** who died recently.

Anniversaries:

Sat/Sun 14/15: Anthony Diamond (Month's Mind at 11am), Peggy Larkin (Month's Mind at 11am), Barney McCallion, Patricia Doherty, Kathleen McNicholl, Joe McKenna, Margaret Ferran, Fintan Mulholland, Frank McAllister, Imelda McTeague.

Sat/Sun 21/22: Mary Mawhinney (Month's Mind on Fri 27 Nov at 7pm), Edward Scullion, Hubert Kilpatrick, Michael Scullion, James Toner,

May they rest in peace.

ST. MALACHY'S G.A.C. – Lotto Nos: 7, 9, 22, 23. No winner. £25 each to Dara Shivers & Emma Robinson. Jackpot £800 next week.

St Ergnats GAC - lotto No's: 1, 10, 12, 18. No winner. £30 each to Eilish Berry and Colm McCoy. Jackpot now £1,500.

Bellaghy GAA Lotto No's 7, 8, 12, 24. No jackpot winner. £25 each to Sean McIlvar & Kathleen McKay. Next week's jackpot: £4800.

Called to Serve – A Day of Support and Inspiration for Parish Ministry will take place in Knock on Saturday 21 November, 10am – 3pm, for anyone already involved, or interested in getting involved, in any aspect of parish ministry – Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Youth Ministry, Welcome/ Ushers, Flower arranging. For further information, please contact Nicola Mitchell at nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie Please contact either parish office if you're interested in attending.

Bellaghy Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday 17 November, at 7:15pm.

Last week's collection: £2,055.00
October Standing Orders: £1,891.50 Thank you



TRÓCAIRE is looking for volunteers to help deliver talks in schools during their annual Lenten Appeal, during February and March next year. They are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, retired teachers, or anyone who has worked with young people. Volunteers will work during school hours, sharing stories of justice, hope, and solidarity from communities around the world. Full training, presentation materials, and ongoing support will be provided. If interested, please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on (028) 90808033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week in December.

The Rise & Shine Pilgrimage Trust are very grateful for all your generosity and support in their fundraising; total raised to date in the three Churches **£3,275.55 plus 20 euros**. ***Your prayers and petitions will be included in the Pilgrimage next Easter.***

Please note: Anniversary Notices should be left at either parish office by **noon on Wednesdays.** From now on, any names received after this deadline will be held over to the following weekend.

St Vincent de Paul: As Christmas approaches once again, we are asking for your generosity in providing funds to us so that we can help those in need at this time of the year. Can we ask you, if you are thinking of buying vouchers that you give us the money instead so that we can get the appropriate vouchers, especially for families. Thanking you all once again.
The SVP Annual Church Collection will take place at the Masses on the weekend of 28/29 November.

Baptism Dates – November & December 2026; January 2027
Bellaghy at 1pm – 5 December; 9 January
Greenlough at 4.15pm – 28 November; 19 December; 30 January.

We welcome into God's family through Baptism:
Doireann Marie Doherty, Bogashen Road.
Páidí John McCann, Cavanacaw Manor, Armagh.

