Lenten Focus 2017: Exploring the Journey of Faith

Pope Benedict said, “...faith is not a theory, a philosophy, an idea; it is an encounter - an encounter with Jesus.”

During the season of Lent last year, we listened to a series of invited speakers who shared with us the details of their personal and moving faith journeys. This proved to be a very rewarding experience for all concerned. Let us make sure that what happened last year becomes more than just a memory.

To ensure something more - we invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings during Lent for a time of reflection, presentation and discussion on various aspects of our faith journey.

This will take place in the Seamus Heaney HomePlace from 7.30-8.30pm followed by a cup of tea/coffee. Make this something special for Lent.

Trocaire Boxes are available in the Church Porch. The theme this year is “Fight for Justice”.

You might wish to take one for a neighbour.

Thornhill Ministries Lenten Programme:
Into the Twilight – An hour of silent meditation - Mon 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Opening to the Word – Lectio: Quiet guidance in Scripture-praying - Tues 10:30 to 11:45 am
Lent from the Inside – Five short retreat days as we reflect on the road of life – Thursdays 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

PAROCHIAL HALL (PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE)
Mon: Bingo at 8.30pm
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Eleven Page Book cost £7.00
Mon: Zumba at 7pm. New members welcome.
Tues: Tommy’s Fitness (new 6 week block starts Tues 28th Feb)
Wed night : Whist
Thurs: Ceili Class 8-9.30pm

Teenage Lenten Focus
Special evening for Young people in Bellaghy. Youth Mass with Bellaghy Folk choir and open forum with Bishop McKeown
Great night guaranteed Friday 24th March Bellaghy Parochial Hall 7pm

Mass Times
ST MARY’S
Mon & Thurs 7.30pm
Tues, Wed & Fri 9.30am:
Vigil (Sat) 6.30pm
Sun 8.30am & 11.00am
Confessions
Sat 6pm-6.20pm
1st Thurs 7pm—7.20pm.
ST JOSEPH’S
Sun: 9.30am
Friday 17th March is St Patrick’s Day and is a Holyday of Obligation.
Mass Times:
St Mary’s: Thurs 16th at 7.30pm
Fri 17th at 10am
St Joseph’s: Thurs 16th at 7pm

The Season of Lent

12th March 2017
Second Sunday Of Lent
St Mary’s Bellaghy/St Joseph’s Ballyscullion.

Mass Intentions
St Mary’s
Saturday 11th:
Sunday 12th 8.30am: Parishioners
Sunday 11am:
Mon 13th7.30pm:
Tues 14th 9.30am:
Wed 15th 9.30am:
Thurs 16th 1pm: Wedding Mass
7.30pm: Archie McCartney (months mind)
Fri 17th 9.30am: St Patrick’s Day
Sat 18th (vigil): Sean & Shauna McElhone
Sun 19th 8.30am: Parishioners
Sun 11am:
St Joseph’s
Sun 12th 9.30am Brenda McErlain
Sun 19th 9.30am:

Anniversaries
Sat/Sun 11th/12th: Franncess O’Neill, Felix O’Neill, John Larkin, John Boyle, Ellen O'Neill, Annie O’Kane, Maggie Pimley,
Mon 13th :
Tues 14th: ,
Wed 15th:
Thurs 16th: Charlie Kealey,
John McErlan
Fri 17th: Anthony McMullan, Bridget McKerman.
Sat/Sun 18th/19th: Margaret Nugent,
Minnie McCollion
The above people will be prayed for at mass on the days indicated.
May they rest in peace.

Prayer Meeting: On Wed at 7.30pm. All are welcome.
**ST JOSEPH’S:**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Weekend of 19th March**

**9.30am:** Helen Duffin & Gerard Trainor

**MARCH SCHEDULES**

**Reader:** Trainor Family

**Collectors:** Lizzie O’Donnell & Dolores McErlean

**Altar Society:** Helen, Laura & Sarah Louise Duffin

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**Choir Dates:**

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**Children’s Liturgy Teams March:**

**Vigil:** Patricia Convery, Karen Craig, Karen Wholihan

**11am:** Anne Scullion, Paula Donnelly, Noel OSullivan.

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**The Offertory Collection last Sunday**

amounted to £2,625.00 (341 envelopes ret’d)

**Bingo £200.00 Thank You!**

*The Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation Collection will take up after Communion at all Masses on 17th March please use the envelope provided.*

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**NEW WEEKLY ENVELOPES.** These will be distributed at the end of March—if you are not already receiving envelopes and would like a box for the coming year or if any of your details have changed e.g name, address, telephone number or new family in parish etc please contact the Parish Office. Tel 02879386259 or Email frdolan@bellaghyparish.com

**GIFT AID—** If you are part of the Gift Aid scheme and due to circumstances i.e have retired or become unemloyed and no longer pay income tax please contact the parish office so that we do not make a false claim.

**STANDING ORDER—** If you would like to contribute to your weekly envelope by standing order please contact the parish office

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**Useful Tel No’s**

**Lifeline** 0808 808 8000

**Samaritans** 08457 909090  **Samaritans Derry** 02871265511

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Bellaghy 07508549588

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**Bellaghy GAC** Wed 8th Minors v Kilrea 8pm H

Sun 12th U-14’s Feile v M’felt 11am H

**Annual Irish Language collection** will be taken up the weekend of 25th/26th March.

**Irish Dancing Class** on Tues 7pm-8.30pm

**Music classes** Classes Fri at 7pm.

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**The Alzheimers Society** Free 6 week course for carers of people with dementia Starting Thurs March 23rd at 10.30 in Bishops Gate Hotel Derry. To register email roisin.flynn@alzheimers.org.uk or Tel 07484 507178

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**The Net**

This months coverage includes the. Catholic Schools’ Week feature, Bellaghy night of song and prayer, Dungiven sacristan retires Aghyaran Epiphany celebration, Lavey faith story, Maghera Musings, St Brigid’s Cross Making in Aghyaran, Ballerin, Desertmartin, Doneyloop, and Dungiven.

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**The Friends of St. Mary’s invite you to Spring Tea Delights**

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**The Women Of St Ergnat & Moneyglass Community Group**

in conjunction with Anita Gribbins Pharmacy are hosting...Top Medical Experts from the Northern & Belfast Trust...Dr Dobbs who specialist in Gynaecological and Oncology Northern Trust...Nurse Rogers Gynaec Oncology Clinical Specialist Northern Trust.

**AGM for Moneyglass community centre** takes place in the minor hall today 12th March at 3pm. All welcome.

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**We welcome into God’s Family through Baptism:**

Michael Eoin Hughes, Scribe Road.