

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 **Parochial Hall from 7.30-8.30pm** followed by a cup of tea/coffee .

Make this something special for Lent.

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

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.

In Jan Pope Francis blessed six Statues of Our Lady of Fatima to be brought to each continent, to appeal for prayer and reparation for world peace and to promote the sanctity of family life in our world.

One of these statues will be brought to St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on **Tues 7 March**. Reception of the statue at 12.30pm, followed by Mass at 1.00pm. Day concludes with Mass at 7.30pm.

PAROCHIAL HALL (PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE)

Mon: Bingo at 8.30pm

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Page 7-10 - Lines £20 Houses £40

Page 11— Line £30 House £200

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

26th February 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer For Temperance
St Mary’s Bellaghy/St Joseph’s Ballyscullion.



The sacrament of Confirmation will take place today at 2pm. We wish the children all the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit. May it be a very special and happy occasion for all families involved. We record our thanks to their teachers who have prepared them. Our appreciation is also due to all who have helped around the Church and especially in the Hall.

We appeal to all involved to be in their seats in good time today (Sun)

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

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

It is a day of both fast and abstinence.

Masses: St Mary’s

9.30am: Blessing of ashes and Mass

7.30pm: Ashes will be distributed **after the Masses ONLY.**

Any Eucharistic Minister available to help with the distribution of ashes please come to the sacristy before Mass.

St Joseph’s

7pm: Blessing of ashes and Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

St Mary’s

Saturday 25th:

Sunday 26th 8.30am: Parishioners

Sunday 11am:

Sunday 2pm: Confirmation

Mon 27th:

Tues 28th:

Wed 1st: Ash Wednesday

Thurs 2nd 7.30pm:

Fri 3rd 9.30am

Sat 4th (vigil): Eithna Officer

Sun 5th 8.30am: Parishioners

Sun 11am:

St Joseph’s

Sun 26th 9.30am: Patsy McGrath (months mind)

Wed 1st 7pm: Blessing of ashes & Mass

Sun 5th 9.30am

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 25th/26th: Mary McCann, Peter McErlean,

Mon 27th , Tues 28th: Phelim Kealey,

Wed 1st: Thurs 2nd: Fri 3rd: .

Sat/Sun 4th/5th

The above people will be prayed for at mass on the days indicated.

May they rest in peace.

Prayer Meeting:

On Wednesday at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.



There will be Mass on Wednesday mornings during Lent.

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ALTAR SERVERS

W'days: Anna McErlean

Vigil: John Scullion

8.30am: Cormac Lee

11am: Cara Lee

ST MARY'S

E/Ministers 4th & 5th March

Vigil: B Quigley, C O'Neill,

P McGoldrick, M Larkin.

8.30am: T O'Kane, B McMenamin,

B Campbell, J McGoldrick

11am: K O'Neill, R Devine, R Craig,

R Donnelly.

Weekdays from 26th February:

Morning Mass: Kevin Toner

Evening Mass: Rosemarie Devine

MARCH SCHEDULES

Readers Vigil: Teresa O'Hagan

8.30am: Caoimhe O'Neill

11am: Sheila Fullerton

Daily Readers:

Mon: **Tues:** Madeline Scullion

Wed: Tom Scullion **Thurs:** Anne Scott

Frid: Patricia Henry

Church Cleaners Erin Mullan, Patricia

Larkin, Teresa Craig, Sorcha Mullan.

Altar Society: Kathleen McGahey &

Maureen Cassidy

Car Park Attendants: William Walsh,

Francis Glackin, Peter Diver..

Collectors/Doors

Vigil: Manus og McShane, Pius Diamond.

8.30am: Sean Larkin, James McCann

11am: Dermot O'Hagan, Kieran Glackin

ST JOSEPH'S:

Eucharistic Ministers

Weekend of 5th March

9.30am: Kathleen McErlain & Claire Quinn

MARCH SCHEDULES

Reader: Trainor Family

Collectors: Lizzie O'Donnell & Dolores McErlean

Altar Society: Helen, Laura & Sarah Louise Duffin

Choir Dates:

25th Feb	Gribbin Girls
4th March	Youth Choir
11th March	Youth Choir
16th March	Senior Choir
18th March	Senior Choir
25th March	Gribbin Girls
26th March	Bellaghy Folk Group (11am)

Children's Liturgy Teams March:

Vigil: Patricia Convery, Karen Craig, Karen Wholihan

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

The Offertory Collection last Sunday

amounted to £2,425.00

Thank You!



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, 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 unemployed 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

Useful Tel No's

Lifeline 0808 808 8000

Samaritans 08457 909090 **Samaritans Derry** 02871265511

St Vincent de Paul Society: Bellaghy 07508549588

Irish Dancing Class on Tues 7pm-8.30pm

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

Vocations Information Day—Ardstraw House, Buncrana Rd, Derry on Sat 18th March 11am—4pm. To confirm attendance contact Fr Paul Farren 02871 264087

Could you foster? We urgently need foster carers for a broad range of children in your local area. If you feel you have something to offer and could brighten a child's world please contact your local fostering team on 02879 366840.

Volunteer Mass

The Vigil Mass on Saturday 11th March will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all the work carried out by the volunteers in our Parish. You are invited to attend this celebration where we will have a person representing each of the groups and there are over thirty groups.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. You can make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online **or by contacting** (give contact name / details of parish representative).

We welcome into God's Family through Baptism:

Anna Dympna O'Kane, Scribe Road.

Daniel Michael McPeake, Chapel View.

Reece Michael McGuckin, Ballydermott Road.



Congratulations to

Jennifer O'Neill & Bryan McDaid

who were married recently.



Pre-Baptism Reflection for Parents:

On Tuesday 7th March @ 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. Anyone who is wishing to have a child baptised in the near future are expected to attend. Please get in touch with the Parish Office to book.