

## 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**  
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.

**Kickham’s Creggan GAC** Big Breakfast (cake sale, raffle and auction) Fundraiser on Sun 12th March 9.30am—1.30pm. In aid of the O’Neill family (Mary & Fintan), Antrim Area Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital.

### PAROCHIAL HALL (PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE)

Mon: Bingo at 8.30pm

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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

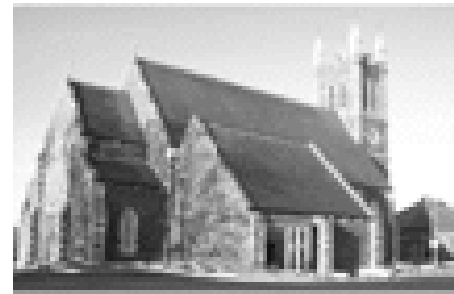
Thurs: Ceili Class 8-9.30pm

5th March 2017

First Sunday Of Lent

St Mary’s Bellaghy/St Joseph’s Ballyscullion.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



### 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

*Fri 10th March: 1st Anniversary  
Mass for Sean Conway will be  
celebrated in St Mary’s Church  
Lavey at 7.30pm.*

*There will be Mass on Wednesday  
mornings during Lent.*

**Prayer Meeting:**

On Wednesday at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.



**Events Calendar.**

Sat 20th May:

First Holy Communion.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**St Mary’s**

Saturday 4th: Eithna Officer

Sunday 5th 8.30am: Parishioners

Sunday 11am:

Mon 6th 7.30pm:

Tues 7th 9.30am:

Wed 8th 9.30am:

Thurs 9th 7.30pm:

Fri 10th 9.30am

Sat 11th (vigil):

Sun 12th 8.30am: Parishioners

Sun 11am:

**St Joseph’s**

Sun 5th 9.30am

Sun 12th 9.30am:

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sat/Sun 4th/5th: John Joe Brennan, Frankie Mullan, Terry McKee, Mary Jane Milne, John Campbell, Willie John & Mary Jane McErlean, Kathleen O’Boyle, Jeannie Diamond.

Mon 6th Stewartie McGuckin, Tom Boorman.

Tues 7th: Tommy McErlean,

Wed 8th:

Thurs 9th: Maggie McDonald, Jim Scullion,

Fri 10th: .

Sat/Sun 11th/12th: Frances O’Neill, Felix O’Neill, John Larkin,

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

**May they rest in peace.**

**Hospital Visitation.** Msngr. Dolan would appreciate being informed if someone is in hospital and would expect a visit. Priests no longer have access to patient lists.

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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:** *Volunteer needed*

**Tues:** Madeline Scullion

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

**Fri:** 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:**

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 £2,185.00 (341 envelopes ret'd)

**Bingo £300.00**

**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

**Bellaghy GAC** 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.

**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](mailto:roisin.flynn@alzheimers.org.uk) or Tel 07484 507178

**Bellaghy Historical Society** next meeting on Tues 14th March in The Old School Centre. Roy Hamilton "Hiring Fairs" Everyone welcome Tel 79386116

**Accord Maghera** Are recruiting volunteer / volunteers to work as facilitators on their pre-marriage courses. If you relate easily to people, Sensitive, warm and caring and have been married for five years, please contact 028796 42983 regarding selection, training and time commitment

**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.

**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. After the Mass there will be refreshments in the Parochial Hall to which everyone is welcome.

**Pioneer Lenten Challenge:** Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

**Pre-Baptism Reflection for Parents:**

**On Tues 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.**