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

28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent



Mass Times during the week ahead.

Monday & Thursday @ 9.30am (On Monday mornings mass is offered for the sick)

Tuesday: no mass;

Wednesday and Friday at 7.00pm

Sat Vigil at 6.30pm Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's Ballyscullion Sun 9.00am

Deaths: James Anthony Kearney RIP.

We offer our prayerful sympathy to Mary and family and the wider family circle on the death of James Anthony.

May be rest in see

May he rest in peace.

Paddy Diamond RIP (Oldtown Road)

We offer our prayerful sympathy to Margaret and family and the wider Diamond and

McReynolds family circle on the death of Paddy.

May he rest in peace.

Bridget McColgan RIP (Culdaff)

We pray for the happy repose of Bridget (Fr Duffy's former housekeeper).

May she rest in peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 27th/28th: Gerry Rea, Philomena Cushley, Emmet McNally

Mon 29th: Eileen Scullin, Donald McCann, Mary Blue,

Tues 30th: William Stockman, Liz Hutchinson,

Wed 1st: Harry Langan, Brian O'Neill,

Thurs 2nd:,

Friday 3rd: Kathleen O'Kane, Joey McPeake, Liam McCloskey, Kevin Milne

Sat/Sun 4th/5th: Ryan McGuckin, John McGrath,

May they rest in peace.

Schedules for December

Church Cleaners:

Altar Society: Kate McGoldrick.

Readers: Vigil: Louise & Anna Steele 10.30am: Fidelma & Emily McClenaghan

Church Stewards: Vigil: Francis Diamond, Aidan Diamond, Maura McCloy.

10.30am: Peter Diamond, Brian Scullion, Sheila O'Neill

<u>'Scripture Reflection' for Advent</u> (focusing on readings/Gospel of Sunday Mass during Advent) on the following dates:

Sun 28 Nov @6:30pm

Sun 5 Dec @6:30pm

Sun 12 Dec @6:30pm

Culminating in Carol Service Sun 19 Dec. @ 6.30pm

This can be viewed via webcam, parish Facebook live, people also welcome to come to chapel for each evening. We ask readers to make a special effort to join.

Meeting and call for volunteers for Children's Liturgy will take place on 6 December @ 7.00 in Parochial Hall

Christmas Mass Times:

St Mary's: Christmas Eve : 5pm and 8pm

Christmas Day: 9am & 11am

St Joseph's: Christmas Eve; 6pm

Christmas Day: 9am

Reservation for the masses is via <u>mass-time.com</u> We ask people to make reservation for one mass only as we wish to accommodate as many as possible.

Booking on website $\frac{mass-time.com}{m}$ will go live at 3pm on Sunday 28th November and will close on Sunday 5th December at 3pm.

Digital Advent Calendar.

The first day of Advent heralds the beginning of the Catholic Church's new year. Advent (from 'ad-venire' in Latin or "to come to") is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas.

The Digital Calendar will go live on the First Sunday of Advent on 28 Nov and offers resources for the parish, school and the home which are available behind a virtual door each day during the Season of Advent. Behind each door there will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

It has been a difficult year for so many people as we faced the ongoing consequences of a global pandemic. We are inviting people to journey with us this Advent Season by #SharingHope through acts of kindness and charity that all of us are encouraged to undertake during the month of December.

https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/

https://bellaghyparish.com/mass-recording-5th-november-2021/ https://bellaghyparish.com/mass-recording-12th-november-2021/

November Mass for the Parish Dead

These are the links for the webcam recordings for the Masses celebrated on 5th and also 12th November. This will be available until 8th December, at which stage we'll remove it from the website. If anybody wishes to download the recording in that time they can do so by clicking the download link on the page.

Novena To The Divine Child ("and the word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us" John 1:4): The Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, is hosting this Novena, 8 - 16 Dec, Mass and prayers will be at 7:30pm each evening. This will be live-streamed via Facebook each evening. Novena prayer leaflets containing the public prayers after Mass and the private prayers to be said at home are available on the Termonbacca Facebook page or by emailing termonbaccaderry@gmail.com

<u>Sacred Heart Messenger:</u> The subscription for the coming year is £22 and is due before the end of December

The Offertory Collection for the past week amounted to £ 1,255.00 Envelopes can be dropped into letterbox at Parish Office.

All contributions are much appreciated.

<u>Millquarter Primary School are holding an Open afternoon</u> on Fri 3rd
Dec from 1.40pm to 2.40pm. Visit is by appointment only. Please call the office on 028 79650130 to book. Everyone welcome.

OPEN DOOR COMPLEX (Bellaghy Community Hall)

Your Own Christmas Wreath, Christmas Table Arrangement, Christmas Flowers For Loved One Grave...

Dr Valerie Stewart will present a Christmas Class on Making your own at the OpenDoor Complex in Bellaghy on the weekend of 18th December. Take home your finished creation to fill your home with Christmas Cheer. Places are limited, first come first served. Email noelcosullivan@gmail.com or DM on chapel facebook page to secure position £20!!! SECOND CLASS ADDED DUE TO DEMAND.

The Bakehouse is coming to The OpenDoor Complex.

11th December at 6pm, taster and recipes. £25 **Spaces Limited** DM Noel on Chapel Facebook to book.

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The St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal.

Will take place on weekend of 11/12th December. Already many people have donated to us on a very generous scale by either giving at the Church door or by giving us vouchers. We are very grateful for your generosity and hope we can help many families in these trying times. If you wish to donate then you can give to any member of our conference at any time.

Once again thank you very much and we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

Service Of Light: The 'North West Bereaved by Suicide' Support Group is holding its annual Service of Light, on Sun 5 Dec, at 5.30 pm, in the Foyle Search & Rescue HQ, Prehen, Derry. All are welcome to attend.

A Garden of remembrance has been constructed, in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral (behind the Lourdes grotto), for all those who have died in the Diocese since the start of the COVID pandemic. A rose plant for each of our 51 parishes has been planted in memory those who have died from each parish. The Garden will not be officially dedicated until later although you are very welcome to visit the Prayer Garden at any time, for prayer and reflection.

"How Fit Is Your Soul?" Programme: The How Fit Is Your Soul Programme is an online programme from St Eugene's Cathedral during Advent. This is for anyone who is interested in reflecting on and developing their prayer life, whether you would like to start praying, pray more or experience new ways to pray. email emmett.mullan@btinternet.com or phone St Eugene's Parish office on 028 71262 894.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Confirmation: Thurs 24th March 2022 **First Holy Communion:** Sat 21st May 2022.