



St Pius X College Magherafelt—Open Day: This will be held on Sat 14 January at 11.30am. All are welcome.

Friends of Bellaghy Lotto No's: 8, 16, 23, 24.

£25 each to Therese Diamond & Hugh Glackin. Jackpot £5,000.00

Meeting for couples getting married: There will be a meeting in the Prayer Room at St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, at 2pm on Sunday 22 January 2023 for all couples getting married in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough in 2023 and early 2024.

Couples from the parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend.



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Mass Times:

- Sat 24:** Vigil at 5.30pm Greenlough
6pm Ballyscullion
7pm Bellaghy
- Sun 25:** 9am Greenlough 10am St Joseph's 11am Bellaghy
- Mon 26:** 11am, Bellaghy
- Tues 27:** 11am, Greenlough
- Wed 28:** 9.30am, Bellaghy
- Thurs 29:** 7.30pm, Greenlough
- Fri 30:** 7pm, Bellaghy (*please note no morning Mass*).
- Sat 31:** Vigil 5.30pm Greenlough
7.00pm Bellaghy
- Sun 1:** 9am Greenlough, 10am St Joseph's, 11am Bellaghy
- Mon 2:** 11am, Bellaghy
- Tues 3:** 9.30am, Greenlough
- Wed 4:** 9.30am, Bellaghy
- Thurs 5:** Vigil for Holyday: 7pm Bellaghy & 7pm St Joseph's
(*No evening Mass in Greenlough*)
- Fri 6:** (Feast of The Epiphany) and First Friday
9.30am Bellaghy
9.30am and 7.30pm Greenlough



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

25 December 2022

The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On the first Christmas night, the angels proclaimed the "good news of great joy" that the Saviour of the world had been born. They wished "Peace on earth" and "Good will to all." Good will seems to characterise our communities at this time of year - a time of giving as we give thanks to Almighty God who "...loved the world so much He sent His only Son into the world to save us."

Christmas invites us to accept this wonderful sign of God's love for each one of us, and to share this love with one another, especially with the poor and needy, the hungry, those who live alone, the sick, and the bereaved, and to try to promote peace, justice and equality in our troubled, unjust and unequal world.

The challenge to us is to let the people around us see and feel the love of Christ in our words and actions by loving as He loved.

On this, my first Christmas in Bellaghy and Greenlough, I'd like to thank you for your warm and generous welcome to me as I try to minister the love of God to you, and preach the message of God's peace and good will to everyone.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. I pray that 2023 will be a time of renewed faith, hope and love in our homes and throughout our parish communities.

Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Fr Pat

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of Jesus, our hope and peace, Jesus, the light of the world. We pray this Christmas that each of us will rediscover the meaning of Our Lord's Nativity and the great hope that it proclaims for the world. You are invited to spend time with scripture, reflection and prayer. A Christmas prayer resource is available to download on the Diocese of Derry website for private prayer at the church or home, to share with a neighbour who may have no online access or for a time to gather each day with your family. The booklet can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/12-days-of-christmas-2022>

January Schedules:

St Mary's :

Eucharistic Ministers:

Vigil: G Toner, C Kerr, C Gallagher.

11am: K Doherty, C Scullion, R Donnelly, K O'Neill.

Weekdays: Morning: Kevin Toner

Readers: Vigil: Francis Graffin **11am** Donna Doherty

Weekdays: Mon: Michael Scullion **Wed:** Anne Scott **Fri:** Marie Kilpatrick

Church Cleaners: Teresa Devlin, Dolores Mulholland, Patricia Kelly, Anne Scott

Church Stewards: Vigil: Paddy Downey & Hugh Griffin.

11am: Sean Rea, Patrick Griffin, Michael Keenan.

Car Park: Leo Neeson

Altar Society: Mairead Diamond & Nuala Diamond

St Joseph's : Eucharistic Ministers: H Duffin & G Trainor

Reader: Helen Griffin

Altar Society: Monica McLaughlin & Mary Sheridan

Ordination to the Diaconate. We ask you to keep Stephen Ward in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for his ordination as Deacon on Sunday 6 January in Waterside Parish.

May God bless Stephen as he continues in his journey towards priestly ministry.

Children In Crossfire Advent Appeal: Thank you for your support We ask that envelopes are returned **on or before Sunday 8 January.**

St Mary's Primary School and Nursery Unit

For parents and children considering applications to our Nursery Unit or Primary School September 2023, the online application procedure opens from 12 noon 10 Jan until 12 noon on 27 Jan 2023.

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Sacred Heart

Messenger 2023:

The subscription of £22 is now due, and should be returned to your promotor or the Parish Office or Sacristy. **Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Church.**

Deaths: Patsy McErlean, Ballymacombs Rd, Regina Quinn, Magherafelt.

We offer our prayerful sympathy to the families and friends of Patsy and Regina. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 24/25: Maeve Scullion, Charles John Agnew, Barney Mawhinney, Geraldine McErlane, Biddy Joyce, Seamus Gribbin, Kevin McErlean, Paddy Nesbitt, James O'Neill, Bernadette Walsh, Sheila Scullion, Frank McCann, Fr John O'Doherty, Josephine McKeever, Geoffrey & Denise McCrystal,

Mon 26: Mary Ann O'Neill, Bridget McErlean,

Tues 27: James Diamond, Mary Boorman.

Wed 28: Catherine Scullion

Thurs 29: Margaret McErlean, Jim Graffin, Margaret Mackle, Ellen Mackle,

Fri 30: Gerry McGahey (2nd Anniversary Mass at 7pm), James Scullion,

Sat/Sun 31/1: Mary Diamond, James McErlean, Kathleen Loughlin, Alice Doherty, Mary Donnelly,

Tues 3: Patsy Brennan, James Strathern, Michael Tohill,

Fri 6: Ella McConomy,

Sat/Sun 7/8: Katie Glackin (1st Anniversary Mass at 7pm)

May they rest in peace.

The Offertory Collection for last week was £1,551.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Any cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Church as per bank instructions.

