

St. Malachy's G.A.C. – Lotto Numbers: 11 15 18 19. Jackpot not won; Lucky Dip winners £25 each to Maurice Diamond and Connor Lavery. **Jackpot next week £2100**

Bellaghy Players “Jack and the Beanstalk” Sun 22 Dec 2.30pm & 8pm
£10 for adults, £5 for children



Meeting for Couples getting married: in The Open Door Complex, Bellaghy, at 2pm on Sun 26 January 2025 for all couples getting married in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough in 2025 and early 2026. *Couples from the parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend.*



Digital Advent 2024 Calendar with the theme of ‘Hope’ is available daily throughout Advent on the Irish Bishops’ Conference website, www.catholicbishops.ie
The Calendar is a convenient, but special way to reflect, pray, and prepare with hope for Christmas and for the upcoming Jubilee of Hope, 2025.

Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in **33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary**, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7.00pm**, starting on **Thursday 9 January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**. Bishop McKeown explains, *“It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me”*. Details can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration.

Children In Crossfire: Please return any envelopes to the sacristy from the weekend 4/5 January. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Church Webcam: We are now using Church Media to livestream our Church Services, if you have any problems please contact: Team iTech Media / Church Media 02887738494.

Fr Pat will undergo knee replacement surgery at the beginning of January, and will be absent from the parish for a number of weeks afterwards. From 5 January, until further notice, Fr Paddy Doherty, PP Maghera, will administer the parish. He can be contacted via the parish office or at (028) 79642496.

St Mary’s, Bellaghy/St Joseph’s, Ballyscullion.
Fourth Sunday of Advent.
22 December 2024.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir.

Christmas Mass Times:

Bellaghy:

Tues 24 Dec, 5pm

Wed 25 Dec, 11am

Greenlough:

Tues 24 Dec, 5pm

Wed 25 Dec, 9am

St Joseph’s:

Tues 24 Dec, 7.30pm

Wed 25 Dec, 10am

Confessions:

Bellaghy:

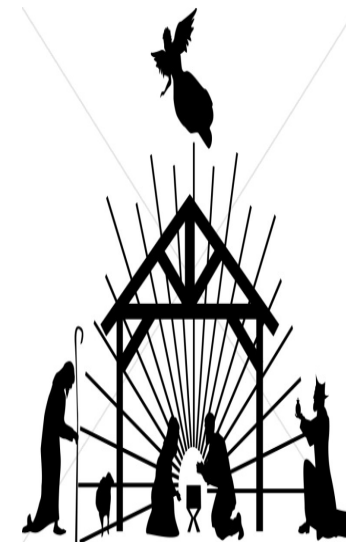
Mon 23 Dec, 7.30pm—8.30pm

Greenlough:

Mon 23 Dec, 6pm—7pm

St Joseph’s:

Sun 22 Dec, 5pm—6pm



There will be no Masses on 26, 27, 30 and 31 December.

Wednesday 1 January	Mass	Bellaghy	11am
Thursday 2 January	Mass	Greenlough	9.30am
Friday 3 January	Mass	Bellaghy	7pm

Monday 6 January:	Feast Of The Epiphany,		
Greenlough, 9am	Bellaghy, 10am	St Joseph’s, 7.30pm	

***The Parish Office will be closed from Mon 20 December to Tues 7 January.
Next Parish Bulletin on the weekend of 11/12 January.***

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Greenlough Parish Office: greenloughparish@gmail.com 02825821190
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The Offertory Collection Thank you!

Last week's collection: £1,621.00

The Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. Please use the envelope provided. **Please make cheques payable to: St Mary's Church.**



We pray for our seminarians and for those considering a vocation to serve as priests in this diocese that, like Mary and Elizabeth, they will be attentive to the power and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Patsy Downey (Clady Road)** and **James O'Neill (Tamlaghtduff Rd)** who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES Sat/Sun 21/22: Harry Downey, Mary Convery, Mary Ann O'Neill, Patsy McErlean, Maeve Scullion, Charles John Agnew, Sheila Scullion, Eddie & Bridget Kerr, Bidy Joyce, Kevin McErlean, Seamus Gribbin, PJ Agnew, Kevin Agnew, Bernadette Walsh, James Diamond, Barney Lynn.

Sat/Sun 28/29: Gerry McGaghey (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Rosemarie Devlin (Anniversary Mass 7pm on Fri 3 Jan), Teresa Robb, Mary Diamond, Kathleen Loughlin, Barney Mawhinney, Patsy & Francis Brennan, Andrea Diamond, Mary Donnelly, Margaret McErlean, Catherine Scullion, James Scullion, Jim Graffin, James McErlean.

Sat/Sun 4/5: Annie Donnelly (Month's Mind Mass, at 7pm); John & Katie Glackin (Anniversary Mass at 7pm on Sat 11 Jan), Kevin Scullion, John McClenaghan, Ella McConomy, Joe Pat O'Kane, Alice Doherty. **May they rest in peace.**

We welcome into God's family through Baptism:

Fiadh Annie Young, Chapel View.
Sophia Elizabeth Coles, The Meadows.



It's hard to believe we're approaching the end of another year. I hope that, as you look back on 2024 you have much to be grateful for, especially the gifts of family, friends, and good health, among many others. Of course, many of us will have regrets, and many will be missing family members, friends, or neighbours who are no longer with us. God's great gift of faith helps us to put everything into perspective, the good as well as the not so good. We thank God for whatever blessings we've received, and we thank God for those "...we have loved and lost a while..." as the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" tells us, those whom we commend to God's everlasting love and mercy.

As Parish Priest of Bellaghy / Ballyscullion I thank God for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, who are my parishioners. I thank you for your faithful attendance at Mass and the sacraments. I thank you for your generosity towards the parish and your kindness to me, personally. I thank sincerely all those who work or volunteer in the parish for everything you do to spread the Good News of God's love here in this part of the world, who work to bring about God's Kingdom of justice, love and peace right here, right now.

At this time of year our hearts go out to the poor and needy, to those who are struggling or suffering in any way, near or far. Pope Francis has invited us to celebrate 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope, to bring a message of Peace, Love, Faith, and Hope into our broken and needy world. I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and I pray that Almighty God will bless us all in 2025. Happy New Year!

Fr Pat

January Schedules:

St Mary's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays: Kevin Toner

Vigil: G Toner, C Kerr, C Gallagher, S Armstrong, M Larkin.

11am: K Doherty, L Harkin, R Donnelly, M Lennon, M Duffin.

Readers: Vigil: Lorcan Cassidy, Finn Gribbon **11am:** Donna Doherty

Weekdays: Mon: M Scullion **Wed:** A Scott **Fri:** M Kilpatrick

Church Cleaners: Dolores Mulholland, Teresa Devlin, Anne Scott

Stewards: Vigil: Hugh Griffin **11am:** Sean Rea, Patrick Griffin, Michael Keenan

Car Park: Eugene Cassidy & Leo Neeson **Altar Society:** Mairead & Nuala Diamond

St Joseph's:

Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Mullen

Collector: Colm Scullin

Reader: Helen Griffin

Altar Society: Monica McLaughlin & Mary Sheridan.