

St. Malachy's G.A.C. – Lotto Numbers: 2 5 19 21

£25 each to Margaret Cushley and Joanne Mullan; Jackpot next week £1900

Bellaghy Historical Society: Next meeting on Tues 10 Dec at 8pm in The Old School House, Castle Street. **Topic:** Land and People in Early 18th Century Ulster.

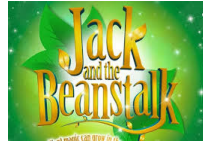
Speaker: William Roulston.

Bellaghy Players invite you to come along and watch
“**Jack and the Beanstalk**”

Show dates: Fri/Sat 20/21 Dec 8pm. Sun 22 Dec 2.30pm & 8pm
Tickets: £10 for adults £5 for children (under 16) Babies / 2 year olds sitting on parents laps are free.

<https://www.buyticketapp.co.uk/app>

For paper tickets contact Hughie McGoldrick on 07809896259.



Fr Pat hopes to attend the Sick and Housebound during December as follows:

Monday 9 December (Bellaghy A and Ballyscullion)

Friday 13 December (Bellaghy B)

Tuesday 17 December (Bellaghy C)



Meeting for Couples getting married: There will be a meeting at 2pm on Sunday 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 2025.

St Vincent de Paul (Bellaghy) Family Appeal: In previous years our community has generously donated to the Family Christmas Appeal. Once again we are requesting that vouchers be donated as this will enable families to get whatever is necessary. Our families would need time to use these vouchers so we need them by 8 Dec.

There will be the special SVP Christmas Collection this weekend 7/8 December.



**St Mary's, Bellaghy/St Joseph's, Ballyscullion.
Second Sunday of Advent.
8 December 2024.**

St Mary's, Bellaghy

Mon 7pm (GAA Club Mass, for past and present members)

Wed & Fri 9.30am

Sat 14 Vigil, 7pm (The nativity will take place during the vigil Mass)

Sun, 11am

Adoration every Friday from 10am

Contact Details:

Fr Pat O'Hagan, P.P.
25, Ballynease Road,
Bellaghy, BT45 8JS.

St Vincent de Paul

07508549588

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady

Tues, 9.30am Thurs, 7.30pm Fri, 7pm

Adoration 9am - 5pm Thursday.

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph's Ballyscullion Sun, 10am

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Annie Donnelly (Ballynease Rd), Joachim McErlean (Coagh/Culbann), Ryan O'Neill (Greenlough), Seamus O'Neill (Glenone Road), Caroline Artt (Magherafelt) who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 7/8: Fr. Liam Donnelly (Memorial Mass at 11am), Elizabeth McCann, Kathleen O'Kane, Willie John & Philomena McErlean, Bobby McLaughlin, Ellen & James Duffin, Michael Cassidy, Gemma Mulholland, Bridie Mulholland, John O'Neill, Philip Scullion, James O'Neill, Catherine Scullion, Sadie Kilpatrick, Eleanor Cassidy.

Sat/Sun 14/15: Sharon Scullion (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Bridget Duffin (Anniversary Mass at 10am), Mary & James Scullion (Anniversary Mass at 10am), John O'Boyle, Jeannie Diamond, Willie Craig, Frank Scullion, Gerry O'Neill, Sarah Doherty, Hugh McErlean, Jim McElhone.

May they rest in peace.

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The Offertory Collection Thank you!

Last week's collection: £1,845.00
 Standing Orders for November £3,498.50



For the future priests of the diocese of Derry that, like St John the Baptist, they will work to "... prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.... so that all mankind can see the salvation of God."



Preparing for Holy Year 2025—Pilgrims of Hope.

Listening carefully to the Word of God. God speaks directly to us during the Mass. Try to listen, despite whatever distractions there may be. **God's word is a "living" word.** As the Bible tells us, it's active and speaks to our hearts and minds. As we listen to the gospel reading we're hearing the words of Jesus. As He spoke to the people of His own time, He speaks directly to each one of us as we stand respectfully and bless our minds, mouths and hearts in preparation for hearing His words. Taking time to look at the readings in the week before Mass would be a very good way to help us to reflect on what God is saying to us, and how we might apply it to our daily lives. The homily too should have the same effect, and offer help and even consolation to us in any difficulties we may be having in trying to live as a genuine follower of Jesus Christ.



Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2025: led

by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ will not be open for booking until Saturday 1 February 2025, 11.00am to 1.00pm (and each following Saturday and Thursday at the same time unless notified). However, Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com



December Schedules:

St Mary's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays: Betty Campbell
Vigil: C O'Neill, M Larkin, B McMenamin, J McGoldrick, S McCann.
11am: M Scullion, T O'Kane, P Diamond, K O'Neill.
Readers: Vigil: Louise Steele **11am:** Fidelma McClenaghan
Weekdays: Mon: M Scullion **Wed:** A Scott **Fri:** M Kilpatrick
Church Cleaners: John Paul 11 students.
Stewards: Vigil: Francis Diamond & Aidan Diamond.
11am: Brian Scullion & Peter Diamond.
Car Park: Pius Diamond & Chris Diamond **Altar Society:** Kathleen McGoldrick

St Joseph's:

Eucharistic Minister: Gerard Trainor **Collector:** Cathal McErlain
Reader: Liturgy Group **Altar Society:** Weekly Group.

Children in Crossfire have launched their 2024 Advent Appeal, which focuses on children growing up in deep poverty in inner-city Dar es Salaam.



Packs will be available over the next few weekends at the chapel doors. The support you give will help provide access to education, nutrition, and vital healthcare, for highly vulnerable children in Tanzania.

Bellaghy Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the sacristy and Parish Office. **Minimum donation £2. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Unit, Antrim Area Hospital.**

*The Parish Office will be closed
 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11/12/13 December.
 Please send Anniversary names and notices to the Parish Office by 1pm on Tuesday.*