

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima

We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14 July to 18 July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 02871264087

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2025: led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Mon 30 June to Fri 4 July. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required, payments for the pilgrimage are acceptable by online payment or cheque (cash payments not acceptable). The Pilgrimage Office will open on Sat 1 Feb 2025, 11.00am to 1.00pm, 02871 260293. It will continue to be open each week on Thursdays and Saturdays 11am—1pm. We also have a youth pilgrimage coming with us and any young person 16-18 years may contact us for more information. Enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com

Any Nurses, Doctors or Care Staff interested in joining our Care Team please contact the Pilgrimage Office.

‘Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage’ to Rome: Led by Thornhill Ministries. 16 Oct 2025 x 4 Nights £1095 stg pp sharing. Txt: 07736832458 for Forms and Details.

St. Malachy’s G.A.C. – Lotto Numbers: 7 9 17 22. No Winner £25 Prizes to Megan Doyle and Roisin Muldoon. Jackpot next week £1000

St Ergnats club lotto No’s: 5,13,16,24. Jackpot won by David Slevin £5000.

Jackpot next week £1800

Crosscause Is A Charity Based In Blackrock Co Louth, involved with projects in Ghana and Romania/Ukraine. www.crosscause.ie. At the moment they are looking for garden tools, plumbing and electrical tools for Ghana.

If you can help please get in touch with Kathleen McElwee-Madine 07733431538

TRÓCAIRE BOXES: Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Please take one box per family.

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

2 March 2025.

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time.

St Mary’s, Bellaghy: Mon & Fri 9.30am Ash Wed at 10am

Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11am

Adoration every Friday from 10am— 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm).

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady: Tues, 9.30am Ash Wed, 9am Thurs, 7.30pm

Adoration 9am - 5pm Thursday. Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph’s Ballyscullion Ash Wed, 7.30pm Sun, 10am

Wednesday 5 March is Ash Wednesday: (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Mass Times:

St Mary’s Bellaghy. Mass at 10am.

St Oliver Plunkett, Clady. Mass at 9am.

St Joseph’s, Ballyscullion. Mass at 7.30pm

We ask that Eucharistic Ministers who are available to help with the distribution of ashes please come to the sacristy before Mass.



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

Ciaran Gallagher (Ballinascreen/Bellaghy), and Dolores McElhone (Beechland Drive), who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES Sat/Sun 1/2: Brian McCallion (Month’s Mind Mass at 7pm),

Rosie Murray (Month’s Mind at 7pm), Junior Speer (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Kathleen O’Boyle, Fiona McGlinchey, Maggie & Kathleen Rea, Phonsie

Diamond, Annie Quinn, Thomas McErlean, Mary Jane Milne, John Campbell,

Margaret McKenna, Peter McErlean, John Joe Brennan, Ethne McGuckin, Joseph McErlean.

May they rest in peace.

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The Offertory Collection Collection: £1,590.00

Lourdes Hospitalité Collection £920.00 **Thank you!**

Please make cheques payable to: St Mary's Church.



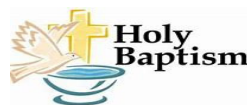
With encouraging words for those contemplating a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, St Paul says in our second reading this weekend, "... keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain."

We pray in particular for those attending the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, this coming weekend.



We welcome into God's family through Baptism:

Charlie John Kelly, Broagh Road.
Ayla Grace Marie Milne, Drumanee Road.
Caitlin Higgins, Castle Oak.



Day of Prayer for Temperance—Sunday 2 March 2025.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Lenten Sycamore Programme:

The parish will run a six-week series on Tuesday evenings at The OpenDoor Complex 7:30pm, starting on the 11th March. Consists of watching a short video, having some discussion and a cuppa!!

"I think the most compelling thing about Sycamore is the open discussions which we have every week. As a non-Christian coming into Sycamore, I always felt welcome. All I was asked was to come in with an open mind. I was never cajoled into attending; yet I always looked forward to coming back to learn more from the discussions we have."

March Schedules:

St Mary's:

Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays: G Toner

Vigil: C O'Neill, T McGoldrick, B McMenamin, J McGoldrick, S McCann.

11am: M Scullion, C Scullion, P Diamond, K O'Neill.

Readers: Vigil: Ciara & Aoibheann Rea **11am:** Damien Carey

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

Church Cleaners: Maria Lynn, Donna Kane, Shauna Kelly.

Stewards: Vigil: Manus óg McShane, Pius Diamond **11am:** N & S O'Sullivan

Car Park: Patsy O'Neill (Ballynease) & Francis Diamond

Altar Society: Laura Rea

If you are willing to help with the Altar Society in the month of May please contact the Parish Office.

St Joseph's:

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Carey **Collector:** Lizzie O'Donnell, Dolores McErlain

Reader: Brenda Mullen **Altar Society:** Helen Duffin.

Pilgrims of Hope

Lent, which begins this year on Ash Wednesday 5 March, is an excellent time for all of us to reconnect with the Lord, and particularly so for Catholics who, for whatever reason, are far from the Church. It's an invitation to rediscover, with ever greater enthusiasm, the beauty of prayer, the benefits of fasting and works of charity, and the grace of the sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation. It could perhaps be a time for a spiritual form of New Year's resolutions, an opportunity to commit ourselves to more fervent prayer, regular attendance at Mass, the recitation of the Rosary, spending time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It could be a time to consider the poor and the needy, not just through the annual Trócaire collection, but also looking out for those in our own community and neighbourhood who are struggling to make ends meet, or who are feeling neglected, unloved, or lonely.

