

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

St Paul's Bookshop and Gifts: Join us at 20 Shipquay Street, Derry, on Friday 14 March 10am-5pm as we celebrate the Grand Opening of St Paul's Bookshop & Gifts. Discover a beautiful selection of books, inspirational gifts, and unique treasures to nourish your faith and spirit.

Pro-life Day: Advancing the Culture of Life, Through Prayer, Love and Service.

With Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life, and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Saturday 15th March from 10am - 4pm, at St Pio House, Galliagh, Derry. Will include Mass and Adoration, Talks and Prayer. Free admission. Bring your own Lunch.

40th All Ireland Rosary Rally on Sat 7 June 2025 at Knock Shrine. For details see leaflets in Church porch.

St. Malachy's G.A.C. – Lotto Numbers: 2 8 12 13. No Winner £25 Prizes to

Sinead Roden and Maureen McCoy. Jackpot next week £1100.

St Ergnats club lotto No's: 2,7,12,21 £30 each to Luke Marron and Aileen O'Boyle.

Jackpot now £1,850

Bellaghy Historical Society: Next meeting on Tuesday 11 March at 8pm in The Old School House. Topic: A Stoney Gaze: Examining the Archaic Head Tradition of Ireland. Speaker: Bronagh Murray.

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

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

9 March 2025.

First Sunday of Lent.

St Mary's, Bellaghy:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11am

Adoration every Friday from 10am— 8pm

(Rosary at 7.30pm).

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

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

Caitlin-Rose McMullan, Broagh Road, who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 8/9: Gabriel Muldoon (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Mary Kearney, John Larkin, Margaret Quinn, Minnie McCallion, Thomas Kearns, Tommy McErlean, Jim Scullion, Cassie Toner, Bernadette Quinn, Paddy Devlin, Roddy Devlin, Felix O'Neill, Margaret McDonald, Frances O'Neill.

Sat/Sun 15/16: Maura Wade, Robbie McErlean, John McErlean, Sinead McErlean, Patricia Murphy, Winnie Graffin, Charlie Kealey,

May they rest in peace.

Lenten Prayer:

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent

as a time of spiritual renewal,

rather than a time of deprivation.

Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



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The Offertory Collection

Collection: £1,895.00



Thank you!

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

As we pray for the men attending the Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend we ask the Lord to bless all those who are discerning their vocation at this time. May God give them the grace to follow whatever path in life He wants them to take and, like Jesus in today's gospel, in times of temptation or trial, to draw courage and inspiration from the words of Scripture.



Children in Crossfire recent Advent Appeal:

We have received a letter of thanks for the response to their recent appeal. The amount raised was £3,301.30.

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."

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

Please take one box per family.

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This Lent, we ask you to join with us in our Parish Lenten focus:

RESTORING THE JOY OF REVERENCE whilst inside the chapel.

Let us make Christ the central focus of all we say and do whilst we are before Him in the Tabernacle. Please join with us in the following:

SILENCE IN THE CHAPEL – remember we are in the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle. Let us work together to be present in the presence of Christ in prayerful silence.

PRAYER– use the silence in the chapel when we are before Christ in the Tabernacle, to listen to and hear God speak to us. Let us use this prayerful silence to speak to Him and bring our needs to Him.

RESPECT – be respectful and reverent in the chapel. Let us be mindful that there are others who wish to use this time to speak quietly to Jesus as He resides in the Tabernacle.

GENUFLECT – remember to genuflect as we enter and leave our seats – a simple but powerful way to acknowledge, worship, honour and humble ourselves before the Christ our Saviour, present before us in the Tabernacle.

REVERENCE & AWE - are gifts of the Holy Spirit. May we strive to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Lent, each time we gather before Christ in the Tabernacle, to bring us closer to Him.

BLESSING OURSELVES - when we enter and leave the chapel, when we receive Christ in the Eucharist, let us take the time to bless ourselves properly by making the Sign of the Cross, as a personal act of piety and reverence.

Pilgrims of Hope.

Eucharistic Adoration, which takes place in both of our parishes - in

Greenlough on Thursdays from 9am - 5pm, and in **Bellaghy on**

Fridays from 10am - 7/8pm - is a wonderful opportunity for us to

spend time in the presence of Jesus who makes Himself present to us

in the Eucharist, whether or not the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Adoration prolongs and gives more space for a personal encounter with Jesus outside of the time of Mass. It's like accepting the invitation of Jesus to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemani to "spend one hour with me". It's a time for silent prayer, being still in the presence of our Lord and Saviour and giving meaning to our lives as Christians. The Eucharist is food and nourishment for our spiritual journey through life and is designed to make us holy, God's people.

