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St Ergnat's GAC. Lotto No's: 2, 6, 12, 21. £30 each to Fergal Duffin & Breige Marron. Jackpot £3,450.

St Malachy's GAC. Lotto No's: 1, 4, 8, 13. No Winner £25 Prizes to Dara Shivers & Paudi Devlin. Jackpot next week £4300.

Wolfe Tones GAC Lotto No's: 6,12,16,23. No Jackpot winners. Lucky Draw winners: Claire Glackin & Angela Turner, £25 each. Next week's jackpot: £5000.

Ceili class every Thursday 8pm until 9.30pm in the Open Door Complex. Adm £2. Everyone welcome!.

Bellaghy Historical Society: meeting on Tues 14 Oct at 8pm in The Old School Centre. Topic: Scary Stories, Superstitions and Beliefs.

Speaker: Dr David Hume MBE.

The Pope John Paul II Award: for those aged 16 - 18. Awards are earned by taking part in parish and social activities – 1

hour per week over 8, 14 or 20 weeks. There are 3 Awards – Gold, Silver & Bronze.

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Sacred Heart Messenger 2026. The Subscription of £26 for next year 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.



Fr Pat hopes to attend the Sick and Housebound as follows: Tuesday 21 October (Bellaghy B):

Friday 24 October (Bellaghy C):



St Mary's, Bellaghy/St Joseph's, Ballyscullion. 19 October 2025. Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Mission Sunday*

'We are all called to freedom.

I remember that when Pope Francis used to enter a prison, even on his last Holy Thursday, e always asked himself that question: "Why them and not me?" Drugs and addiction are an invisible prison that you, in different ways, have known and fought, but we are all called to freedom...

Today, brothers and sisters, we are engaged in a battle that cannot be abandoned as long as, around us, anyone is still imprisoned in the various forms of addiction. Our fight is against those who make immense business out of drugs and every other addiction—think of alcohol and gambling. There are huge concentrations of interest and extensive criminal organisations that states have a duty to dismantle. It is easier to fight against their victims. Too often, in the name of security, war is waged against the poor, filling prisons with those who are merely the final link in the chain of death. Those who hold the chain in their hands instead manage to gain influence and impunity.

Pope Leo, speaking to participants in the international Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. 26 June 2025 .

On Mission Sunday we pray for those working to spread the Gospel to the furthest ends of the world. Let's pray also for those who are and will be called to proclaim the Good News of God's love as diocesan priests.





Winter Time begins next weekend. Clocks go back 1 hour!!

Last week's Offertory Collection amounted to £1,935.00.

Thank you for your generous contribution.

The Retired Priests Collection: £105.00

The Building and Maintenance Collection: £200.00



Legion of Mary - Efforts are underway to re-establish the Legion of Mary in our parish. All parishioners are warmly invited to an information session on **Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm, in the Saint Carlos Acutis Prayer Room.** For further information Contact: Sean 07854027877

St Oliver Plunkett: To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver Plunkett on 1 November 1625, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation in 1975, Revd Dr Thomas O'Connor, former Professor of History at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will give a talk on the Saint in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 5pm on Sunday 26 October.

As announced at all the Masses last weekend, the Parish Pastoral Councils of Bellaghy and Greenlough have decided that, beginning on **15/16 November**, the weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:



Saturday Greenlough—Vigil, 5:30pm, (live streamed to Bellaghy). Sunday: Greenlough, 9am; Ballyscullion, 10:15am; Bellaghy, 11:30am. We realise that some people will be disappointed that their preferred time and place for Mass is no longer an option, but we have to face the realities of today's Church here in our local parishes. Each community asked for a Sunday Mass, and each community has had to compromise with regards to the timetable, with no single community getting exactly what they would have liked.

As we move forward, let's try to do so together, two parishes working as one, supporting each other as best we can, building up our parish identity by attending Mass in Ballyscullion, Bellaghy, or Greenlough, in what is now a larger faith community than it was three years ago.

St Mary's, Bellaghy: Mon & Wed, 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun 25 Oct, 11am (Streamed from G'lough)

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



St Oliver Plunkett, Clady: Tues, 7pm Fri, 9.30am Tues, Rosary at 7.30pm *Adoration 9am - 5pm Thursday.*

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun 25 Oct, 11am

St Joseph's Ballyscullion: Sun, 9.45am.

Rosary for Peace:

St Oliver Plunkett Church, Tuesday 21 October, at 7:30pm.

St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, Wednesday 22 October, at 10am.

Deaths: We offer or prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Peter Kearney (Oldtown Rd), Paddy McTaggart (Culbane Rd), Vola Scullion (Tamlaghtduff Park) and Eileen Devlin (Ahoghill) who died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 18/19: Ella-Rose Kearney (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Mary Anne McAtamney (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Mary McLarnon, Harry & Lily Brennan, Roger Hughes, Marian McQuillan, Sean McCartney, Francis McErlean, Mary McPeake, Margaret McNicholl, Shea Campbell,

Sat/Sun 25/26: Fr. Liam Donnelly, Arthur O'Neill, Elizabeth Hanson, Mary Kilpatrick, Callum Dougan, Harry McAllen, Sean Larkin.

The First Anniversary Mass for Fr. Liam Donnelly will be held on Sunday 26 October at 11am in St Mary's Church Lavey.

May they rest in peace.

