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St Ergnat's GAC. Lotto No's: 10, 14, 16, 20. £30 each to Joe Downey & Paul Graham. Jackpot £3,700.

St Malachy's GAC. Lotto No's: 1, 5, 7, 23. No Winner £25 Prizes to Maura Durkan & Leona Campbell. Jackpot £4800.

Wolfe Tones GAC. Lotto No's: 2, 15, 27, 29. No Jackpot winners.

Lucky Draw winners: Susan McGurk & Ciaran Brady, £25 each. Jackpot: £5000.

Glackin Electrics & FG Mechanical are raising money for cash for kids in our area this **Christmas.** We would greatly appreciate any donations, or you can purchase a toy from ages 0-18 years. There is a link on both Facebook pages for donations. Last drop off date is 8<sup>th</sup> December at 99 Mullaghboy Road BT45 8JH.



Jingle Bell Disco on Sat 29 Nov 4.30-6.30pm at the Opendoor Complex, Admission £5. P1-P7, for all children in the Parish. Organised by the SJB PTA group, proceeds in aid of St John Bosco PS.



St John Bosco Primary School Open Morning Friday 5 December 9:30-10:30am. Parents and children welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Craft Fair on Sun 23 Nov 12noon—5pm, Bannvalley Hall, Clady. Adm £5 Children under 10 Free. In aid of Kilronan School.

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 inecessary. Vouchers which would be suitable could be purchased from: Muldoon's, Graham's, Bellaghy Pharmacy, O'Neill's Magherafelt, Toymaster (Cuddy's), O2 Shop, McConnell's and B&M Bargains. Our families would need time to use these vouchi ers so we need them by **7 Dec.** Thanking you in anticipation.

¹ The special SVP Christmas Collection will take place on 6 & 7 December.

# St Mary's, Bellaghy/St Joseph's, Ballyscullion. 23 November 2025. Our Lord Jesus Christ King Of The Universe.

# Rejoice in Hope "Happy are they who make the Lord their trust." Psalm 40:4

Hope is essential for survival. I knew a Catholic nun who was physically challenged. She told me that she had applied to seventeen religious orders, and the eighteenth accepted her application. She persevered. She had hope based on the call she felt from God. She survived the refusals. She had hope because she prayed to our loving Father in heaven. Prayer strengthens hope in God's hand when all else seems hopeless. She lived Psalm 71: "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth." Like that nun, we should persevere in prayer to our loving heavenly Father to reinforce our hope for the future. It's all in his loving hands.

In the Hebrew Scriptures the Jewish people were called the "People of Hope." Pick up the Jewish book of prayer, the Psalms, and meditate on the messages of hope found there. For example, "But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore" (Psalm 131:2-3). With prayer comes hope. With hope comes life!

Prayer: Father, help me to truly abandon with the greatest trust every moment of my life into your loving hands. Amen

Please send Anniversary names and notices to the Parish Office by 1pm on Wednesday.

## Last week's Offertory Collection £2,330.00. Thank you.



We pray that our seminarians and all the future priests of the diocese will be faithful servants of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



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

**Tues 25 Nov: Greenlough** (Visitation 9.30am-11am and then from 12noon)

Fri 28 Nov: Bellaghy A & Ballyscullion

Mon 8 Dec: Bellaghy B
Tues 9 Dec: Bellaghy C

Parish Prayer Group will meet every Thursday 6.30pm—7.30pm in the Prayer
Room of St Mary's Church to reflect on the coming Sunday's readings, and to pray for the intentions of our parishioners. Everyone welcome.

**Legion Of Mary:** Wednesday at 6.15pm in the Prayer Room of St Mary's Church. All are welcome, both men and women.



#### Sacramental Schedule for 2026:

**First Confession:** 

Bellaghy, Tuesday 24 February at 6pm.

**Greenlough,** Thursday 26 February at 6pm.



Reconciliation

First

### First Holy Communion:

Greenlough, Saturday 25 April at 12noon.

Bellaghy, Saturday 9 May at 12noon.



#### **Confirmation:**

**Bellaghy,** Friday 22 May at 11am.

Greenlough, Friday 22 May at 3pm.

We have received a letter of thanks from the Northern Trust (Macmillan Unit) for our donation of £1,060.00 from the sale of our Parish Christmas Cards.

# St Mary's, Bellaghy:

Mon, 7pm Wed, 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 7pm

Sun, 11.30am

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

## St Oliver Plunkett, Clady:

Tues, 7pm Fri, 7.30pm

Tues, Rosary at 7.30pm *Adoration* 9am - 5pm Thursday.

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

St Joseph's Ballyscullion: Sun, 10.15am.

<u>Deaths:</u> We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Moya Forde** (The Braid, Broughshane), Rosemary Maunsell nee McPeake (Magherafelt) and Francis Scullion (Aghagallon) who died recently.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sat/Sun 22/23: Michael Scullion, Margaret McAllen, Hubert Kilpatrick, Johnny Stewart, Willie Kearney, Paddy Diamond, Philomena Heaney, Bernadette Gyjax, Gerry Rea, Edward Scullion, Phil McLaughlin, Charles Gormley.

Sat/Sun 29/30: Raymond Craig (Month's Mind at 7pm), Margaret Doherty (Month's Mind at 11.30am), Caroline Artt (Anniversary Mass at 6.15pm in Magherafelt), Liz Hutchinson, Emmet McNally, Joseph McPeake.

May they rest in peace.

### **Baptism Dates:**

January 3 — Bellaghy. January 17 — Greenlough.

To arrange a Baptism please contact Sally-Ann or Paddi in either of the Parish Offices.

