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Last week's Offertory Collection **£1,795.00. Thank you.**



**We have received a note of thanks** from Ciara Scullion, to say that the recent collection for School Aid Romania raised £1,370.00. Your generosity is much appreciated.

In both the First Reading and the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus called "Emmanuel" - a name that means "God-is-with-us!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day Emmanuels - the loving, healing, forgiving, and merciful presence of God in the Church and in the world.



**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:** Mon 29 June to Friday 3 July (4 nights) ex City of Derry Airport. Cost £895 inclusive of local taxes but exclusive of single supplements and insurance. The Pilgrimage office will open for bookings on Sat 17 Jan 2026 at 11am. Gift Vouchers to any value are now available (Mon to Thurs) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 4-11 September 2026.** Cost: £849 (£749 if booked by 23 December 2025): **Spiritual Director: Fr Pat O'Hagan.**  
 For booking, contact Maria at (028) 8164 8357 or 07768395038.

**Please note:** There will be a limited newsletter for the next two weekends. Notices and anniversaries **must** be sent in by the Wednesday in advance of the weekend. Otherwise, they will be held over until the following newsletter.

#### Baptism Dates:

**January 3** — Bellaghy.

**January 17** — Greenlough.

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



**St Mary's, Bellaghy/St Joseph's, Ballyscullion.**  
**21 December 2025.**  
**Fourth Sunday Of Advent.**

## **Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir.**

### **Christmas Mass Times:**

#### **Bellaghy:**

Wed 24 Dec, 6pm

Thurs 25 Dec, 11.30am

#### **Greenlough:**

Wed 24 Dec, 4pm

Thurs 25 Dec, 9am

#### **St Joseph's:**

Wed 24 Dec, 8pm

Thurs 25 Dec, 10.15am

### **Confessions:**

#### **St Joseph's:**

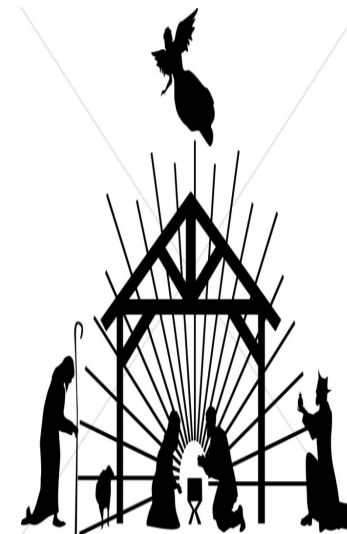
Monday 22 Dec at 7pm.

#### **Greenlough:**

Tuesday 23 Dec at 7pm.

#### **St Mary's:**

Wednesday 24 Dec at 12noon.



**There will be no Mass in Bellaghy or Greenlough on 26 and 29 December.**

**There will be a Wedding Mass in Greenlough at 1pm on 30 December.**

<b>Wednesday 31 December</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Greenlough</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 1 January</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Bellaghy</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>Friday 2 January</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		

### **Tuesday 6 January: Feast of the Epiphany**

**Monday 5 January**

**Greenlough, 6.30pm**

**Ballyscullion, 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 6 January**

**Bellaghy, 9.30am**

**Deaths:** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Anne O'Neill (Culbane Road), Paddy O'Neill (Draperstown), Danny McGlone (Moneyglass) and Pearse Cassidy (Newbridge)** who died recently.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sat/Sun 20/21:** Sean Diamond (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Maeve Scullion, Mary Ann O'Neill, Charles John Agnew, Biddy Joyce, Barney Lynn, Sheila Scullion, Seamus Gribbin, Kevin McErlean, Roy Molloy, John O'Neill, Gerry O'Neill, Mary Convery, Hugh McErlean, Bernadette & Chris Walsh, Sarah Doherty, Kevin Agnew, Bridget McLarnon, Annie McLaughlin.

**Sat/Sun 27/28:** Barney Mawhinney (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Teresa Robb, Gerry McGahey, Mary Diamond, Alice Doherty, Andrea Diamond, Mary Donnelly, Margaret McErlean, Catherine Scullion, Jim Graffin, Kathleen Loughlin, James Diamond.

**Sat/Sun 3/4:** Edmund O'Donnell (Anniversary Mass at 10.15am), Katie & John Glackin (Anniversary Mass at 7pm on Sat 10 Jan), Ben Woods (Anniversary Mass at 7pm on Sat 10 Jan), Eoin O'Boyle, Rosemarie Devlin, John McClenaghan, Ella McConomy, Kevin Scullion, John Francis Doherty.

**May they rest in peace.**

#### **January Schedules:**

##### **St Mary's:**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays:** Kevin Toner.

**Vigil:** C Kerr, C Gallagher, S Armstrong, M Larkin .

**11am:** K Doherty, L Harkin, R Donnelly, M Lennon, M Duffin.

**Readers: Vigil:** Lorcan Cassidy, Finn Gribbon **11am:** Donna Doherty

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

**Church Cleaners:** Teresa Devlin, Dolores Mulholland, Anne Scott.

**Stewards: Vigil:** Hugh Griffin. **11am:** Sean Rea, Patrick Griffin, Michael Keenan.

**Car Park:** Eugene Cassidy, Leo Neeson.

**Altar Society:** Mairead & Nuala Diamond.

##### **St Joseph's:**

**Eucharistic Minister:** Brenda Mullen **Collector:** Colm Scullin

**Reader:** Helen Griffin **Altar Society:** Monica McLaughlin, Mary Sheridan.

This week we will celebrate Christmas Day. The birth of Jesus Christ, over two thousand years ago, was a pivotal moment in the lives of many people at that time, and ever since. In a sense, we join the Angels, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men who rejoiced with Mary and Joseph at the birth of the long awaited Saviour of the world.

We join the apostles and the disciples - men and women - who knew Jesus personally, who walked with Him and worked with Him in those early days of spreading the Good News of God's love for us in sending His Son among us.

We join all those who, down the years and right up to our own time, have lived up to their baptismal promises to be God's people, living and handing on the faith to the generations coming behind them.

As we gather with family, friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners for Christmas Mass and other celebrations, let us pledge ourselves to be a people of Faith, Hope, and Love in a world which needs the presence of Jesus Christ - through our care, our words, and our actions - now more than ever before.

**Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

**Nollaig shona daoibh, agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise.**

*Fr Pat*

**Thank you to all those who contacted the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Office, or Fr Pat regarding the times of Masses.** The new schedule, to be announced early in January, will come into effect on the weekend of **7/8 February.**

#### **We welcome into God's family through Baptism:**

Olivia Sophia Diamond, Ballydermot Road.

Éabha Therese Brown, Birchwood.

Isla Rose Crawford, Mayogall Road.

Maddie Hanson, Ballyscullion Road.

Tádhg Joseph McCann, Culbane Road.

Conán McDaid, Loughbeg Road.



#### **Congratulations to**

Michaela Shaw & Stephen McNally

Naomi-Jean Diamond & Ryan McElwee who were married recently.

