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Last week's Offertory Collection **£2,270.00. Thank you.**



**There will be a special collection for School Aid Romania next weekend**

**13/14 December after both Masses.** The project involves pupils from St Patrick's College Maghera going to Romania in January 2026. Ciara Donnelly from our parish will be taking part. All donations will be used to provide supplies and aids. All donations greatly appreciated, Thank you

For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. For our current seminarians and all those discerning the Lord's will for them, that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day John the Baptists - voices preparing "...a way for the Lord..." and making "...his paths straight."



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

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

**Bellaghy Historical Society:** Next meeting on Tues 9 Dec at 8pm in The Old School House. **Topic:** Sister Suffragette - Miss Elizabeth Barry. **Speaker:** Stephanie Lavery.

**New Row St Patrick's PS Open Night: Wednesday 10 December, 6.30-8pm.**

If this date does not suit, please get in touch by emailing [dgraffin653@c2ken.net](mailto:dgraffin653@c2ken.net)

**Open Day - St Mary's Primary School and Nursery Unit Bellaghy on Monday**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am.** Parents of children wishing to start Nursery or Primary School in September 2026, are warmly invited to our Open Day.

**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 (Monday to Thursday) from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

***The Parish Office will be closed from Mon 8—Fri 12 Dec.***

***Next bulletin will be on the weekend of 20/21 December.***



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

### ***An Advent Prayer***

***The Son of God is coming with great power!***

***Bring us wisdom, fresh understanding, and new vision.***

***Bring us Good News and Power which will  
transform our lives.***

***Show us the Way.***

***Bring us Your Truth.***

***Share with us Your Life.***

***We hope to offer training to altar servers in the very near future. Anyone interested in becoming a server, from Primary 5 upwards (there's no upper age limit!) is welcome. Parents should, please, contact the parish office to receive a consent form. The date and time for training will be announced soon.***

**Bellaghy Parish Christmas Bouquets are available from the sacristy and Parish office. Minimum donation £2.**

***All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Unit, Antrim Area Hospital.***

### **The Annual Carol Service**

Will take place in St Mary's Church,  
Bellaghy on **Sunday 21 December at 6pm.**



### **Baptism Dates:**

**January 3 —Bellaghy.**

**January 17 — Greenlough.**

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

**Deaths:** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Henry Carey (Cloughmills), Kathleen Boardman née McMullan (Moneyglass), Patsy Campbell née Doherty (Scotland/Culbann), Fr. Finnian OCSO (Thomas) Owens, (Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone), Marley McElwee née O'Neill (Toronto/Bellaghy) and Marian Devlin née Diamond (Moneymore)** who died recently.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sat/Sun 6/7:** Annie Donnelly (Anniversary Mass at 7pm), Lily Diamond (Anniversary Mass at 2pm on Sun 7 Dec), Liam McCloskey, Jamesie O'Neill, Catherine Scullion, Gemma Mulholland, Bridie Mulholland, Conor McMeel, John McMeel, Elizabeth McCann, Willie John & Philomena McErlean, Bobby McLaughlin, James McCartney, Michael Cassidy, Eleanor and Martin Cassidy, Michael Gallagher, George Lavery.

**Sat/Sun 13/14:** Bridget Duffin (Anniversary Mass at 10.15am), Doreen Cuning, Sharon Scullion, Jeannie Diamond, Willie Craig, Frank Scullion, Patsy McErlean, John O'Boyle, Jim McElhone, Paddy Mackle, Mickey Agnew, PJ Agnew, Kevin Agnew, Harry Downey. **May they rest in peace.**

#### **December Schedules:**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers: Weekdays:** Marietta Duffin.

**Vigil:** T McGoldrick, B McMenamin, J McGoldrick, S McCann.

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

**Readers: Vigil:** Louise Steele **11am:** Fidelma McClenaghan

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

**Church Cleaners:** John Paul 11 Group

**Stewards: Vigil:** Francis Diamond & Aidan Diamond.

**11am:** Brian Scullion & Peter Diamond.

**Car Park:** Pius Diamond & Chris Diamond.

**Altar Society:** Kathleen McGoldrick

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

**Eucharistic Minister:** G Trainor **Collector:** Cathal McErlain

**Reader:** Liturgy Group **Altar Society:** Altar Society group.

#### **St Mary's, Bellaghy:**

Mon & Wed, 9.30am

Sat Vigil, 7pm Sun, 11.30am

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



#### **St Oliver Plunkett, Clady:**

Mon, 8am Tues, 9.30am Fri, 7.30pm

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

Sat Vigil, 5.30pm Sun, 9am

**St Joseph's Ballyscullion:** Mon, 7pm Sun, 10.15am.

#### **Monday 8 December is The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

and is a holyday of obligation.

#### **Mass Times on Mon 8 Dec:**

**Greenlough:** 8am **Bellaghy:** 9.30am **Ballyscullion:** 7pm

#### **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/Penitential Service:**

**Bellaghy:** Penitential Service, Sunday 14 Dec at 6pm.

**Greenlough:** Confessions, Monday 15 Dec at 7pm.

**S Joseph's:** Confessions, Monday 22 Dec at 7pm.