

THE PARISHES OF BELLAGHY / BALLYSCULLION AND GREENLOUGH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 April 2026

Thank you for your contribution to the Collection for the Holy Places, taken up on Good Friday, and to the parishes, taken up last weekend. There will be more details next week.

Anyone who hasn't received their envelopes for this new financial year can collect them at the church. If anyone would like to distribute envelopes in their own locality, please feel free to pick them up.

There will be no weekday Masses this coming week, but there will be Services of Readings and Holy Communion at the usual Mass times – 9.30am on Monday, Wednesday (Bellaghy); Tuesday (Clady).

Fr Pat hopes to attend the Sick and Housebound as follows on the mornings of:

Monday 20 April – Bellaghy B; Tuesday 21 April – Greenlough B ; Friday 24 April – Bellaghy C.

If there is a funeral on any of those mornings, the schedule will have to be rearranged.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 12 noon on Saturday 25 April, for the P4 children of St Mary's PS, Greenlough.

Bishop Dónal McKeown will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as bishop at Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 3pm, on Sunday 26 April, the day of Prayer for Vocations.

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kathleen McErlean, Loughbeg Road, Kathleen McKernan, Springfield Park, Nuala Downey, Beechland Drive, and Siobhan Mullan, Ballinderry, who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Declan Mawhinney (Anniversary Mass at 11am; Ethel and Willie McNally (Anniversary Mass at 11am); Maggie McKee; Gary Sharpe; Tommy Gallagher; Sarah O'Donnell, Rose Rankin, Willie Rankin, Charlie McCurdy, Johnny McErlean, Josephine Johnston, Liam McErlean, Kieran MacOscar.

Anniversary Mass for Mary Murray, 5.30pm, Saturday 18 April.

"Do This in Memory" Mass for P4 children of St Mary's PS, Bellaghy, and St John Bosco PS, Ballynease, 11am, Sunday 19 April.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be celebrated in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, and in St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, at 3pm today, 12 April. They will both be streamed live via the parish webcams.

A Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

Lord Jesus, give us happy priests;
happy because they know they are called by You
and are Your friends.

May those who have been given
the grace of a priestly vocation
welcome it with gratitude and responsibility.

May they nourish it with Your Word,
Your Sacraments, and Daily Prayer.

We ask You, Lord,
for pastors according to Your will:
to seek out the lost,
serve the poor,
and humbly guide those entrusted to them.

Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us.
St Joseph, Father of priests, pray for us.

(Based on the words of Pope Leo XIV)

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and please pray for Fr Pat, the priests who help out in our parishes, and all the priests of the diocese. During the Second and Third weeks of Easter, 12-26 April, you are invited to support your priests in whatever ways you can, especially in your prayers for them.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for our seminarians and the future priests of the diocese as we hear Jesus sending the disciples out in the power of His Holy Spirit to preach a message of forgiveness of sins and the Good News of His Resurrection from the dead.