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Michael English Church Concert: An evening of Faith, Hope and Inspiration on Fri 2 Oct at 7.15pm, in St Patrick's Church, Desertmartin. Tickets are £30, and available to buy at Herons Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460>.

Ulster Retreat Day – Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to their **Ulster Retreat Day** on **Saturday, 3 October**, from **10am – 6pm** at **Benburb Priory**. A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers **Fr Barry Matthews, Fr Gerry Campbell, Helen Stewart and Jim Deeds. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: £45. Booking:** www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats All welcome — bring a friend.

St Ergnat's GAC— Lotto No's: 3, 10, 16, 20 £30 each to Anne Marie McCormick & Maeve McKenna. **Jackpot £5,000.00.**

St Malachy's GAC— Lotto No's: 1, 4, 9, 17. £25 each to Niall McNicholl & Odhrán McElkerney. **Jackpot £2,200.00**

Bellaghy GAC—Lotto No's: 3, 4, 19, 26 £25 each to Moses and Davy Campbell. **Jackpot £4,000.00**

Ceili Class every Thursday night 8 - 9.30pm in the Parochial Hall (Opendoor Complex) Bellaghy. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to Catriona McPeake & Jonathan Phillips,
who were married recently.



Parish Pastoral Council Meetings:

Greenlough, Monday, 7:30pm;

Bellaghy, Tuesday, 7:30pm.

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion.

20 September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Message from Bishop Michael Router

On my Installation as Bishop of Derry, Sunday, 20 September 2026.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just over two months ago Pope Leo XIV appointed me as Bishop of Derry and today, as I begin this new chapter of my ministry, I do so with a deep awareness of the great responsibility that has been entrusted to me. On my visits to the diocese since July, I have been greatly encouraged by the warm welcome I have received from the laity, clergy and religious. I look forward to getting to know the people of the diocese better in the months and years ahead.

I grew up in Virginia, Co. Cavan, in a home where faith was simply part of everyday life. That experience taught me something I have carried throughout my thirty-seven years of priesthood – that faith is passed on not primarily through programmes or strategies, but through relationships, through families who pray, communities who care for each other and people who quietly witness to Christ in their ordinary everyday lives.

The Diocese of Derry has a remarkable heritage of faith stretching back to Saint Eugene and Saint Columba. That commitment has endured through hardship, change and challenge. It is both an honour and a privilege for me to now become part of such a strong faith community.

We know that the Church today faces significant challenges. Much has changed since I was ordained in 1989. My episcopal motto, In Manus Tuas Domine – “Into Your Hands, O Lord” – expresses how I hope to approach the years ahead. We do not know exactly where God will lead us, but we can trust that the Church is in his hands and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us.

Our task now is not simply to maintain what we have inherited but to become missionary disciples for our own time. That will require parishes to work more closely together, greater participation by lay people, investment in faith formation, new ways of reaching young people and a willingness to use modern means of communication to proclaim the Gospel.

Jesus began his mission by meeting people, listening to them, walking with them and inviting them to follow him. We must do the same because each of us, through our Baptism, shares responsibility for the mission of Christ.

Today I ask for your prayers. Pray that I may have the health, strength and wisdom to serve you well.

So, with confidence in the Holy Spirit and with hope for the future, let us place ourselves and our diocese into the hands of the Lord.

+ **Michael Router**

Bishop of Derry

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family of **Declan Cullen (Edendork)** who died recently.

Anniversaries:

Sat/Sun 19/20: Rois Gribbin (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Robert Cassidy, John McTaggart, Mary O'Neill (Birt), John McCann, Jim Kealey, Donal Bradley, Joseph Boorman, Frank McCloskey, Thomas Walls, Charlie McErlean, Bernie O'Hagan, Colin Getgood, Lisa Strathern, Sheila Laverty, Dympna Cassidy, Lorcan Jiminez Mulholland, Mary McErlean.

Sat/Sun 26/27: Martin McPeake, Esther Brown, Bernie O'Neill.

May they rest in peace.

Anyone interested in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough is invited to attend a meeting in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP, on Wednesday 30 September, from 8-9pm (Registration will take place from 7:30pm).

We are already blessed to have weekly Adoration in our parishes - in Greenlough on Thursdays, and in Bellaghy on Fridays. Now, perhaps, would be a good time to invite and encourage more people to pray before Jesus in the Eucharist which He has left us as "...the source and the summit of our faith." (Second Vatican Council).

Last week's Collection: £2,050.00 **Thank you.**

The Retired Priest's Collection will be taken up at the Masses this weekend, please use the envelope provided.



Legion Of Mary: Wednesday at 6.15pm in the Prayer Room of St Mary's Church. All are welcome.



Baptism Dates— September to December 2026.

Bellaghy at 1pm

26 September, 10 October, 7 November, 5 December.

Greenlough at 4.15pm

24 October, 28 November, 19 December.



St. Mary's, Bellaghy:

Mon 21 & Wed 23, 9.30am

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

Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough)

Sun, 11am (Streamed to Greenlough)

St. Oliver Plunkett, Clady:

Tues 22, 9.30am (Rosary: 7.30pm)

Adoration, Thursday, 9am—5pm.

Sat, Vigil, 5.30pm (Streamed to Bellaghy)

Sun, 11am (Streamed from Bellaghy)



St. Joseph's, Ballyscullion: Sun, 9.45am.

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

Monday 21 Sep (Bellaghy A)

Hunter's Park; William St; Chapel View; Mullaghboy Crescent.

Wednesday 23 Sep (Bellaghy B)

Mullaghboy Rd; Oldtown Rd; Killyberry Rd; Hillhead Road; Broagh Road; William Court.

For the future priests of our diocese that, in everything they say and do, they will reflect the ways, thoughts, and generous mercy of God in their ministry.



Are you 18 years or older and thinking or wondering about serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry? There will be an afternoon Talk with time for Prayer, Discussion, Questions & Answers in Derry on Sunday 11 October. For further details please contact Fr Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com