Ceili Class every Thursday night 7-9.30pm in the Open Door Complex. Everyone welcome.
Christmas Farmers Market on Sat 5 Dec 10am -1pm at the Open Door Complex.

St Ergnats GAC - lotto No's: 3, 5, 13, 18. No winner. £30 each to Conaill Prenter & Paráic Carey. Jackpot now £1,600.

This Christmas, Children in Crossfire are asking parishioners to support their annual Advent Appeal. From this weekend, you can collect one of their coin box packs from the back of the church and place it in your home over Christmas. Please then return cash donations to the chapel in January or follow the guidelines for other ways to donate.

St Vincent de Paul: As Christmas approaches once again, we are asking for your generosity in providing funds to us so that we can help those in need at this time of the year. Can we ask you, if you are thinking of buying vouchers, that you give us the money instead so that we can get the appropriate vouchers, especially for families. Thanking you all once again.
The SVP Annual Church Collection will take place at the Masses this weekend 28/29 November.

Cash for Kids: Glackin Electrics & FG Mechanical are raising money for Cash for Kids, any donations would be greatly appreciated, or you can purchase a new unwrapped toy suitable for age 0-18 years. Last drop off date is 21 Dec in the offices 99 Mullaghboy Road.

Bellaghy Historical Society: Next meeting on Tues 8 Dec at 8pm in the Old School Centre, Castle Street. **Topic:** A Victorian Christmas. **Speaker:** Stephanie Lavery.

Greenlough Parish Office is closed until further notice, but is contactable by phone on (028) 25821190, or by email: greenloughparish@gmail.com
Website: www.greenloughparish.com
Bellaghy Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am – 3pm; Friday, 8-11am. Tel: (028) 79386259 or email: info@bellaghyparish.com
Website: www.bellaghyparish.com Please note: the office is closed on Tuesdays.

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion
29 November 2026
First Sunday of Advent - HOPE



Who are Viatores Christi?

Viatores Christi (VC), is an association of Catholic lay missionary / development workers, founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which they work.
Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses in this parish during the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday Masses on the Weekend of 5th/6th December, 2026.

Why are they talking at The Masses?
To raise awareness about the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas. To thank the people of the Derry Diocese for our support for their work over the years.

To offer an opportunity and training to anyone who feels called to volunteer.

To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. There will be an exit collection in aid of the work of VC.

During this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, we pray that the future priests of the diocese will welcome Him wholeheartedly into their lives so that they can bring His loving, healing, and life-giving presence to the individuals and communities they will be called to serve in His name.



Last week's collection: £1,750.00
Thank you

Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office and Sacristy. Minimum donation £2.



Deaths: We pray for the families and friends of **Canon Harry Doyle (Ballynease/Preston), Betty Swords (Sligo, formerly Culbane), Roisin Grimley (Belfast), Michael Scullin (Belfast)** and **Terence O'Rourke (Beatrice Villas)** who died recently.

Anniversaries:

Sat/Sun 28/29: Rosy Mercado, Joseph McPeake, Philomena Heaney, Sarah O'Neill, Gerry McGlinchey, Liz Hutchinson, Kathleen O'Kane, Brian O'Neill, James McCartney, Ellen Duffin, Philomena Cushley

Sat/Sun 5/6: Liam McCloskey, Philip Scullion, Kevin Milne, Catherine Scullion, Emmett McNally, Jamesie O'Neill, Gemma Mulholland, Bridie Mulholland, Laurence Bradley, Phil McLaughlin.

May they rest in peace.

From Saturday 6 / Sunday 7 February 2027, only First Anniversaries and Month's Minds will be celebrated at our weekend Masses.
The names of other people whose anniversaries occur will be read out but will not appear in our newsletters.

Job Opportunities with Derry Diocesan Trust.

Head of Human Resources: Contract: 25-37 hours per week (working hours to be agreed). **Salary:** £50,000 - £60,000 per annum (Commensurate with experience and pro rata for part-time hours). **Location**: Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry BT48 9AP.
Closing Date: 5pm - Friday 11th December 2026.

Retired Priest's Housekeeper in Granaghan parish: 6 hrs per week, £12.88 per hr (under review). **Job Role**: To provide housekeeping for a priest living in the Swatragh area. **Closing Date:** Thurs 3 Dec 2026.
For application packs please telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, or via email. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

December Schedules:

St Mary's:
Readers: 11am: Fidelma McClenaghan
Weekdays: Mon, M Scullion **Wed**, A Scott
Church Cleaners: John Paul 11 Group.
Stewards: Brian Scullion, Peter Diamond.
Altar Society: Kathleen McGoldrick

St Joseph's:
Eucharistic Minister: Gerard Trainor **Reader:** Liturgy Group
Collector: Cathal McErlain

Mass Times this week:



Tues 1 – Greenlough at 9.30am Rosary at 7.30pm
Wed 2 – Bellaghy at 9.30am
Thurs 3 – Greenlough -Adoration, 9am – 5pm
Fri 4 – Greenlough at 7.30pm (GIFT Mass)
Fri 4 – Bellaghy – Adoration, 10am – 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm)
Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough)
Sun, 11am (Streamed to Greenlough)
Sun, Ballyscullion at 9.45am

Monday 8 December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Greenlough: Monday 7 December, Mass at 7.30pm
Bellaghy: Tuesday 8 December, Mass at 9.30am
St Joseph's: Tuesday 8 December, Mass at 7.30pm.

Baptism Dates – November & December 2026; January 2027
Bellaghy at 1pm – 5 December; 9 January.
Greenlough at 4.15pm – 19 December; 30 January.



Congratulations to Bronagh Robinson & Luke McGuckian who were married recently.

