

# SUNDAY



Tamlaght  
O'Crilly  
Greenlough

Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 15 December  
Gaudete Sunday



## BAMBINELLI BLESSING

It's a tradition in some countries to pray a special blessing over the image of the Baby Jesus which will be placed in our cribs. The idea is to pray the blessing and then wrap up the image and keep it safe until after Mass on Christmas Eve. Then we're invited to open the package and receive it as God's first (and greatest) gift to us. We place the Baby Jesus in the crib and thank God for sending Jesus to save us.



### Prayer of Blessing

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for loving us so much that You sent Your Son Jesus into the world.*

*Help us to welcome Jesus into our lives and into our homes this Christmas.*

*Bless us as Pilgrims of Hope in 2025 and always.*

*Amen.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Sunday 15 December 2024

## MASSSES for the WEEK



Monday 16 December	Bellaghy	9.30am
Tuesday 17 December Greenlough	Mass	9.30am
	6.00pm: Story of Christmas 7.30pm: Rosary	
Wednesday 18 December	Bellaghy	9.30am
Thursday 19 December Greenlough	Adoration: 9.00am - 5.00pm Mass	7.30pm
	Anniversary Mass for Charles McPeake The McCloy Family, Ballymacpeake Road	
Friday 20 December	Bellaghy	9.30am
Fourth Sunday in Advent	Greenlough	5.30pm
Saturday 21 December	Bellaghy	7.00pm
Fourth Sunday in Advent	Greenlough	9.00am
	Ballyscullion	10.00am
Sunday 22 December	Bellaghy	11.00am

Children's Liturgy final session 2024  
Saturday 21 December.  
Resumes Saturday 11 January 2025.



*Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth (Lily) Diamond, Bellaghy, who died recently.*

*Anniversaries: P. J. McLaughlin, Charles McPeake, Philomena (Mena) McErlean, Joseph Toner, McCloy Family, Ballymacpeake Road, Jimmy McErlean, John Kielt, Eoin McErlean, Patrick McGoldrick, Susan O'Hagan, Michael Og McKenna, Marie McAtamney, Nan Diamond, John Collins, Sean Collins, Sarah McErlean, William Davidson.*

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**St. Mary's Primary School**  
**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**  
**TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER AT 6.00PM**  
**St. Oliver Plunkett's Church. All Welcome.**



**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**  
**GREENLOUGH**

Saturday 21 December 4.30 - 5.15pm  
 Monday 23 December 6.00 - 7.00pm  
**BELLAGHY**  
 Monday 23 December 7.30 - 8.30pm  
**BALLYSCULLION**  
 Sunday 22 December 5.00 - 6.00pm



**Greenlough Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
**£2.00 each or 3 Cards for £5.00. Cards available in the Sacristy and at all Masses until Christmas.**



**Sick and Housebound Visitation**  
 Fr. Pat hopes to attend the Sick & Housebound in **Greenlough Area B on Monday 16 December.**



**GREENLOUGH COLLECTION**  
**8 December: £1081.70. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



**GREENLOUGH**  
*Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December: 5.00pm*  
*Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December: 9.00am*  
**BELLAGHY**  
*Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December: 5.00pm*  
*Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December: 11.00am*  
**BALLYSCULLION**  
*Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December: 7.30pm*  
*Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December: 10.00am*  
**Please note: No Masses 26, 27, 30 & 31 December.**

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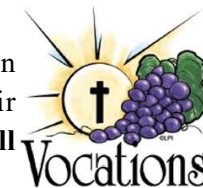
Baptisms  
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 Parish Office

Weddings  
 Contact the  
 Parish Office

Confessions  
 As Announced

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

With St Paul we pray for our diocesan seminarians and those discerning their vocation, that "...the peace of God will guard [their] hearts and thoughts..."



*We welcome into God's family  
 through Baptism,  
 Meabh McGlinchey, Orchard Drive.*



**INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER**

Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at 7.00pm, starting on Thursday 9 January 2025 and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday 11 February 2025. Bishop McKeown explains, "It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me". Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at [derrydiocese.org/consecration](http://derrydiocese.org/consecration)

A Meeting for couples planning to get married in 2025 and early 2026 will be held on Sunday 26 January at 2.00pm in The Open Door Complex, Bellaghy. Couples from our parishes who are planning to marry elsewhere are welcome to attend.

*Are you  
 Getting  
 Married?  
 2025/2026*

**Please Send all Anniversary Names  
 and Notices to the Parish Office  
 by 1.00pm Wednesday. Thank You.**

