



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Booking Masses, Baptisms and Weddings As parish office opening hours have been reduced slightly, we are returning to our preferred previous practice of booking Masses, baptisms and weddings in person, in the sacristy after Masses. Please book well in advance to ensure your preferred dates are available.

Baptisms can only be booked by the child's parent or legal guardian. At least one month's notice is required. To book a baptism parents must present the child's long birth certificate, complete the baptism request form, meet with one of our Baptismal team and attend weekly Mass during the month prior to the Baptism.

Weddings must be booked by the couple themselves. Couples are required to give at least six months' notice of marriage to ensure their preferred date is available and that there is adequate time to complete all Civil and Church paperwork.

St. Ronan's College is excited to invite our local community to visit our new school. Come along on Sat 27th Sept from 9am -1pm for a guided tour. We also warmly invite you to join us as we conclude our Community Day with the celebration of a Thanksgiving Mass in St. Peter's Church Lurgan at 6.00pm.

Parish Draw Congratulations to the September Draw Winners.

1st Prize: £500 Patricia Haughian. **2nd Prize:** £100 Dymna McCartan. **3rd Prize:** £50 Clare Mulgrew. **Promoters Prize:** Mary Barrett. The next Draw will be on Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Schools

Faith development is primarily the responsibility of parents.

However, in Aghagallon and Ballinderry parish we try to emphasise the partnership between home, school and Church. If you chose to send your child to a non-Catholic school and would like to present them for First Penance (P3), First Holy Communion (P4) or Confirmation (P7) in the parish this year they must be prepared appropriately. Please contact their teacher to ensure that they are part of a catechetical programme and enrol them in children's liturgy in the parish. If schools do not provide sacramental preparation, the parish can assist with providing classes. Please contact Catherine in the parish office to collect an application form.

Housebound: Fr Declan will be visiting those who are on the housebound list over the next two weeks.

WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 21st September 2025

Weekly Collection
£930.00

Online
£122.50

Parish Youth Ministry
£265.00

Thank you for your
continued support

Weekly Mass Schedule 22nd Sep – 28th Sep 2025

Mass

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Liturgy of the Word

Thursday: 10.00am

Friday: 10am

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patsy McCrystal

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Kathleen McStravick

Deceased members of the McKay Family

Ambrose Doone

Agnes Hannon (12)

Deceased Members of the Campbell Family

John McCavigan (9)

Dolores Cushley

Gerald Kelly

Eileen Carson

Tony Mulholland

Ellen McIlmurray

William John Mulholland

Anniversary Mass Saturday 20th Sep at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 21st Sep at 9am

Anniversary Mass Monday 22nd Sep at 10am

Anniversary Mass Tue 23rd Sep at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sun 28th Sep at 11am

James Mulholland

Lily Mulholland

Funeral Arrangements within the Parish of Aghagallon & Ballinderry. Parishioners already understand and accommodate the schedules and availability of hospital staff and GP surgeries when issuing death certificates, undertakers, the Crematorium and council staff if burial is in a council graveyard. With demands for pastoral care growing in our parish, and the limited availability of staff and volunteers to assist, the parish now requires similar understanding as we manage increasing workloads.

Available Times for Requiem Masses in St Patrick's Church. Weekday Funerals will only be celebrated at 10am, unless parish staff have another commitment at that time. As the 11 am Sunday Mass includes a Children's Liturgy, Sunday funerals during term-time will only be celebrated during the 9am Mass, or 1pm if there are no Baptisms scheduled that day. We can no longer facilitate funerals in the afternoons. Families continue to have the option to have a Vigil Reception to the Church the day before the funeral if they do not wish to extend the wake by another day.

Music, Readings, Reflections, Eulogies and Funeral Services. Some families may be uncomfortable coming to Church or feel restricted by the liturgical music, readings, reflections and homilies available to them within a Church setting. We can usually accommodate requests for alternative readings, eulogies or music *outside* of Church Liturgies, such as during the wake or at the graveside. Including inappropriate content during Requiem Masses without the priest's knowledge or consent is disrespectful to the Church and to other parishioners who abide by Church teaching. Priests have a duty to ensure liturgies are celebrated in a dignified manner and are obliged to intervene if needs be. Parish staff will continue to celebrate funeral services in family homes, undertakers' Chapels of Rest, or Crematorium for families who do not want to come to the Church or feel restricted by Church guidelines.

Visiting Priests or Deacons. Our parish belongs to a group of parishes that provides full cover for funerals when individual parish priests are not available. However, families can ask permission for a priest or deacon who is related to them to preside at funerals. The Diocese of Down & Connor has various policies and procedures, such as safeguarding and visiting priest policies, and guidance relating to the appropriate celebration of Church Liturgies in the Diocese. Priests and deacons must comply with these guidelines, even if they belong to a different Diocese. Under no circumstances can anyone arrange and publish details of funerals or organise visiting priests to publicly minister in St Patrick's Church without the knowledge or permission of parish staff.

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EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm.

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parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.