



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

There will no Bulletin on 1st January 2017

Parish Office Christmas Closing

The Parish Office will close from Friday 23rd December 2016 and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions Saturday 17th December, 11am – 1pm.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve: 7pm (Children's Mass)

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day: 9am and 11am

Monday 26th December – St Stephen's Day: 10am

Encountering God in Everyday Life

As Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, God has the desire for us to have a personal relationship with Him. But how to begin to connect with God at a personal level? The Parish would like to offer you an opportunity for Spiritual Accompaniment to develop a deep, growing bond between you and God. This is a process which involves meeting a trained Spiritual Companion on a regular (individual) basis to explore and reflect on your relationship with God, to grow in that relationship and to develop your prayer life. One-to-one meetings (by appointment) are held on the second Monday of the month in the Parochial House, beginning Monday 9th January 2017. This will be a Pilot Project for 6 months and the Parish will cover the initial cost. For more information and bookings, please contact the Parish Office.

Message for You..th!!

Calling ALL young people to come together on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7:30pm, St Patricks Church, Derrymacash, for an evening of Celebration and Thanksgiving including a life-changing talk by inspirational guest speaker Fr John Keane (Co. Cork) and the Celebration of Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of all our young people. Everyone welcome!

St Vincent de Paul annual collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend.

Parish Christmas Mass Cards are available in the Advent Shop at the back of the Church.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

18th December 2016

4rd Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection

£1,214.01

Thank-you for supporting our Parish!

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 7.00pm

(Novena Prayers)

Friday: 10.00am

(First Friday 7pm)

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00am &

11.00am

Confessions

Thursday 6:30pm

Saturday: 6:30pm

EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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MINISTRY OF WELCOME

To Book a Baptism: a parent must bring the long birth certificate to the Sacristy after any Mass. One month's notice is required. Schedule: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Weddings: All couples must contact Fr Declan after any Mass six months before the date of their wedding to complete the necessary paperwork.

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Mulholland
Orla Moloney
Danny Murphy

James McCarthy
John Green
Bridie Lavery

Fr George McLaverty

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Hugh McCorry
David Bradshaw
James Mulholland (8)
James McAlinden
Gerard Corr

Edmund Campbell
Harry McVeigh
John Douglas
John McVeigh
Willie Lavery

Retirement of Kathleen Lavery

After 18 years, Kathleen Lavery is retiring from her role as sacristan of St Patrick's Church. We would like to thank her for her loyal service over the years and wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Community Centre Committee: Anti-Social Behaviour

As there have been recent instances of misuse of the Children's Play Area and vandalism in the Community Centre by groups of teenage boys and girls, parents' co-operation would be appreciated in not allowing their teenage children to congregate in these areas especially on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and during the school holidays.

JPII – The next meeting will be held in the Conference Room on Monday 2nd January at 8pm. All participants should attend with their Award Cards.

St Mary's Camogie Club Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning, Sunday 18th December, St Patrick's School, 10am to 1pm. Santa arrives at 12pm!

Simon Community Collection – Thank you everyone who so kindly and generously donated to the Simon Community Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the amount of contributions!

St Peter's Cathedral Candle-lit Carol Service – Sunday 18th December, 4:30pm.

A beautiful afternoon of singing and reflection as we prepare for Christmas. Refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

Trócaire is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as £4 for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation, log on to www.trocaire.org or call 0800 912 1200.

All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the Parochial house red post box, phone 02892651214 during Parish Office hours or email before 4pm on Tuesday e: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk w: aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie

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