



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Friday is the Feast of St. Blaise and the First Friday of the month - Fr Declan will visit the housebound this week. Those normally seen on Tuesday will be seen on Wednesday and Thursday. There are now 48 people on the visiting list and it is getting very difficult to balance so many home visits with other pastoral responsibilities in the parish. If you have resumed normal activities, apart from going to Mass, please come off the list and allow someone who is housebound to have the extra time.

St. Brigid's Day – Wednesday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland. St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at the 10a.m. Mass.

Mass for the Sick and those who care for them – We are having a special Mass for those who are sick, their families, carers and health care professionals on Saturday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, in St. Patrick's Church at 12 noon. During this Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available and there will be a special blessing of hands for families, carers and health professionals. Lunch will be provided afterwards in St. Patrick's PS.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion – Communion Services led by lay people in the absence of a priest will take place in the parish on Monday and Tuesday next week. During the Service, the readings of the Day will be reflected upon and a Eucharistic Minister will distribute Holy Communion consecrated during a previous Mass. Come and See!

Community/Children's Choir – Aghagallon had a lovely tradition of having a Community/Children's Choir. Unfortunately, Mrs. McAtarsney has decided to retire. We thank Mrs. McAtarsney for her commitment and would appreciate an individual or a group of adult leaders to take responsibility for continuing the choir. The choir sings at the 11a.m. Sunday Mass every second week during term time, with a short practice beforehand. The yearly stipend for this post is £800.

JPII Next Meeting – Monday 30th January 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Conference Room. Please bring your Award cards and rushes to make St Brigid's Crosses.

G.I.F.T. Programme – Session 2 is on Monday 30th January. We'll be learning Circus Skills.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th January 2017

Weekly Collection

£1,209.46

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

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish Family

Conor Doone, Andrew Thomas McAlinden & James Anthony McAlinden

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.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

May Doone	Anniversary Mass Saturday 28 th January at 7pm
Tony Lavery	Anniversary Mass Sunday 29 th January at 9am
Celine McKavanagh	Anniversary Mass Thursday 2 nd February at 7pm
Malachy Nelson	Anniversary Mass Saturday 4 th February at 7pm
May Sinden	
Bridie Potter	Patrick Lavery
Gerry Mallon (9)	Sr Mary Rita McKavana
Jim Mallon (11)	Kevin McGranahan
Christine McAlinden (13)	Elizabeth McPhillips
Cathy O'Neill (3)	

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND - Are you being called to make Christ's presence real in the world? Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to do so as a priest in the Church? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 17th – Sunday 19th February 2017. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information, contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, 028 90614567,

k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

Repository Shop – We are now fully stocked with St Patrick's Day cards as well as Easter cards and 1st Communion and Confirmation Cards. The shop is open after all weekend masses. Cards are also available in the porch. Please put money for cards into the box in the wall.

Always wanted to volunteer overseas? Looking for a course about global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in Belfast on Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast or Tel. 00353-18689986, apply@viatoreschristi.com, www.viatoreschristi.com for more info.

Divine Mercy Prayer – the group will recite Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after the First Friday Mass each month starting 3rd February. There will also be a relic of the True Cross.

St Brigid's Day Lecture 2017 – His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster – “Significant Aspects of The Jubilee of Mercy” in St Brigid's Church, Belfast, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast, Tuesday 7th February at 7:30.

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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