



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

The St Vincent de Paul Annual Church Door Collection will be taken up at all masses on the weekend 16/17 Dec.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December 2017 and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

There will be no Bulletin on 31st December and 7th January.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th Dec at 7pm (Children's Mass)

Christmas Day: Monday 25th December 9am and 11am

St Stephen's Day: Tuesday 26th December at 7pm

Parish Carol Service: Thank you to the South Ulster Community Band who led us in our singing and to everyone who took time out from their busy Christmas preparations to join us in the Church or via the webcam. We really did lift the roof! Thank you to Aine and Rosemary for setting the scene with the beautiful display and candle light. Also a big thank you to our hospitality team, the mulled wine and mince pies were a real treat. It was a very festive occasion.

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear". Our GIFT 4 members will be heading to Rome next July on pilgrimage. To help raise some funds, a group of carol singers will be travelling round the local area on Friday the 22nd, bringing some Christmas spirit to your door! If you hear us in your street, please come out and show your support for the young people. We would be very grateful for any donations.

Confirmations 2018: Friday 27th April 2018 at 4pm. This date has been agreed to by both primary schools.

Since the transfer of Bishop Donal McKeown to Derry and the retirements of Bishop Patrick Walsh and Bishop Anthony Farquhar, the Diocese is proposing that each year the bishop(s), on a rotational basis, will celebrate Confirmation in some of the parishes of each Pastoral Community, and the Pastoral Community Leaders or their deputies will celebrate the Sacrament in the other parishes. Our Pastoral Community includes Glenavy & Kilead and Lisburn. This will allow the bishop(s) to celebrate Confirmation in each of the parishes at least once every three years.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

17th December 2017

Weekly Collection
£ 1,385.06

Recent Expenditure:
Annual Parish
Data Base IT Support
£ 198.00

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

Baptism: Schedule: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. To book a baptism, a parent must bring the long birth certificate to the Sacristy after any Mass. One month's notice is required during which families attend the 11am Sunday Family Mass. If families are unable to attend, the baptism will be rebooked.

Weddings: All couples must contact Fr Declan after any Mass six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork. Couples are also required to attend a pre-marriage course. A Wedding Mass is offered to those who attend Church regularly. Wedding Mass is offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Seamus Mulholland

Paddy Grey

Paul McCorry

Month's Mind Sunday 17th December at 11am

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Betty Carson

Patsy Lappin

Jim McGuinness

David Bradshaw

Willie Lavery

Hugh John Faloon

Anniversary Mass Saturday 16th December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 19th December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 24th December at 9am

Cards with Christmas Mass Times and Parish Calendars are available in the Porch. Please take one!

St Vincent de Paul Annual Giving Tree is in porch, please take a label and return item to church.

A selection of Christmas Cards and products are available for sale in the porch. Please leave the money in the honesty box in the wall beside the notice board.

St Joseph's Glenavy: Please join us for a Candlelit Christmas Holy hour of Adoration on Friday the 22nd of December at 7pm with Breige Doone providing the music. It promises to be a peaceful night in the lead up to Christmas. Everyone welcome with mince pies and tea afterwards.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal: To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org or take a leaflet from the porch.

Diocesan Directories are for sale now in the porch at £4 each. Please leave the money in the wall box beside the notice board. Thank you.

O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to bear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. We pray that you hear our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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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