



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

Feast Day of the Epiphany: Holy Day of Obligation Saturday 6th January 2018 at 7pm

Vigil Mass: Friday 5th January at 7pm

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.

Some other Dates for your Diary 2018:

1st Holy Communion St Patrick's and St Mary's PS: 29th April at 11am.

Cemetery Sunday: 13th May 2018

You can find dates and times of all upcoming events on our website www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie/

WEEKLY BULLETIN

24th December 2017

Weekly Collection *f*, 1,355.64

Recent Expenditure:
Parish Insurance
£, 3,931.15

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

We welcome into our Parish Family: Lara Marie and Annie Maisie

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

Fr Peter Forde Seamus Mulholland Paddy Grey Eleanor Lavery

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Jim McGuinness Anniversary Mass Sunday 24th December at 9am
James Kelly Anniversary Mass Tuesday 26th December at 7pm
Martin Campfield Anniversary Mass Saturday 30th December at 7pm

Hugh John Faloon

John Edwards Charles McCluskey Margaret Creaney
Annie McDonald Mary Magee Dermot Grogan (3)
Sarah Mallon Charlotte Mulholland (13) James Mulholland
Edmund Campbell Daniel Crossey Leo Mallon (12)

Pauline Lavery John Douglas Edward Fegan Patrick Loughran

We would like to thank the leaders for Children's Liturgy, GIFT and JPII, our choirs and musicians, our Church cleaners, the hospitality teams, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Safeguarding Committee, our Sacristans, and our Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and all volunteers for their commitment and hard work over the year!

Fr Declan and our Parish Team would like to wish all our parishioners Peace, Joy and Happiness this Christmas and New Year!

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, the warmth of Christmas grant you love. Merry Christmas

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