



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Fr Declan will visit the sick and housebound this week.

There will be a second collection after Communion this week for the Support of the Priests.

There will be a second collection after Communion next week for our Parish Youth Ministry. The money collected will be used towards the Parish GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) programme, the John Paul II Award Scheme for young people, and any other activity for children and young people in our parish.

Getting married in the Church is a special celebration that requires as much or even more preparation and reflection as the other aspects of the day. Please remember that it is the couple's responsibility to ensure that both Church and civil requirements are fulfilled prior to getting married.

Wedding Mass or Wedding Service? To celebrate a valid Marriage does not require the celebration of Mass. If the majority of guests are non-Catholic and cannot receive Holy Communion, or if the couple and the majority of guests are not practicing Catholics, then a Wedding Service is considered more appropriate. If couples have not been practicing their faith for some time and wish to have a Wedding Mass, the six month notice of marriage is a great opportunity for them to return to Sunday Mass.

Couples from outside the parish and visiting priests. Couples living outside the parish are very welcome to get married here. Couples who have a friend or family member who is a priest can invite him to officiate at the wedding. He must confirm *in writing* that he is willing to conduct the wedding and that he is a registered officiant in Northern Ireland before the booking is finalised. In the past, visiting priests have agreed to marry couples without completing the paperwork / preparation required within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Couples and priests visiting the parish must ensure that all paperwork and preparation is completed to the requirements of our Diocese, even when the couple and / or priest reside in another diocese.

Costs. We appreciate that weddings can be very expensive and the previous requirement for a donation for use of the Church was removed four years ago. However, this has resulted in many couples living outside the parish using the Church and not making any donation. In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided that couples living in the parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry, who are active in parish life (i.e. attending Sunday Mass every week) will continue to have free use of the church. For all couples living outside the parish and for those parishioners not active in parish life or contributing via a box of envelopes, a non-refundable donation of at least £150, payable at the time of booking, is now required to cover the costs of paperwork, heat, light, sacristan time, cleaning etc. Active parishioners can make a donation if they so wish. These donations will be registered as parish income in our annual report and used to offset any deficit.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2nd September 2018

Weekly Collection:
19th Aug: £ 1,174.25
26th Aug: £ 1,276.92

Cathedral Fund:
£ 515.00

Recent Expenditure:
Candles/Sanctuary

Candles:
£ 177.12

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:
07831934756

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kaye McGee
Vincent McCann
Mary Simons
Martin McCartan

Rose McPhillips
James McAlinden
Ciaran O'Neill
Month's Mind Saturday 1st of September at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Pat Loughan
Sean McKavanagh
Brigid Skelton
Jim McGarrell (29)
Harry Lavery
Robert McVeigh (41)
Mary Bridget Lappin
Edward Lappin

Anniversary Mass Sunday 2nd September at 11am
Anniversary Mass Tuesday 4th September at 7pm
Anniversary Mass Saturday 8th September at 7pm

Christopher Scullion (5)
John McCrory
Jimmy Magee

Parish Family Fun Day: Sunday 9th September 2018 after 11am Mass. Our Parish Pastoral Council have organised a free Fun Day for all ages, and everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity to get together as a Parish and Community. It gives us a chance to welcome new parishioners into our strong, vibrant parish family, and to thank all our parishioners for their continued support throughout the year. This is a great day with lots of fun for all to enjoy, so come along, have a burger while the kids can take part in the activities. Please also consider inviting a friend or neighbour who no longer comes to Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday the 16th September during 11am Mass. Application forms will be sent out this week. All Primary School children welcome.

Community Choir: Our community choir will re-commence on Sunday 9th September. Children from Primary 4 upwards, young people and adults are welcome to join. The choir will sing at the 11am Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of every month during term time. A short rehearsal takes place from 10.15am sharp prior to Mass on the Sunday the choir sings. Application/Consent forms for under 18's will be available on the day.

Bench in our graveyard: Thanks to the handy work supplied by one of our parishioners, the bench in the graveyard has now been repaired and is looking great!

Aghagallon Crafters will meet in the Sacristy on Tuesday 4th September 2018 after 7pm Mass. This is an informal group who meet fortnightly to create small items of clothing and blankets for babies and children. All items made are either donated to the baby units of local hospitals or sold with the profits going to the Apostolic Society. If you can knit, sew or crochet and are interested in coming along you will be made very welcome.

Aghagallon Community Centre Autumn Programmes begin Monday 3rd Sept 10.30 am-12.30pm Health & Wellbeing, Tuesday Yoga 10.00 am -11.30am, Thursday Art 10.30 am -12.30pm, Friday Baby & Toddler 10.00 am -11.30 am. For more information see Facebook at Aghagallon Community Centre.

St. Patrick's Girl Guide Unit - Registration will take place on Thursday 6th September in Aghagallon Community Centre from 6.30pm-7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming our existing girls as well as new girls aged 5yrs - 16yrs. For further details you can contact the Unit Leader Gerardette McVeigh on 07786 737 211.

Cranagh and Aghagallon Club: Tuesday Club will restart on Tuesday 4th September, 11am to 2pm. Monday Night Dance will restart on Monday 10th September 8:30pm to 11pm. New members welcome or just look in to see what takes place!

P.T.A.A: There will be a Ceili and Old Time Dance in the John Mitchell Hall on Friday 7th September at 9:15pm. Music by Raymond Loney. Admission £ 5 including supper. Everyone welcome.