

SAFEGUARDING IN AGHAGALLON & BALLINDERRY PARISH

"The practice of safeguarding within the diocese refers to the wide range of services, plans and activities that are put in place to protect both children and adults who may be vulnerable to abuse and neglect from being exploited or harmed. Safeguarding within our Church community is about making our Church a safe, welcoming and enriching place for children, young people and adults and those who may be at risk of harm. Although the Safeguarding Office may take a lead role in outlining the key aspects of what needs to be in place to protect children and adults from harm, safeguarding is very much a shared community responsibility in which each and every one of us has a part to play, whether that is reporting a concern about a child or adult or by simply volunteering in your parish in any of our safeguarding activities." (D&C Safeguarding Office Website <http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com/>)

What is a Parish Safeguarding Committee: Our PSC oversees the volunteers working alongside children and adults at risk of harm. The PSC ensures that all volunteers have undergone a police check and have attended the necessary diocesan safeguarding training. The current members of our PSC are: Donal McCool (chair), Clare O'Connor, Catherine McQuillan, Susi Olpe and Fr Declan Mulligan. They meet four times a year to discuss all matters in connection with safeguarding in the parish and what can be done to raise awareness about keeping everyone safe. The PSC has to complete an annual safeguarding audit for the Diocese of Down & Connor, which ensures that all areas of safeguarding are up to date and adhered to and to show areas of improvement.

Volunteers: To ensure best practice in relation to child and adult safeguarding, all our volunteers who are working with children, young people or vulnerable adults have undergone a police check through AccessNI and have to attend safeguarding training sessions provided by the Diocese. Safeguarding training within Down and Connor has four main aims, to 1. Create awareness; 2. knowledge and skills to fulfil their role to the highest possible standard; 3. Provide up to date training; 4. Ensure best practice in safeguarding children and adults and that we always adhere to the recommended ratio volunteer to child. Age 4-8 (1 adult to 4 children) Age 8-18 (1 adult to 10 children).

Our Parish Stats	Vetted Leaders	Children
Children's Liturgy	12	98
Altar Server's Club	4	19
G.I.F.T	8	60
JPII	3	8
Choir & Folk Group	4	19
Total	31	204
Training	Adults at risk of harm	Child Safeguarding
No of Volunteers Completed	16	30

For more information about safeguarding policies and procedures, or if you want to sign up for any of our groups, please visit our information table in the porch after 11am Mass today.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

28th October 2018

Weekly Collection:
£ 1,253.80

Mission Sunday:
£ 887.30

Recent Expenditure:
Parish Newsletter
£130.80

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

We welcome into our Parish Family: **Naoise Eleanor and Olivia Rose**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brother Columba Phelim OCSO O'Neill

Briega Mulhall

Philomena MacMorrow

Ethna Hamill

Pat Lavery

Month's Mind Friday 2nd November at 7pm

Month's Mind Saturday 27th October at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Ambrose McStravick

Henry Campbell

John McCracken

Maura Mulholland

Mary Dougan

Desmond Magee

Catherine McKernan

Jimmy Howard

Mary Heaney

Arthur Mulholland

Bill Mulholland

Martha Cushley

Anniversary Mass Sunday 28th October at 11am

Anniversary Mass Monday 29th October at 10am

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 30th October at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Wednesday 31st October at 10am

Anniversary Mass Thursday 1st November at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Saturday 3rd November at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 4th November at 11am

Tony Doherty (35)

Eileen Doherty (5)

Margaret Lavery

Fr Declan will visit the sick and housebound this week.

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

Feast of All Saints 1st November: Mass at 10am and 7pm

Feast of All Souls 2nd November: Mass at 7pm

Night Prayer for Life and Healing: Our last October Night Prayer will be on Sunday, 28th October 2018, 9pm – 9.30pm St Patrick's Church, Aghagallon. Adoration from 8.30pm. You are very welcome to join us.

Gift 4 fundraiser Spook-tacular Cake Decoration Demonstration: Monday 29th October 2018 at 7pm in the Community Centre. Tickets £5, can pay at door. All proceeds will go towards the young people going on a pilgrimage to Rome in 2019.

JPII Award: The first meeting for our new candidates will take place on Monday 29th October at 8pm in the Church conference room – it is important that everyone attends.

Apostolic Sale & Display this Sat & Sun 28th October

After Mass in St Patrick's P.S.

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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