

Diocesan Guidelines: Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the Diocese have issued updated guidelines in conjunction with the Government, which are to be followed by all parishes. We call on every person in the Diocese to follow these instructions. The Church will remain open for **solitary** prayer only.

Daily and Sunday Masses will continue to be celebrated at the normal times (in private). Services will be streamed on the parish radio and parish webcam. This can be accessed from our website www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv. **Anniversaries** of our beloved dead will continue to be remembered and prayed for. Family and friends can watch services on the webcam

as the requested Masses will be offered. **Baptisms** will cease until further notice.

Funerals will continue. Funerals are strictly private and restricted to the immediate family of the deceased only. In light of the advice to restrict person to person contact, we strongly advise that there should be no wakes and that houses should be strictly private to the immediate family.

Weddings will cease until further notice.

Adoration will cease until further notice. The Rosary will be streamed via the webcam or Parish radio Monday to Friday at 3pm daily.

The Parish Office is closed until further notice.

Sick Calls: In the event of an emergency, please phone the emergency number ,detailed below.

These directives will be kept under regular review.

Coronavirus and Food Banks: As a Parish, we would like to help our community and are asking for donations of cereal, diluting juice, soup, toiletries, pasta & rice, biscuits, lentils, beans & pulses, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tea, coffee & sugar, tinned tomatoes and pasta sauces. Items with longer shelf life can be left in the Spar or the porch of the Church, Aghagallon and we will store them for when needed. You can also donate money in the local Spar or in the Church porch. All donations will go directly to local people in need and any surplus will go to local food banks. Should you need anything during this challenging time you can contact the parish office on 02892 651214 or E: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk All requests/donations will be strictly confidential.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th March 2020

Recent Expenditure: Electricity for the Church: £478.78

Thank you for supporting our parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm

Monday: 10.00am

(Novena Prayers)

Friday: 10.00am (First Friday 7pm)

Saturday:7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Thursday before Mass Saturday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome into our Parish family Aidan who was baptised recently

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

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 premarriage course. A Wedding Mass is offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pete Mulholland

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Tony King
Anniversary Mass Sunday 29th March at 11am
Maureen Cinnamond
Anniversary Mass Tuesday 31st March at 7pm
Mary McKeown
Anniversary Mass Saturday 4th March at 7pm
Phylis O'Rourke
Anniversary Mass Tuesday 7th April at 7pm
Eugene Nelson
Anniversary Mass Thursday 9th April at 7pm
Maurice McShane
Anniversary Mass Saturday 25th April at 7pm
Colm Curran
Anniversary Mass Tuesday 28th April at 7pm

Patrick McCavigan(24) Helen McManus Joanne Molloy (Nee Mulholland) (6)

Patrick (Patsy) Tallon(8)

Weekly Collections: It costs approximately £1600.00 per week to keep our parish running. The Church is still open and pastoral care continues, so it is important that we continue to support our parish to ensure the parish is sustainable. Parishioners can leave their collection envelopes in the box placed in the Church porch, the post-box at the parochial house or send via the postal system. Parishioners can also donate via cheque and Direct Debit. (Contact the office by email for details) New Boxes of Envelopes for April 2020 – are available for collection now in the church porch. Standing order forms are available, also remember if you are a UK taxpayer and you have not yet signed a GIFT AID declaration, please do so and return it to the office. If you have signed a GIFT AID declaration over the past few years there is no need to do it again, if you no longer pay tax and have signed a GIFT Aid declaration previously please let us know.

Fasting: Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from word and be silent so you can listen. Words of Pope Francis.

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