PARISH of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10th May 2020

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn for:

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Sanctuary Lamp Intentions. We have had many requests and are already booked out until mid June. If you wish book an intention, please email the office with the details and if you include the person's address, we can send a card on your behalf. Please inform us if you wish their names/details to be included in the bulletin or prefer 'special intention'.

Donations Thank you for the cards and emails of support to the parish during this difficult time. Thank-you for all the donations made by post and through our website and envelopes.

Diocesan Guidelines: **Closures**: The Church, playing field, and car park are closed until further notice.

Graveyards are open. While visiting this Cemetery please protect yourself and others. OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Daily and Sunday Masses: Masses will continue to be celebrated in private. www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv. RTE also broadcast Mass daily at 10.30am.

Rosary Join us via the webcam as we pray the rosary each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 3pm.

Anniversaries: Anniversary/Special Intention Masses will continue to be offered. These can be requested via telephone or email and viewed on the Webcam. We will try to accommodate specific dates requested.

Baptisms will cease until further notice, unless the baby is unwell.

Funerals The parish can offer a Funeral Mass in private, prior to the family attending a public committal service. These will be streamed for family and parishioners to watch at home. Prayers at the graveside are restricted to the immediate family/friends of the deceased. Please ensure numbers are kept to a minimum and social distancing advice is followed. If families prefer, they can schedule a public Mass for the deceased when the restrictions are removed.

Weddings will cease until further notice.

The Parish Office is closed until further notice.

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

Help & Support Thank you to everyone who has donated food or money to the parish, the response has been amazing. This enables us to help those in need at the moment. Should you need anything please contact Fr Declan on 02892 651214 or E: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk. All requests for assistance are strictly confidential and you can always return the favour by making a donation to a charity when things improve.

Knights of St Columbanus. CK49 have developed a contact number for parishioners requiring support at this time. The number is: 02892528916.

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 before Mass
Saturday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

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 pre-marriage course. A Wedding Mass is offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kate Sloan Danny Crawford Fr Fernando Carberry OP Kathleen Rea

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Madeline Cushley & Tony Cushley (Anniversary Mass on Monday 11th May at 10am)
Jim Brady (Anniversary Mass on Thursday 14th May at 7pm)
Damian McCartan Mary Patterson Cathal Magee Agnes Creaney
Kathleen Loughran Teresa Mallon

Easter Garden of the Resurrection: A symbol can be placed on the tree to represent a special prayer or intention you may have.

Cemetery Sunday Please join us via the webcam or parish radio, as we offer Mass in private on Sunday 10th May at 11am in St Patrick's Church, for our beloved dead buried in parish cemeteries. Fr Declan will then visit the cemeteries **alone** directly after Mass to bless the graves. ONE family member per grave (or two if someone requires assistance) can then collect a special remembrance candle from the Newspaper Kiosk, outside St Patrick's Church, to place on each grave. The candles will only be available after 12 noon. Please ensure that you only touch the candle you are taking and bring your own matches/lighter and Holy Water if you wish to bless the graves. To ensure we do not breach permitted activity please adhere to the following visiting times on Sunday 10th May:

St Patrick's and Magherangaw Cemeteries:
12noon-3pm – a representative from families with graves in the first 1/3rd Sections
3pm-6pm – a representative from families with graves in the middle Sections
6pm-9pm – a representative from families with graves in the final 1/3rd Sections

Old Aghagallon
Please collect your candle from 2pm onwards and visit whenever you wish.
NB: maintain at least 2 metres distance from others and if there are too many people in the graveyard when you arrive, please wait for 10-15 minutes. Other members of your family and friends can visit the cemeteries freely from Monday.

Are you looking for mental health support? During the current coronavirus situation you may be experiencing new levels of distress or worry. It's ok to ask for help. You are not alone. In addition to your own resources there is also professional help available. While much face to face therapy has been put on hold, support may be accessed online or by telephone. If you would like to speak with me to see how I might help please get in touch by phoning 07530906135 or contacting me through my website www.attunedcounsellingservices.co.uk Keep well and stay safe. Karen Moore MBACP (Accred) Reg ACC @ Attuned Counselling Services.

First Holy Communion next Saturday may have been postponed, but we will be remembering all the girls and boys in a special way during the 11am Mass on Sunday 17th May. Please watch from home –you could even wear your First Communion outfit!

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