



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

St. Patrick's Church is open! Currently, there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days and people who have been asked to shield by their doctor are advised not to visit the Church.

Face Coverings Church leaders are formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. It should however be noted that some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in public health agency guidance: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>.

Ushers will welcome, advise and reassure everyone re Health and Safety procedures. Please do not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell. The Church remains open between 9am-6pm each day for Private/Personal Prayer. Please ensure that all health and safety advice is followed and avoid touching surfaces and products, unless absolutely necessary. The doors/windows are open to ensure the Church is well ventilated and that visitors do not have to touch door handles, etc. Toilet facilities will be open during Mass times. We regret that the sacristy will remain closed.

Daily and Sunday Mass: There will be a variable capacity, depending on how many parishioners attend as individuals or as families/households. To ensure there is adequate time for cleaning, we ask you not to arrive at the Church more than 30 minutes prior to Mass beginning and to leave promptly when Mass ends. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church and before and after using the Shrines. Always maintain a distance of at least two metres between you and people who are not part of your household. We will be using every third pew for seating, which can accommodate two people with a 2 metre distance, or a full household, who are not required to socially distance. We will have 23 pews available and when we reach our capacity (46 – 140 variable); we are required to close the Church. Please take leaflets/bulletins home with you. Holy Communion will be received from the pews for the time being as we cannot meet the 2m requirement if people were processing down the side aisle. From this weekend, we will no longer be broadcasting Mass via the outdoor speakers in the car park.

Funerals: Funeral Services and Requiem Mass in the presence of up to 50 people, whilst observing social distancing regulations, is now permitted. Funerals will continue to be streamed for others to watch at home. Prayers at the graveside are restricted to a maximum of 30 people. Please follow social distancing advice.

Weddings: Weddings are now permitted in the Church – email the parish for more details if you rebooked your wedding and now wish to bring the date forward.

Baptisms: Baptisms are now permitted within strict guidelines. Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms booked prior to March will take precedence.

The Parish Office opening hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10am-4pm.

Exam Results: Congratulations to everyone who received their exam results recently and best wishes for your future plans.

WEEKLY BULLETIN
23rd August 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Weekly Collection: £917.00
Diocesan Cathedral Fund:
£175.00

Recent Expenditure:
Half Yearly Water Charges
for the Church: £72.94

This week's Sanctuary
Lamp will burn for:
A Special Intention

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

We welcome Charlie, who was baptised this week, into our parish family!

Baptism: Baptisms are now permitted within strict guidelines. Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Currently, Baptisms will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings or Saturday and Sunday at afternoons. Baptisms booked prior to March will take precedence.

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 only offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ita McCann
Brenda McKavanagh
Tommy Corey
Sadie McAlinden

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

James McAlinden	(Anniversary Mass on Friday 21 st August at 10am)	
Gerald Campbell	(Anniversary Mass on Sunday 23 rd August at 9am)	
Deceased Members of the Hill Family	(Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 25 th August at 7pm)	
James Scullion	(Anniversary Mass on Saturday 29 th August at 7pm)	
Molly Hill	John Hill	Rose McPhillips
Paddy McAlinden	Gerard Mulholland	Harry McMullan
Desmond Lavery		

Anniversaries: Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions will continue to be offered. These can be requested via telephone or email. We will try to accommodate specific dates requested.

Adoration: We will continue to have Adoration from 10.30am-6pm on Wednesdays. We would appreciate it if previous adorers who are not shielding follow their normal schedule and invite others to attend at any time. We will not be using the signing in book. Please do not enter the Sanctuary area.

Graveyard. We have been made aware that a dog has been allowed to run around the graveyard at the back of the church and foul on consecrated ground/graves. Under no circumstances are Dogs (other than guide/service dogs) permitted on parish grounds. This includes the pitch at the back of the church. The graveyard is consecrated ground and a special place for families of loved ones who are buried there. Please respect this and do not bring your dog onto the church grounds.

First Communion Class of 2020.

First Communion Preparation - We are asking parents for their support for the preparation of your child's first Holy Communion in September. If your child is making their First Communion this year in our parish please collect your pack from the parish office on Tuesday 25th August between 10am-4pm, if you haven't already done so. To prepare your child for this sacrament it is important that you collect this pack and complete the tasks. In addition please bring your child to AT LEAST one Sunday Mass in the church during August.

Planned dates for First Communion:

St Mary's Primary School – Saturday 19th September at 11am.

St Patrick's Primary School - Saturday 26th September at 11am.

These dates are subject to change, depending on COVID 19 advice/restrictions.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the Parochial house red post box, phone 028 9265 1214 during Parish Office hours or email before 4pm on Tuesday e: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk w: aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie