

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who are giving their time to help welcome, advise and reassure everyone re Health and Safety procedures at all of our Masses. Sometimes, we have to turn away some attendees when we reach capacity, as was the case during two Masses last weekend. We are following guidelines set by the Diocese to ensure everyone is safe. We will not tolerate any abuse directed towards our staff or volunteers.

Daily and Sunday Mass: 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. Toilet facilities will be open during Mass times. We regret that the sacristy will remain closed. There is 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 are required to close the Church when we reach capacity. 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. Funerals: Funeral Services and Requiem Mass in the presence of up to 50 people, whilst observing social distancing regulations. 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. Available Times for Requiem Masses in St Patrick's Church, Aghagallon Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 10a.m. or 12 noon. Sunday: 9a.m. 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 take place the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12 noon, only one child per allocated Sunday. 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-19face-coverings.

Corey Family. The Corey family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and carers who looked after Tommy so well; their family, friends and neighbours and anyone who helped in any way and all who donated to SVP.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

20th September 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekly Collection: £1501.00 Parish Youth Ministry:£282.00

Recent Expenditure: £298.00 Replacement Parish Radio's

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 Margot and Oisin, who were both 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.

(Months Mind Mass on Sunday 27th September at 11am)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barry Geraghty Paul Lavery Dolores Cushley Lottie Lavery Séan Campbell

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

| Maurice McStravick | (Anniversary Mass On Sunday 20th September at 9am) | |
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| Daniel Tallon | (Anniversary Mass on Sunday 20th September at 11am) | |
| Agnes Hannon | (Anniversary Mass on Thursday 24th September at 7pm) | |
| John McCavigan | (Anniversary Mass on Saturday 26th September at 7pm) | |
| Peggy McGuinness | (Anniversary Mass on Sunday 27th September at 9am) | |
| William John Mulholland | James Mulholland | Gerald Doherty(5) |
| Dominic Faloon | Kathleen Lavery | Gerald Kelly |

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

Anniversaries: Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions continue to be offered. Currently, they can only be booked by telephoning the office/parochial house or email. We will try to accommodate specific dates requested.

Adoration: We will continue to have Adoration from10.30am-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.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the pupils from St Mary's primary school who celebrated their First Communion. We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th September at 11am in St Patrick's Church with the pupils of St Patrick's school.

St. Patrick's Girl Guide Unit: Registration for the new intake of girls will take place on Thursday 24th September from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Aghagallon.

If you wish for your daughter to join our Unit can I ask you to get in contact where we can organise your time slot to come and collect a registration form. We look forward to welcoming back our existing girls and new girls. Gerardette McVeigh, Unit Leader tel: 92651155 mob: 07786737211 email: gerardettemcveigh@yahoo.co.uk

Church Collection Box due to current restrictions we are no longer allowed to pass the collection basket around the church. We would like to thank the Knights of St Columbanus for installing new wooden boxes at the side door and inside the main doors for parishioners' collection envelopes and cash donations. Collection boxes in the porch are for cards and for St Vincent De Paul donations <u>only.</u>

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan Tel: 028 9265 1214 EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS: 07831 934 756 028 9445 956

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