



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Diocesan Guidelines:** The Diocese has issued updated guidelines based on the NI Executives restrictions designed to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 within the community. These restrictions will apply from 00.01am on 27<sup>th</sup> November for a period of 2 weeks and are to be followed by all parishes.

**Daily and Sunday Masses:** The public celebration of Mass is currently suspended in all Churches within the Diocese for 2 weeks but will continue to be celebrated at the normal times without a congregation in the Church. Services will be streamed on the parish radio and parish webcam. This can be accessed from our website [www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie](http://www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie). Parishioners will not be able to attend daily or Sunday Masses in the Church.

**Funerals:** Funeral Services and Requiem Mass in the presence of up to 25 people, whilst observing social distancing regulations is still permitted with no pre or post funeral gatherings. Funerals will continue to be streamed for others to watch at home. 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 still permitted in the Church with a maximum of 25 guests – email the parish for more details.

**Private Prayer St Patrick's Church will remain open for private personal prayer from 9am – 6pm (except during mass times).** Face coverings are mandatory while entering and leaving the Church. Please use sanitiser and follow all health and safety advice when visiting.

**Anniversaries:** Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions continue to be offered. Currently, they can only be booked by telephoning the office or via email.

**Adoration:** There will be no adoration for the next 2 weeks, it will resume after restrictions ease.

**Confessions:** Will cease for a 2 week period, until the current restrictions come to an end.

**Parish Giving Tree** This year we would like to help families in our parish who are in need. There is a giving tree in the church and if you would like to donate a new toy please leave it at the tree. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10am-12 noon and 7.30pm-9pm we will leave the back door into the sacristy open for any families who are in need of these toys to come along and take what you need. All donations will be strictly confidential.

We also have donation envelopes at the back of the church, please put your donation in the envelope and then in the wooden box at the back of the church. Thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations at this time.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

29th November 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection: £1462.00

Recent Expenditure:  
Fire Extinguisher  
Maintenance £156.79

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 before Mass

Saturday before Mass

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**Baptism:** Baptisms are now permitted within strict guidelines. Please email the office for a booking form and more details.  
**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

Maureen Gilmore

Joan Lambertson

Madge Gibson

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Patrick Nelson

Tomas McAlinden

Mary Gallagher

Bridie Kelly

Anniversary Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Caroline Lavery

Marie Mallon

Mary McCrory

Veronica Lavery

**Parish Office:** Due to new restrictions imposed, the parish office will be closed to visitors for the next 2 weeks, commencing 00.01am Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. You can phone, leave a message on the voicemail or email your admin. requests outside of these hours. The emergency mobile is for sick calls only.

**Shoebbox Appeal – Romania 2020:** Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our shoebbox appeal. The shoeboxes and winter clothing are now on their way to Romania and will brighten up many people's Christmas.

**Aghagallon Apostolic:** Yay!! At last something to celebrate - Aghagallon Apostolic is 65 years old! Far from retiring, we plan to have a celebratory Mass for all those past and present members and supporters on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic, and new restrictions, attendance is not permitted but it will be broadcast on the parish webcam.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** Unfortunately due to Covid 19 Restrictions St Vincent de Paul are unable to do the usual food hampers. Anyone who would like to make a donation of either cash or vouchers to help those in need of necessities such as food or heating, can do so by contacting any St Vincent de Paul member or alternatively by leaving their donation in St Anthony's box in the Church.

**Advent Prayer Books:** Available at the back of the Church. £1.00 each.

**Christmas Cards:** Now on sale in the Church porch.

**Christmas Masses** We will be using a booking system for Christmas Masses this year.

We will provide you with more details of how and when to book over the next few weeks.

*'Do Not Lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever,  
Not even if your whole world seems upset.  
If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God,  
Lead your heart back to him quietly and simply.'* Saint Francis de Sales

Parish Priest:

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## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

07831 934 756

028 944 595 600

St Vincent De Paul Contact

Number: 07810 036 763

07745 785 181

Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000

The Order of The Knights of

St Columbanus 028 92 528 916

Diocesan Safeguarding Office

028 9049 2798

Parish Office Tel: 02892651214

Email: [parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk)

Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm.

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parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.