



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Carol Service:** Due to the current situation this year we decided to cancel our usual carol service in the church and pre-record a carol service for everyone to enjoy from home. In keeping with the tradition of Christmas jumpers and a fun sing along, the carol service is available on our website today Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 6pm. So get your hot chocolate ready and Christmas jumpers on and join us watching musicians, choirs and schools from our parish.

**Night Prayer** There will be no night prayer this evening.

**Christmas Masses:** Please see website or page attached for details of how and when to book.

**Church Doors** We have been advised by the diocese that during the winter months we can close the inside church doors and open the windows for ventilation. The door will stay open until Mass begins to minimise the touching of door handles. During adoration on a Wednesday the inside door will remain closed, can we ask parishioners to use the sanitizer in the porch before touching the door handle and then again in the church after touching the handle, we will provide extra sanitizer on a Wednesday.

**Daily and Sunday Mass:** Please do not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell. The Church will open again 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 cannot meet the 2m requirement if people were processing down the side aisle.

**Adoration:** Resumes from 10am – 6pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Funerals:** Funeral Services and Requiem Mass, whilst observing social distancing regulations is permitted with no pre or post funeral gatherings. Please follow social distancing advice. Funerals will also 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 permitted in the Church – email the parish for more details.

**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.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection: £1732.00  
Monthly Stipend: £1460.00

Recent Expenditure:  
Weekly Bulletin £244.80

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

**Baptisms:** 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 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

Eilish Agnew

Mary McVeigh

Madge Gibson

John Lavery

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Deceased Members of the Tallon Family

Patsy Lappin

Mary McVeigh

Dorothy Creaney

Seamus Mulholland

Deceased Members of the Armstrong Family

Bridie Lavery(4)

Willie Lavery

Rose Jordan

Hugh McCorry

Bernard (Bertie) Magee

Freddie Reynolds

Months Mind Mass Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Seamus Lavery Elizabeth Lavery

James Mulholland(4)

Connor O'Neill(29)

Mary Ellen Grant

David Bradshaw

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are permitted within strict guidelines. Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon, only one child per allocated Sunday.

**Africa Magazine:** If you have a subscription for the Africa Magazine, speak to one of our sacristan's to collect the latest issue.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers:** Rotas are now available to view online, or alternatively collect a copy from one of our sacristan's after Mass.

**Confessions:** Resume again on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and will take place on a Thursday and Saturday evening before Mass. We will only use one confessional box. Sanitising wipes are available inside and outside the door. Please wipe the handles before entering and any surfaces you think necessary inside and repeat before you leave. Please stand in the confessional and try not to touch any of the surfaces while inside.

**Parish Office:** Parish Office opening hours - Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am-4pm. You can leave a message on the voicemail or email your admin. requests outside of these hours.

The emergency mobile is for sick calls only.

**Face Coverings** Face coverings are mandatory while entering and leaving the Church. Church leaders are formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings during 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.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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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.

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

All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the

Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.



## Christmas Masses and Prayer Around the Crib



Christmas can be a very special time and parishioners may have traditions and certain Masses they like to attend. Many parishes are cancelling public Masses this Christmas due to concerns around covid-19 compliance. However, we feel that our traditions are even more important this year and we want as many people to celebrate a Christmas liturgy as safely as possible within a Church setting. We need your help to ensure this happens.

**Christmas Masses.** To comply with Diocesan and Government guidelines, and to ensure everyone is as safe as possible, we have made the decision to run a booking system for our 7pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 9am & 11am Masses on Christmas day. Bookings can **only** be made by emailing ([parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk)) or phoning (02892 651 214) the parish office on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 between 11am-4pm**. **NB: Bookings will not be taken at any other time.** Availability is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Multiple bookings are not permitted - please only book for yourself and your immediate family. When you are phoning/emailing please include all the details below:

1. Your name
2. Your telephone number
3. How many people wish to attend within your family or bubble
4. If you are able to use the stairs to the gallery
5. Your first preference Mass and an alternative preference if you so wish.

We may not be able to accept your booking if the church has reached capacity. The outside speakers will be on for an overflow of parishioners wishing to attend and follow Mass in their cars.

**Prayer around the Crib.** We have developed a short service around the crib for children, families and adults who cannot attend Mass on Christmas Eve but have watched via the webcam and want to visit the Church. They are very welcome to attend between 7.30pm-9pm. We will have special prayer cards for you to pray at the crib and a Eucharistic Minister will be available at the altar for anyone who would like to receive communion. Santa will be outside organising a socially distanced hot chocolate/cup of tea from our volunteers as you leave the church and to make sure everyone is following our elf and safety guidelines (wearing masks, Christmas jumpers, sanitising hands and keeping 2m apart from others. **Please remember** to take it straight to the car and get home ASAP, before Santa starts his deliveries (NB gatherings outside your family/bubble are not permitted on church grounds - anyone not following our guidelines will be asked to move on and will automatically be placed on the naughty list this year!).

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins.*