

The second collection this week is the Monthly Stipend.

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 27th 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 but will continue to be celebrated at the normal times <u>without a congregation in the Church</u>. Services will be streamed on the parish radio and parish webcam. This can be accessed from our website 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 <u>25</u> <u>people</u>, 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.

Baptisms: Are not permitted until the current restrictions ease. 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: Will resume after restrictions ease.

Confessions: Have ceased, until the current restrictions come to an end. **Parish Office:** Due to new restrictions imposed, the parish office is closed to visitors, commencing 00.01am Friday 27th 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.

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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

6th December 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection: £1082.00

Recent Expenditure: Shrine Candles £214.44

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: 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 ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Tomas McAlinden Deceased Members of the McStay Family Deceased Members of the Lavery Family Ben McNulty Deceased Members of the Tallon Family Patsy Lappin Mary Corey Winnie McCrory Paddy Lyons(41) Hugh McCann Patrick Joseph Patterson(31) Kyran McAtarsney Jane McStravick Fr Oliver McStravick Harry McVeigh Peter Mallon

Anniversary Mass Saturday 5th December at 7pm Anniversary Mass Wednesday 9th December at 10am Anniversary Mass Thursday 10th December at 7pm Anniversary Mass Friday 11th December at 10am Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th December at 9am Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th December at 11am

> Eugene McStravick(24) Annie Mulholland(13) Patrick McStravick Mary McVeigh

SAVE OUR CAROL SERVICE Due to the current situation and the uncertainty of future restrictions we have decided to cancel our usual carol service in the church and pre-record a carol service for everyone to watch at home. We would like to keep the tradition of Christmas jumpers and a fun sing along, so we have set a date that everyone can watch at the same time. It will be available on our website on Sunday 13th December 2020 at 6pm. So plan your hot chocolate and Christmas jumpers and join us watching musicians, choirs and schools from our parish.

Advent Night Prayer: We welcome Bridget back to guide us through night prayer this evening between 6pm and 7pm. Unfortunately there will be no congregation, but it will be streamed via webcam for everyone to take part at home.

Aghagallon Apostolic: Aghagallon Apostolic is 65 years old. Our celebratory Mass for all those past and present members and supporters has been rescheduled for Saturday 12th December at 7pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic, and restrictions there will be limited spaces available, however the Mass will be streamed via webcam for viewing at home. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office. 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. Romania Appeal: A big thank you to those you have generously donated to the Romanian Appeal. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Parish giving Tree: A massive thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to our parish giving tree, we had a great response. You have helped to make someone's Christmas special.

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan Tel: 028 9265 1214 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.