



# PARISH

## of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**St Patrick's Church:** 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. Will re-open for public worship on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We will have ushers to welcome, advise and reassure parishioners of procedures during Mass times. Please do not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell. The Church will remain open between 9am-6pm each day for Private/Personal Prayer. Please ensure that all health and safety advice is followed. Avoid touching surfaces and products, unless absolutely necessary. The windows will be open to ensure the Church is well ventilated. A face covering must be worn at all times on Church grounds and within St Patrick's Church, unless you are exempt. 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. If you arrive for Sunday Mass and we are at capacity, we will broadcast the Mass via the outside speakers so you can 'hear' Mass in your car. Initially, only people within the Church can receive Holy Communion during Mass.

**Adoration:** Will continue to run on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 6pm, unless advised otherwise.

**Funerals:** Funeral Services and Requiem Masses, whilst observing social distancing regulations, are currently permitted with no pre or post funeral gatherings. Numbers continue to be limited to a maximum of 25 attendees which includes musicians and singers. Please remember that gatherings are not permitted on Church grounds during funerals. Funerals will continue to be streamed for others to watch at home. Available Times for Requiem Masses in St Patrick's Church are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 10am or 12 noon. Sunday: 9am

**Weddings:** Weddings are currently permitted in the Church under strict guidelines and numbers are restricted to a maximum of 25 guests.

**Sick Calls:** Currently, sick calls can only be made if someone is gravely ill.

**Confessions:** Are currently by appointment only.

**Anniversaries:** Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions continue to be offered. Book via email or telephoning the office.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

Weekly Collection: £1449.00

Needy Parishes: £190.00

Recent Expenditure:

Palm Crosses: £71.42

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

### MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Arlo recently baptised into our Parish Family

**Baptism:** Baptisms are now 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, with only one child/family per allocated Sunday.

**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:** Bernadette Magerr

### ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Maureen Cinnamond

Tony Cushley

Tony King

Patsy Tallon

Helen McManus

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Joanne Molloy(7)

Margaret McNally

**Palm Sunday:** Today is Palm Sunday and the church is open for private prayer between 1pm-6pm.

During this time palm crosses will be available for collection, we will have liturgical music playing in the background and prayer cards available for you to take time to reflect and prepare for Holy Week. During this time it is important to have Prayer as connection to community - a way of engaging, of not being alone, and of receiving support from others in the community. As we continue our journey through the season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we focus our minds and hearts on God, we see more clearly what should be the right priorities in our lives. What we treasure most in our hearts and whatever gives meaning and purpose to our lives is revealed by the way we relate to each other.

**Easter Ceremonies:** Pamphlets containing details of our celebrations scheduled to take place over Easter are available for parishioners to collect from the church porch. Please note which celebrations are open to the public and which are available to view online only.

**Rota's:** Anyone who would prefer not to go back onto either the readers or the Eucharistic ministers rota's, please contact the office by either phone or email before 4pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**JP11 Award: Making young people visible in the church.** Congratulations to Erin Doone, Andrew Haire, Meadhbh Lavery, Conor Lavery, Daniel McCavigan, Fionnuala McGuinness, Andrea McKavanagh, Aoibinn McStravick and Conal Smyth who all received their gold award during a virtual ceremony on Thursday evening after each completing at least 40 parish and social awareness activities in 2019/2020.

**"Allow the light and the healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through our lives. In that way, all those who come into contact with you will discover the loving kindness of God."** St John Paul 11

**Trocaire Boxes:** Unfortunately due to the pandemic we do not have the facility to collect Trocaire boxes. Donations can be sent direct to Trocaire by cheque or alternatively you can make a donation via their website.

**Thank You:** To the Knights of Columbanus for their donation of prayer books to the children who will be receiving their First Communion this year, and also for providing the bottles for the Easter holy water.

**Parish Office:** The parish office continues to be closed to visitors until further notice. Remote Parish Office opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am-4pm. You can leave a message on the voicemail or email your admin. requests outside of these hours. We will endeavour to respond to your requests as soon as possible and your patience is appreciated. The emergency mobile is for emergencies only.

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.