



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Welcome back to Mass!

There are ushers to welcome, advise and reassure parishioners of the procedures in place. We ask that all parishioners adhere to diocesan/government policies and procedures in relation to Covid19 whilst on church property. These guidelines have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety. 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. 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 and touching surfaces or products, unless absolutely necessary. The windows/doors 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, as we cannot meet the 2m requirement if people were processing down the side aisle.

Volunteers To keep our church as safe as possible for parishioners all volunteers must wear a mask, even if wearing a shield.

Funerals: The NI Executive have announced a change to Health Protection Regulations in relation to Funeral Services and Requiem Masses. The number permitted to attend funerals will be determined following individual risk assessments which will establish variable capacity, with no pre or post funeral gatherings on Church grounds. While in the Church, everyone must be seated individually, with family or with others who are part of their bubble. 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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

18th April 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

Collections

Weekly 4th April: £2487.00

Easter Collection: £880.00

Catholics in Holy Lands:
£77.00

Weekly 11th April: £1447.00

Monthly Stipend: £1330.00

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 Donnacha and Nora, recently baptised into our Parish Family

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

Weddings: Weddings are permitted in the Church under strict guidelines. Following recent changes to the Health Protection Regulations the number permitted to attend weddings is to be determined following individual risk assessments. Whilst on church property attendees must follow guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of all. 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:

David Edwards

Anne Curran

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:

Annie McStay

John Doherty

Maurice McShane

Elizabeth Hannon

Seamus O'Neill(16)

Julie Browne (McGeown)(4)

Jim Greene

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 18th April at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Monday 19th April at 10am

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 25th April at 11am

Josephine Douglas(36)

Patrick McCavigan(25)

Noel Fegan

James Kelly

John McStravick(3)

Frances O'Neill Walker(5)

Eddie Fegan (junior)

John Nugent

Cemetery Sunday: The 11am Mass on Sunday 9th May will be offered for our beloved dead, buried in parish cemeteries. Fr Declan will visit St Patrick's, Maghernagaw, and Old Aghagallon graveyards alone to bless the graves *prior* to the Mass. Families and friends are welcome to visit their graves after Mass, but please ensure all health and safety guidelines are strictly followed. Candles will be available for all graves.

First Penance: Well done to the children from St Patrick's and Ballinderry Primary schools who made their First Penance last Monday.

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.

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

Confessions: Confessions in the confessional box have resumed on Thursday evenings before Mass. There will only be one confession box in use. Sanitising wipes will sit inside and outside the door. Please wipes the handles before entering and any surfaces you think necessary inside, then repeat this before you leave. Please remain standing and try to refrain from touching any surfaces while inside the confessional box. There is no longer a requirement to book confessions.

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

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

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.

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Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.