



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Gradual Easing of Covid-19 policies and procedures from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in St. Patrick's Church:** The Minister for Health has announced significant easing of restrictions and regulations relating to Covid-19. However, the Diocese recommends a continuation of protective measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of parish communities, especially those who are anxious or vulnerable. The doors/windows remain open to ensure the Church is well ventilated. We regret that the sacristy remains closed. Parishioners should continue to wear a mask/face covering while in the Church and sanitise their hands as they enter and leave or after using the shrines.

**Daily Masses, Weddings & Funerals:** Will continue with all previous restrictions in place. Every third pew will be available for seating, 2m markers will remain in place for those who wish to maintain social distancing, Communion will be received at the pews and the one-way system will continue. Holy Communion will be distributed at the pews and on the hand only. The Maximum capacity of the Church with these measures in place is 140 people.

**Sunday and Feast Day Masses:** The above restrictions will remain in place for those sitting on the left-hand section of the Church. If Eucharistic Ministers are available to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, the right-hand section of pews and the balcony will have free seating and every other pew will be available. Parishioners will once again process up for Holy Communion, entering the middle aisle to their left, row by row from the front of the Church and returning to their seat via the right-hand side aisle. The Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Communion from behind a Perspex screen. Parishioners are asked to put their cupped hands under the screen to receive the Host. At the end of Mass, those sitting on the left-hand side of the Church are asked to leave row by row, from the front, turning left and via the side entrance. Those on the right can exit their pew from the left-hand side via the main entrance. Those sitting in the balcony can exit via the main entrance.

**Thank you to everyone who donated generously to the collection for Ukraine.**

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection: £1405

Ukraine Collection:  
£3270

**Recent Expenditure:**  
**Sanitising Products for**  
**the Church £99.54**

*The Sanctuary lamp will  
burn this week 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

**Congratulations to Bronagh and Michael who recently celebrated their marriage.**

**Baptisms:** 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 and on Thursday evenings at 6pm. A total of 15 people permitted to attend.

**Weddings:** Currently the number permitted to attend weddings is to be determined following individual risk assessments. Attendees must follow all 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 Mass here regularly.

**NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support us and ensure we remain Covid secure. Please engage respectfully with them at all times.**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Geraldine Mitchell

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Geraldine McConaghey

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am

Harry Smyth

Anniversary Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Phyllis O'Rourke(12)

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

Philip McCrory

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Anne Curran

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

Henry Lavery

Anniversary Mass on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Gerard McStravick(2)

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

Susan McConaghy(12)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

John Creaney

Margaret Creaney

Perpetua Holbeach

Damien Toomey

Annie McAlinden

Patrick McCavigan(26)

Julie Browne (Nee McGeown) (5)

**The Second Collection this week is the Monthly Stipend.**

**Girl Guides Mass:** We welcome St Patrick's Guide unit to 11am Mass today.

**Lenten Prayers for Peace:** During Lenten Adoration on Wednesdays, before the disposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will be dedicating some time to Prayers for Peace. This week we continue with Stations of the Cross with Meditations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm – 7pm.

**Rota's:** New rotas available to collect from the Sacristan or to view online via the parish website.

**Register to Vote:** Election date is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and the deadline for registering to vote is 12<sup>th</sup> April. Register online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> by 11.59pm on 14th April.

**Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Safeguarding Office Support Person:** Down and Connor are seeking to establish a panel of individuals who will be engaged in the role of 'Support Person' and attached to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity further and for more information visit the Diocesan website at <https://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/>

Closing date for registration of interest is 12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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028 944 595 600

St Vincent De Paul Contact

Number: 028 9035 1561

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Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000

The Order of The Knights of

St Columbanus 028 92 528 916

Diocesan Safeguarding Office

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