



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

## ADVENT BEGINS

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy. *“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man”.* Pope Francis

**Advent Night Prayer with Adoration through Song:** Last year we welcomed SonLight Music Ministry to join us during Adoration on the first Sunday of Advent. This year we are pleased to announce they will be joining us again on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November to lead us in another holy hour from 6pm – 7pm. Everyone welcome, come along and start our Advent journey together.

**Little Acorns Annual Christmas Market & Santa Experience:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 6pm. Aghagallon Community Centre. Wide variety of Craft stalls, refreshments, and Santa experience. Santa will be arriving in style at 3.45pm. Free entry. Everyone welcome.

**St Patrick’s Carol Service: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.** Come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs, musicians, and parish groups. Everyone Welcome.

**Christmas Masses and Prayer around the Crib:** We are not operating a booking system for Christmas Masses this year. The 7pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will include Children’s Liturgy. People who are not able to attend Mass on Christmas Eve but still wish to come to the Church, are invited to visit the Crib and say a special prayer anytime between 8pm – 9pm. A Eucharistic Minister will be available for anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion.

**Aghagallon Santa Fun Run/Walk:** Lurgan Park Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.30am. All proceeds to Southern Area Hospice.

### Important days this week .....

St Andrew (Feast) – Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November  
St Francis Xavier (Mem) – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

### Collections:

13<sup>th</sup> November 22: £1518  
20<sup>th</sup> November 22: £1301  
Bishops Commissions:  
£140.00  
*Thank you*

**Recent Expenditure:**  
*Shrine Maintenance and  
Candles £318.53*

## 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

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**We welcome Frankie, who was recently Baptised into our Parish Family**

**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. At least one month’s notice is required, during which parents meet with a member of our Baptismal Team and the family attends the 11am Sunday Mass weekly, prior to the Baptism. If families are unable to complete the preparation or attend Mass, the Baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. A total of 20 people are permitted to attend.

**Weddings:** Wedding guests must continue to follow all guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of 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 in their parish *weekly* during the six-month notice of marriage period.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia (Patsy) Campbell  
Gary Grimley  
Peter Lavery

Philomena McAlinden Months Mind Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Patrick Nelson	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm	
Mary McCavigan (1)	Anniversary Mass on Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm	
Tomas McAlinden	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm	
Mary Gallagher	Caroline Lavery	Bridie Kelly
Helen Mulholland	Matthew McConnon	Gertie McConnon
Eugene McStravick (26)	Paddy Lyons (43)	Marie Mallon (29)
Mary Lavery	Hugh McStravick (25)	Elizabeth (Eilish) Agnew (2)

**Shoebox Appeal – Romania 2022:** Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our shoebox appeal and to all the volunteers who helped us sort the shoeboxes and clothing which are now on their way to Romania and will brighten up many people’s Christmas.

**GIFT 1:** We welcome our Year 8’s back on Monday evening from 7pm-9pm to our Growing in Faith Together Programme in the Community Centre.

**Would you like to join our Altar Servers club?** We welcome P4 – P7 pupils to become altar servers in our Parish. Application forms available in the church porch.

**St Patrick’s Primary School Aghagallon:** Invites you and your child on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 9am-10.30am to their OPEN MORNING EVENT. We hope you can join us for coffee and Christmas Carols, our principal’s address, and a tour of the school.

**St Ronan’s College Lurgan Open Evening:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in the Junior Suite, Waring Street. Principal’s address at 5.00pm and 6.30pm. All parents and prospective pupils are invited to attend.

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**EMERGENCIES AND  
SICK CALLS:**

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St Vincent De Paul Contact  
Number: 028 9035 1561  
[www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000  
The Order of The Knights of  
St Columbanus 028 92 528 916  
Diocesan Safeguarding Office  
028 9049 2798

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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.