# PARISH of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Advent Night Prayer with Adoration Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 6pm – 7pm Third Sunday of Advent Night Prayer and Adoration through Song with our Parish Community Choir.

**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, schools, parish groups & the South Ulster Band. Everyone Welcome.

Bambinelli/Gaudete Sunday has for many years been the day when the children of Rome bring figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope during the Angelus. The tradition has continued and has grown in popularity across the universal church. Today we have had our figurines of Baby Jesus blessed to remind us of the wonderful gift that God our Father gives us in Jesus Christ. Children are invited to take a wrapped baby Jesus and place it under their tree at home, to be opened as the first gift of Christmas.

**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.

**Christmas Confessions:** If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Christmas, we are continuing to offer confessions prior to Adoration and Night Prayer each Sunday of Advent from 5.30pm. There will be no Penitential Service this year. **Christmas Cards:** Now on sale in the Church porch.

## Take a Little Time for Tea

We would like to welcome you to join us in The Village Café on Wednesday after Mass for a mince pie and a cup of tea.

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekly Collections: £1196.50 Monthly Stipend: £795.00 Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Recent Expenditure: Missalettes £,248.00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE Monday: 10.00am Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm (Norena Prayers) Friday: 10.00am (First Friday 7pm) Saturday: 7.00pm (Vigi) Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am CONFESSIONS Thursday before Mass

# MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Hugo, 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 directly after 11am Mass 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**

Sean Johnson Patricia (Patsy) Campbell Gary Grimley Peter Lavery ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Peter Campbell

The Deceased Members of the Tallon Family<br/>Seamus MulhollandPatrick McStravickBetty Carson (30)Connor O'Neill (31)Seam<br/>Joseph Patterson (33)Bridi<br/>Fr. Oliver McStravick (19)Rose<br/>Bernard (Bertie) MageeJoan Campfield

Months Mind Mass on Saturday 17th December at 7pm

Months Mind Mass on Sunday 11th December at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am Anniversary Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Seamus Lavery Bridie Lavery (6) Rose Jordan John Hill Joseph Patterson 18<sup>m</sup> December at 9am Elizabeth Lavery James Mulholland (6) Molly Hill Mary McDowell Peter Mallon

**GIFT 1:** A great time was had by all at Lisburn bowl on Monday night to celebrate the final night of our Growing in Faith together Programme. Congratulations to Jack who won the bowling. We hope to start GIFT 2 for the Year 9's in the New Year.

**Christmas Bulletin Notices:** There will be no bulletin on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Please leave all bulletin notices into the Parish Office by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Grave Leases:** If you have made a payment for a pre-lease grave in our new cemetery and have not received a receipt, please contact the Parish office during office hours.

Aghagallon Apostolic would like to thank you so very much for all for your support and prayers. We will be having our display in the New Year and wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Africa Magazine: The latest issue is now ready for collection from the Church porch.

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