



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Advent Night Prayer with Adoration  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 6pm – 7pm**  
 Please join us!

**Covid-19 Restrictions:** Weekday Mass goers have voted overwhelmingly to continue to wear face coverings, maintain the 2-metre distance and remain in their seats to receive Holy Communion. For all other Masses, we will continue to reserve part of the pews on the left-hand side of the Church for those who wish to wear face coverings, maintain 2 metres distance, and receive Holy Communion at their seats. All other areas of the Church will continue to have unrestricted seating and face coverings are optional but appreciated.

**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 School Mass:** We welcome some of the classes from St Patrick's and St Mary's Primary Schools to our 10am Mass on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The children will also spend a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

**Parish 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. There will be no Advent Night Prayer or Adoration on this date.

**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 anytime between 8pm – 9pm. A Eucharistic Minister will be available for anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion.

**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.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
 2nd SUNDAY OF  
 ADVENT

Weekly Collections:  
 £1567.50  
 Thank you.

*Recent Expenditure:*  
 Graveyard bin  
 Maintenance £52.44

**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

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**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	Months Mind Mass on Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm
Gary Grimley	
Peter Lavery	Months Mind Mass on Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 11am
Philomena McAlinden	Months Mind Mass on Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am
<b>ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME</b>	
Tomas McAlinden	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm
Eileen Lavery	Anniversary Mass on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm
Deceased Members of the McStay Family	Anniversary Mass on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 10am
Peter Campbell	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm
Dessie Scullion	Bridie Kelly
Veronica Lavery	Kyran McAtarsney
	Annie Mulholland (15)

**Holy Day of Obligation: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 7pm**

**GIFT 1:** We welcome the young people from our Growing in Faith Together Programme to 11am Mass today. We look forward to their final night this year at Lisburn Bowl tomorrow evening.

**St. Patrick's Cemetery Extension:** The extension is finally complete and has been Consecrated. We would also like to invite parishioners to bless the new graveyard. Prayer cards and small bottles of Holy Water are available to collect from the Church Porch after Masses this weekend. As pre-leased graves are in the far right-hand side of the extension, we will release plots in the central area of the graveyard for those who have not pre-leased. The cost of new graves will be £1800 for parishioners and £2200 for non-parishioners.

**Aghagallon Pre-school Open Night:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8pm. Everyone welcome.

**St Patrick's Primary School Open Morning:** Join us on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am -10.30am.

**Lost Property:** A car key has been found in the Church. If this belongs to you, contact the Parish Office during open hours.

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

<p><b>Parish Priest:</b>  <b>Fr Declan Mulligan</b>  <b>Tel: 028 9265 1214</b></p>	<p><b>EMERGENCIES AND        SICK CALLS:</b>        07831 934 756        028 944 595 600</p>	<p>St Vincent De Paul Contact        Number: 028 9035 1561  <a href="http://www.svp.ie">www.svp.ie</a></p>	<p>Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000        The Order of The Knights of        St Columbanus 028 92 528 916        Diocesan Safeguarding Office        028 9049 2798</p>	<p>Parish Office Tel: 02892651214        Email: <a href="mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk">parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk</a>        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.</p>
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