



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

A special thanks to the leaders and young people of our GIFT and JPPII groups, our choirs and musicians, our Church cleaners, the hospitality teams, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Safeguarding Committee, our Sacristans, and our Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and all volunteers for their commitment and hard work over the year! Fr Declan and our Parish Team would like to wish all our parishioners Peace, Joy and Happiness this Christmas and New Year!

Parish Carol Service: Thank you to our Parish choirs, schools, groups & the South Ulster Community Band who led us in our singing and to everyone who took time out from their busy Christmas preparations to join us in the Church or via the webcam. Thank you to Aine, Rosemary & Sean for setting the scene with the beautiful display and candlelight. Also, a big thank you to our elves. It was a very festive occasion.

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 prayer any time after the 7pm Mass until 8.30pm. A Eucharistic Minister will be available at the altar for anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion. Our volunteers will be outside the Church to offer everyone a cup of hot chocolate or tea when they are leaving.

Southern Area Hospice: Thanks to everyone who took part in the Aghagallon Santa Fun Run and to Barry Shanks for organizing this annual event. A total of £6052 was raised.

The Parish Office: Will be closed from Tues 27th Dec 22 until Tues 10th Jan 23. Please remember that the emergency mobile is for sick calls only.

Parish Calendar Available in the church porch.

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON WED 28TH DEC.

Feast of the Epiphany

Vigil Mass: Thursday 5th January at 7pm

Friday 6th January at 7pm

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 25th December
2022

Christmas & New Year
Bulletin

Weekly Collections:
£1234.50

Thank you for supporting
our Parish.

Recent Expenditure:
Heating Oil for the
Church £2034.81

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 Dara, who was recently Baptised into our Parish Family.

Baptisms: Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1st and 3rd 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

Fr James Boyle

Sean Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Rory Campbell

James Kelly

Declan Loughran

Martin Toye

Mary McDonald

James Mulholland

Dan McHenry

Annie McDonald

Gerry McDonald

The Deceased Members of the Campfield Family

Felix McDonald

Imelda Armstrong

John Douglas

Charles McCluskey

Annie Mallon

Mary Cinnamond

John Creaney

Charlie Tallon

Thomas Tallon

Daniel Paul Tallon

Mother Ursula Tallon

Hugh John Faloon

Martin McMahon

Edmund Campbell

Jack Tallon

Aaron McConville

Charlotte Mulholland

Mary Gallagher

Edward Fegan (Snr)

Now Accepting Contactless Donations: You will find our new **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church porch. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

The Christmas Offering for the Support of the Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Second Collection on Sunday 1st January is the Monthly Stipend.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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028 944 595 600

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Number: 028 9035 1561

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The Order of The Knights of

St Columbanus 028 92 528 916

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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.