



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

## Safeguarding Sunday – Sunday 29th January 2023

This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese.

The practice of safeguarding within the diocese refers to a wide range of services, plans and activities that are put in place to protect both children and adults who may be vulnerable to abuse and neglect from being exploited or harmed. Within our Church community it is about making our Church a safe, welcoming, and enriching place and is a shared community responsibility in which each one of us has a part to play, whether that is reporting a concern about a child or adult or by simply volunteering in your parish in any of our safeguarding activities. Our Parish Safeguarding Committee oversee the volunteers working alongside children and adults at risk of harm ensuring that all volunteers have been vetted and have undertaken the necessary training. Annual audits are completed to ensure that all areas of safeguarding are up to date, adhered to and areas of improvement highlighted. In addition, regular meetings are held to discuss all matters in connection with safeguarding in the parish and what can be done to raise awareness about keeping everyone safe.

**Safeguarding Committee:** We need a few more members for our Safeguarding Committee. This will involve meeting once a month/every six weeks for approx. one hour. This meeting takes place during office hours. If you are interested, please contact the parish office during office hours for more information.

**Collections:** This weekend we will return to passing the baskets around the pews for our collections. We will need two parishioners at each Mass to assist with this, if you can help, please let Fr Declan know. The collection box at the side door will be emptied after each Mass.

**Holy Water:** Will be back in the all the fonts for those who wish to use it.

**Africa Magazine:** Available for collection from the Church porch.  
*Large shrine candles cost £4 each, these are not free. Please use the shrines at the top of the Church for your donation.*

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 29th January 2023

Weekly Collection:

£972.00

Online/Card Machine

19/01/22 -26/01/23

£133.50

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Recent Expenditure:

Graveyard Bin

Maintenance £52.44

## 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 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

Ciaran Hendron

Robert Moore

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Hugh Doris

Sheila Lavery

Paul Magee

Paddy Creaney

Sean Johnston

Malachy Nelson

Maura Rogers

Patrick Lavery

Rosetta McCartan (10)

John Linden-O'Neill (3)

Anniversary Mass Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am

Joseph McCarthy

Elizabeth McPhillips

Christine McManus McAlinden (19)

Agnes McCarthy

Mae Mulholland

Sr. Mary Rita McKavanagh

## Important days this week....

**St Brigid's Day:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February is the Feast of St Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland. Mass will be celebrated at 10am. Candles & prayer cards available. If you would like to give a donation, please use the basket provided.

**The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day:** Mass at 7pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. During Mass candles will be blessed for you to take home. If you would like to give a donation for the cost of the church candles, please use the basket provided.

**The Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop, and Martyr:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Mass and a general blessing of the throats at 7pm.

**P7 Retreat Day:** We look forward to welcoming the Primary 7 children from both schools who will join Fr Declan in the Community Centre on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in preparation for Confirmation.

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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.