



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Accord Ni Catholic Marriage Care Service:** Marriage education facilitators are required to provide sacramental marriage preparation for couples within the diocese. This is an opportunity for individuals who are good communicators and have enthusiasm to support and help prepare couples for future family life to formally train within a supportive, nurturing, and inspiring community. In 2022 Accord NI helped 2140 couples to develop good communication skills, manage conflict, and understand the responsibility and significance of the sacrament of marriage. For further details or application forms contact Brenda at 02890 233002 or E: [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)

## SMA Dromantine - Lenten Retreats

**Lenten Reflection Day:** Kindness... a gifted way of living my life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 5.00pm. Cost £35 per person.

**Dance of Life Retreat:** This retreat offers the opportunity to dance, which may raise awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 5pm – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2pm. Cost £220. For information and bookings T: 02830821964 or E: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Poetry and Prayers – A Monastic Trail around Lough Neagh:** This one-day experience is led by Jim Deeds and Christine Doherty and has four drop off points in total – Antrim Round Tower, Cranfield Old Church and Holy Well, Ardboe Stone Cross, Benburb Priory. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 6pm. Cost £80 per person, includes coach transfers, tea, and coffee at the Lock Keepers Cottage in Toomebridge, evening meal in Benburb Priory, as well as historic and spiritual guidance. Email [poetryandprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:poetryandprayers@hotmail.com) for more details or to book a place, specifying how many people you would like to book for and which date/s you would like to go on.

**Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Require volunteered registered nurses for the pilgrimage from 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. For more information, please email your details to [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Weekly Collection:

£1407.00

### Sick & Retired Priests:

£296.00

### Online/Card Machine:

17/02/22 -23/02/23

£89.42

### Recent Expenditure:

Liturgical Goods £494.55

Thank You.

## 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 Ethan, 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

Fr John Craven

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Celine McKavanagh

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am

David Lavery

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

Mary McHenry

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

The Deceased Members of the Hannon Family

Dominic McCavigan

Teresa Walsh

Molly Keenan

Kathleen McCafferty

Rosaleen Mitchell

Samuel Mitchell

Alice Mallon

Patrick Mallon

John Creaney

Felix Connolly

Margaret McCorry

Kathleen Mulholland

Christina Mulholland (11)

Carol Rafferty

Willie John Brankin

Elizabeth Brankin

Pat Brankin

**G.I.F.T 2:** Due to a clash with other commitments the children have we are unable to run our GIFT 2 programme at this time. Our GIFT programme is a continuation from Confirmation helping our children and young people stay connected to the church. Hopefully we can find a way to keep this running in our parish.

**Restrictions in the Church:** It is great to see so many parishioners returning to Mass. We have decided to reduce the socially distance area at weekend Masses to accommodate the increased numbers. Fr Declan will continue to distribute Communion to a reduced number of socially distanced pews on the left-hand side of the church, prior to joining the Eucharistic minister at the front of the altar where the remaining parishioners can come forward and receive Communion.

**Apostolic Lenten Campaign:** Please choose to support Apostolic work this Lent.

Boxes are available in the Church porch.

**Trocaire Lenten Boxes:** Are now available in the Church porch.

**"My Day by Day" Lenten Books** available in the porch. Cost £1

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

Tel: 028 9265 1214

## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

07831 934 756

028 944 595 600

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

Parish Office Tel: 02892651214

Email: [parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk)

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.