



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Third Sunday of Lent - Love the Lord God with all our Heart:
The highest form of prayer is praise. Praise is an expression of love. Through it we may learn to love God with all our heart, soul and strength and to give God glory, praise, and thanksgiving.

Altar Servers Team: The current team of altar servers belong to a long line of young people who have assisted the priest at Mass. It is a privilege to be so close to the Sacrifice of the Mass, and they have an important role which is vital to enhancing the celebration of the liturgy. The servers are encouraged to serve with dignity and respect, reflecting the special role and place they have at Mass. They have rightly earned praise from parishioners, and this testifies to how responsibly they carry out this role. Their active participation at Mass serves as a role model for the younger members of our parish. The current team enjoy assisting on the altar, they are supportive of each other and are always welcoming to new members. They are polite and helpful to all who require their assistance or help. These young people grow in confidence and self-esteem, learning to cooperate with each other through teamwork, whilst enjoying actively participating at Mass and playing their part in the life of the parish. In their own way the altar servers are all witnesses to Christ and through this witness they grow spiritually which strengthens their faith. Being an altar server also means getting certain treats on special occasions – Christmas Selection Box, Easter Eggs, parties, and trips out. Full training is given, and you can pick which Mass you would like to serve at. If you have made your First Penance and would like to be part of our Altar Servers Team, come along to our training day on Saturday 1st April 2023 from 10.30am-12noon.

St Patrick's Dance Night: Friday 17th March in The Cranagh Hall 8.30pm to late. Live music by Raymond Loney. Supper and Craic. Admission £6. Come join us.



St Patrick's Day – 17th March 2023.
Thursday 16th March - Vigil Mass 7pm.
Friday 17th March - Mass at 10am.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 12th March 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection:

£1000.00

Monthly Stipend:

£1090.00

Online/Card Machine:

£183.83

03/03/22 -09/03/23

Thank You

Recent Expenditure:

Heating Oil for the
Church £2161.08

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 Darla, who was Baptised recently 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.

NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support and help us.

Please engage respectfully with them at all times.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary McStravick
 Marie McGinn
 Fr Jim Sheppard
 Deacon Hugh Robinson
 Sheila Hannon

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Joe Reynolds (20)	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 11 th March at 7pm		
Maureen O'Neill	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 12 th March at 11am		
Brian Lavery	Anniversary Mass on Monday 13 th March at 10am		
John Creaney	Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 15 th March at 10am		
Michael McCusker	Anniversary Mass on Friday 17 th March at 10am		
Michael McWilliams	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 18 th March at 7pm		
Henry Lavery	James E Mulholland	James Rogers	Kathleen Lavery
Niamh Mitchell	Thomas McCrory (39)	Jim McManus	Molly O'Neill
James O'Neill	James Toland	Margaret Toland	Joseph Marner
Madge Tallon			

Sacraments

We ask you to pray for the children from St Patrick's Primary school and St Mary's Primary school who will celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Confirmation cards available in the Church porch.

Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Patrick's, St Mary's, and Ballinderry Primary Schools who received the Sacrament of First Penance during the week. We enjoyed beautiful singing from the children and all the lovely artwork they provided.

Children's Liturgy: If you wish to present your son/daughter for sacraments this year it is important that they attend Mass regularly. Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday at 11am Mass for P1-P7 children.