



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

*As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year, let us try to remember that, for those who believe in the Resurrection, there is always hope. Not a 'wishful thinking' kind of hope, which denies the struggles of everyday living, but rather a firm and certain belief that, in the end, good will triumph. That is good news, and we can play our part in bringing it to our homes, to our parishes, to our country and to the world.*

## Holy Week Ceremonies 2023

### Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April:

Mass of Our Lord's Supper at 7pm, followed by Adoration.  
Night Prayer at 9pm.

### Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:

Passion at 3pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

### Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April:

Easter Vigil at 8pm.

### Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:

Masses at 9am & 11am.

**Commissioning and Renewal of Commitment for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** All ministers will be invited to make or renew their commitment for the year ahead during Mass on Holy Thursday

**Parish Office Easter Closure:** The parish office will be closed for Easter from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no bulletin on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please submit any notices for the bulletin to the office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Africa Magazine:** If you have a subscription for the Africa Magazine, the latest issue is now available to collect from the Church porch.

*There will be a collection on Good Friday for Christians living in the Holy Land.*

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023  
Palm Sunday

### Weekly Collection:

£1646.00

### Online/Card Machine:

£186.21

25/03/22 -31/03/23

### Recent Expenditure:

Palm Sunday/Easter  
Triduum Books £504.80

*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 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

Nora McHenry  
Kathleen Lavery  
Tommy Lavery  
Tom French  
Mary McStravick

Months Mind Mass Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Gerard McStravick  
Theresa McKillop  
Anne Curran  
Brian Haughian  
Annie McAlinden  
Perpetua Holbeach  
Damian Toomey

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm  
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9am  
Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm  
Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am  
Margaret Creaney                      John Creaney  
Helen McManus (18)                      Margaret McNally  
Julie Brown (Nee McGeown)              Patrick McCavigan (27)

## Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday, the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. This day joins the foretelling of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (as the crowd welcomed Him with palm branches) and the proclamation of His Passion in the Gospel reading. Hence, the day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday"

***"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!"***  
**John 12:13**

**Popes Monthly Prayer Intentions:** Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. April's prayer intention is for a culture of peace. Join many people worldwide in praying for the spread of peace and non-violence and a decrease in the use of weapons.

## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

07831 934 756

(in the event you are unable to reach  
Fr Declan on the emergency number)

028 944 595 600

## Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

Tel: 028 9265 1214

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.