



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Pathways to the Future:** In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church “Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.” That is still our mission today. Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples, and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

**Cemetery Sunday:** A total amount of £610.46 was collected at Cemetery Sunday, this will go towards the upkeep of both our graveyards. Thank you for your donation. It was great to see so many attending the special service to remember our loved ones and the graves in our graveyards are all looking beautiful. Cemetery Sunday takes a lot of preparation and organising. Thank you to the volunteers who read, prayed the rosary and to the choir for the lovely singing. Following Covid we discussed what we thought would be the most respectful way to return to cemetery Sunday Liturgies in the three graveyards, and we decided to invite families to the 11am Mass and then process out to the graveyard while our readers began the Rosary. Unfortunately, noise at the end of Mass continued into the graveyard and even though we had tested the speakers before and thought the volume was fine, with the extra noise, most people were unaware that the prayers had started. We will meet with the Parish Pastoral Council in the coming weeks and discuss how we can solve this problem for next year.

**SAFEGUARDING:** The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland are to conduct a review of safeguarding practice across the Diocese. This is part of the process of learning and maintaining best safeguarding practice, ensuring our Church is a safe and nurturing place for young people to grow and develop their faith. The review will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Diocese, contact Teresa Devlin-Chief Executive Officer, prior to the review dates T: 003531 5053124/E: [teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie](mailto:teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie)

**Lough Derg 2023:** The Living Church Office are organising a 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg, from Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July which will be led by Jim Deeds. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June from Glengall Street. To book contact Claire on T: 02890 690920/E: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 21st May 2023  
Ascension Sunday

Weekly Collection: £1727

Graveyard Gate

Collection: £610.46

Online/Card Machine:

12/05/22 -18/05/23

£125.50

Recent Expenditure:  
Liturgical Goods £501.00

The Sanctuary Lamp will  
burn this week for Molly  
Hill

## 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 Alfie, 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.

**NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support and help us.  
Please engage respectfully with them at all times.**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Geraldine Creaney  
Father Kevin McMullan  
Patrick (Patsy) Tallon  
Brian Mulholland

Months Mind Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11am  
Months Mind Mass on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Henry Campbell  
Desmond Walsh  
Kevin Lavery  
Una McHenry  
Lucia McGrath  
Eileen Hannon (3)  
Jerome McIntyre (7)  
Willie John Lavery  
Rosaleen Mulholland

Margaret Anne Weir (2)  
Sarah Lavery (9)

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am  
Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am  
Anniversary Mass on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
Anniversary Mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10am  
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 9am  
Willie McCorry  
Rosena Walsh  
Bridie O'Dowd (17)

## The Second Collection this week is for the Education of Diocesan Students

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to the children from St Mary's who celebrated their First Communion yesterday. We look forward to celebrating First Communion with St Patrick's on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. It is essential for the children to attend Mass weekly to prepare for their First Communion. The children are welcome back in their First Communion outfits on the Sunday after their Communion and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June for Corpus Christi.

**Biblical Walk through the Mass:** Begins Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm for 5 weeks online via zoom. Join the programme, and explore the roots of the words and gestures experienced at Mass, reflect on their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will encourage renewal of faith, love & devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

To book T: 02890690920 or

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## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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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

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