



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Year 8's:** We would like to welcome any Year 8's living in our Parish to our G.I.F.T Programme. What is G.I.F.T? On the GIFT programme, young people take part in fun activities, pray together, discuss various topics such as friendship, gifts and relationships and will have a positive experience of belonging to the Catholic Church and their own parish. The programme begins on Monday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> September, in Aghagallon Community Centre from 7pm-9pm. Application forms are available on the night for parents to complete if you did not receive one.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023:** You are welcome to join us for our Coffee Morning on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 after 9am and 11am Mass in the Community Centre.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity that aims to improve the lives of everyone affected by cancer in the UK. The charity provides physical, emotional, and financial support to people with cancer and their families, carers, and communities. The charity also campaigns for better cancer care and tackles cancer care inequalities. Macmillan Cancer Support is funded by donations from the public. Cash and card donations greatly accepted. Thank you for your support.

**School Mass:** It was lovely to have pupils from St Patrick's and St Mary's Primary Schools join us for Mass on Wednesday. We had great stories from the children about their school day and their favourite part of the day - 'Home time!' The children received a prayer card to take home and use when saying their prayers at bedtime and throughout the day. We have a prayer box sitting at the altar with pages beside it. We welcome the children to write their little prayer or intention and put it in the box. We continue to encourage the children to attend our 11am Mass every Sunday, with Children's Liturgy. Once a month during the school year we plan to have a special morning at 11am Mass for classes that are preparing for their Sacraments. To help the children prepare and their parents support them, packs will be provided for the children to take home and use in preparation for their First Penance, Holy Communion or Confirmation.

**Aghagallon Mother and Toddler Group:** Every Friday morning from 10am -11.30am in the Community Centre.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
2023  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
**Weekly Collection:**  
**£972.00**  
**Harvest Offering: £297.10**  
**Online/Card Machine:**  
 15<sup>th</sup> September-21<sup>st</sup>  
 September: £98.48  
 Thank you for supporting  
 our parish.  
**Recent Expenditure:**  
**Liturgical Goods £378.86**

**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 Henry, 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. Families must also be present at 11am Mass on the morning their child receives the sacrament and be ready to begin immediately after Mass. 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

Kathleen Mulholland

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

The Deceased Members of the Campbell Family	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September at 11am		
The Deceased Members of the McGrann Family	Anniversary Mass on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September at 10am		
Agnes Hannon	Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm		
Edna Downing	Anniversary Mass on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm		
Dan Tallon	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm		
Ethna Hamill	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October at 11am		
Kathleen Lavery	Masie Scullion	Tony Mulholland	Ellen McIlMurray
William Mulholland	Lily Mulholland	James Mulholland	Mary McGrann
Noel McGrann	Brendan Campbell (21)	John Campbell (9)	Eddie (Ned) Mulholland

**The Seven Joys of Mary:** During the month of October, we will reflect on the Seven Joy's of Mary's Life. We will pray the rosary before Mass on Monday, Wednesday, and the Liturgy of the Word on a Friday. We will have prayers and reflections available for you to take home. As we reflect throughout the month on the joys experienced by Mary we hope that you can draw comfort from them and begin to make connections between your own faith journey and Mary's too. ***"Faith always brings us to joy, and Mary is the Mother of Joy! May she teach us to take the path of joy, to experience this joy!" (Pope Francis)***

**Prayer Room:** Thank-you to the Knights of St Columbanus for painting the prayer room and for the new glass in the door. Although it is still a work in progress, the prayer room is available to anyone who would like to sit quietly, reflecting and praying, while the church is open. It is also a warmer room in the church and available during adoration on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Aghagallon Preschool:** Annual AGM on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in The Community Centre. Come along and join our helping hands committee.

We always welcome support and new ideas.

**Parish Rotas:** Available to collect from the Church porch or view online via the website.



## 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

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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 Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm.  
 All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the  
 Parochial house red post box, email or phone the  
 parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.

Parish Priest:  
 Fr Declan Mulligan  
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