



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**JP11 Award:** The Pope John Paul 11 Award offers young people a fantastic opportunity to develop as a person and to help others. Participants are encouraged to live out their faith daily whilst gaining lifelong skills such as leadership and communication as well as learning how to work in a team. Participation in the Award can be a positive factor when submitting UCAS applications as it demonstrates commitment to community service and personal growth. St Pope John Paul 11 registration for the JP11 Award is open to all year 13 students and will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Church Sacristy. We hope you can join us.

**G.I.F.T 1** has been a great success. Thank you to all our volunteers.

**Altar Servers Club:** Thank you to all our altar servers who attended the training day. They will joy us for Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Altar Serving is a beautiful activity where the children get to learn more about their faith, ask questions, build confidence, and most importantly have FUN!

**November Mass:** We will remember all who have died over the past year at our Bereavement Mass on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm. We ask for family members to attend; a seat will be reserved, and we will remember your loved one in a special way at this Mass.

**Parish Draw** Over the past few months we have been making plans to re-introduce the Parish Draw. We have done a lot of research; Mary has got information from other parishes and with the help of promoters we hope to have our first draw before Christmas. This will be a monthly draw with tickets costing £5 per month, you can purchase them monthly or sign up for the year for £60. If you would like to be a promoter, can you leave your details in the Parish office. All help with this is greatly appreciated. More information to follow.

**Summary of Accounts for 2022:** The Diocese has completed their review of our accounts for last year and our Parish Finance Committee approved them for publication. If you would like a copy of the summary, or if you wish to view the accounts, please call to the parochial house during office hours. Thank-you to the Finance Committee for their ongoing commitment to the parish.

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
28th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

**Weekly:** £1208.00

**Online/Card Machine:**

06/10/23 -12/10/23:  
£77.50

**Recent Expenditure:**

Tarmacking of the  
Church Grounds  
£ 29,760.00

Thank you for supporting  
our Parish.

## 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. 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

Alice Greene

Brian Morgan

Kathleen Mulholland

Months Mind Mass on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

The Deceased Members of the McGarrell Family Anniversary Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

Teresa Agnew Anniversary Mass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10am

Arthur Loughran Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am

The Deceased Members of the Scullion Family Anniversary Mass on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm

Agnes Yarr Patricia McAtarsney Brian McGeown (10)

Roseanna McBrinn Gerard Brankin Patrick Maguire

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Currently, the wearing of masks while distributing Holy Communion is voluntary. Fr Declan will continue to wear a mask when parishioners are sitting in the front left section of the Church, which is still reserved for those who wish to wear masks and remain socially distanced.

**The Seven Joys of Mary (3rd Joy): The Visitation of the Magi:** The Scriptures tell us that the Three Wise Men came from the East guided by a Star, to adore Jesus in Bethlehem. As Bethlehem comes into view, imagine the relief and excitement in the hearts of the Magi. Their visitation brought great joy to the Holy Family. Like the three wise men who followed the star consider the signs of God's presence in your life and where He wants to lead you. Think about the amount of time you spend in conversation and prayer with God each day. Please take a medal of the Holy Family from the porch and let us pray, *"Lord, help us to recognise your presence in our lives and be thankful for the many blessings you have given to us which we can often take for granted. Let us be welcomed into the heart of the Holy Family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"*.

**Africa Magazine:** For subscribers, the latest issue is now ready for collection from the Church porch.

## 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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parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.