



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 23rd Dec: 7pm Mass

**Sunday 24th Dec (Christmas Eve): 9am Mass
NO 11AM MASS
7pm (Christmas Vigil)**

Monday 25th Dec (Christmas Day): 9am & 11am Masses

Tuesday 26th Dec (St Stephens Day): 7pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Thursday 14th and 21st December before Mass

Saturday 16th and 23rd December before Mass

CAROL SERVICE: Sunday 17th December at 7pm

There will be No Adoration on Wednesday 27th December

Parish Draw: Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, the response has been overwhelming. Tickets can still be purchased before Tuesday from the Parish Office or from one of the local promoters. Our first draw will be on Wednesday 20th Dec after Mass in the Community Centre. Join us for festive refreshments.

P1 Church Visit: The P1 children from St Patrick's and St Mary's Primary schools had great fun joining Fr Declan and Catherine in the church. They got to baptize a baby, dress up as an altar server or priest and of course enjoy a snack in the sacristy.

Schools Christmas Mass: The pupils from St Mary's and St Patrick's joined us for 10am Mass on Wednesday. They sang beautiful Christmas hymns and lit the candle on the advent wreath. After a count down with the children Fr Declan switched on the Tree Lights and the children sang together before going to the Community Centre for some treats.

Altar Servers Christmas Outing: Thank you to our altar servers for their continued commitment and hard work. A cinema trip on Monday 18th December is planned, time to be confirmed.

Aghagallon Preschool Open Evening: Wednesday 13th Dec from 7pm-8pm. Parents and children are welcome to view the school and meet the staff. Come and see!

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 10th Dec 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekly – 26th Dec:

£1847.50

Weekly – 3rd Dec: £1552.50

Monthly Stipend: £1475.00

Recent Expenditure:

Missalettes and

Christmas Nativity Books

£262.00

Thank you

**The New Parish Diary
for 2024 is now Open
for Bookings.**

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 Ruan, who was recently Baptised 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. 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

Odhran Kelly

Eunan Mulholland

Paul Grogan

Dwyer Marshall

Months Mind Mass on Saturday 23rd December at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

The Deceased Members of the McStay Family

Patsy Lappin

The Deceased Members of the Tallon Family

Dorothy Creaney

Connor O'Neill (32)

Brendan McMullan

Kyran McAtarsney

James Mulholland

Mary Ellen Grant

Annie Mulholland (16)

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 9th December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 10th December at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 16th December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17th December at 11am

Mary McCorry

Bernard (Bertie) Magee

Seamus Lavery

Rose Jordan

Peter Mallon

Elizabeth Lavery

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Communion Services, led by lay people in the absence of a priest, will take place in the parish from Monday 11th to Friday 15th December inclusive.

Sick Calls: For all sick calls and emergencies from Monday 11th to Friday 15th December please contact Fr Colm McBride in Glenavy on 028 9445 9560.

Romania: Fr Declan will visit Romania this week to help with maintenance work and ensure our shoeboxes have arrived at the right place. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated shoeboxes or made a cash donation. It is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Bulletin Notices: There will be no bulletin on Sunday 31st December and Sunday 7th January 2024. Please leave all bulletin notices into the Parish Office by Tuesday 19th December.

St Mary's GAC: Join florist Aine McGuinness for the Merry & Bright Flower Arrangement Demonstration and delicious festive refreshments in Aghagallon Community Centre on Sunday 10th December at 4pm. Tickets £12.

Aghalee Heritage Project 2018-2023: Free books available in 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

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

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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.