



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec:** 7pm Mass

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Day):** 9am & 11am Masses

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec (St Stephens Day):** 7pm Mass

## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December before Mass

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December before Mass

**There will be No Adoration on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**

*Come along this evening and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs and schools. The South Ulster Band will once again make our carol service extra special! Everyone Welcome.*

**Bambinelli/Gaudete Sunday:** Today we light the pink candle to represent joy. For many years it has been the day when the children of Rome bring figurines of Baby Jesus from the family cribs to St Peters Square to be blessed by the Pope during the Angelus, hence the day is affectionately known as Bambinelli Sunday.

**Parish Draw:** Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket. Our first draw will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December after Mass in the Community Centre. Join us for festive refreshments.

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

**The Parish Office:** Will be closed from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023 until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please remember that the emergency mobile is for sick calls only.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023  
3rd Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection:  
£1189.00

## Online/Card Machine:

08/12/23 -14/12/23:  
£117.50

## Recent Expenditure:

Graveyard Bin  
Maintenance £59.21

**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

**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

Odhran Kelly

Eunan Mulholland

Paul Grogan

Dwyer Marshall

Months Mind Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

The Deceased Members of the Tallon Family

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Dorothy Creaney

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Sarah Anne Smyth

Anniversary Mass on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

Mary McCrory

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Seamus Mulholland

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

The Deceased Members of the Magee Family

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm

Jim McGuinness (30)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Maurice Scullion

Nell Scullion

John McVeigh

Harry McVeigh

Hugh McCorry

Patrick Loughran

Willie Lavery

Fr. Oliver McStravick

Michael McVeigh

Edmund Campbell

Brother Thomas Lavery (4)

**JP11 Award:** Congratulations to Aoibhe Bain, Orlaith Devlin, Mollie Haughian-Warwick, Joseph McDonald and Ciara O'Connor for completing the JP11 Award. Their commitment to faith and their community as demonstrated through their positive Parish faith and social awareness activities will be recognised today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December during 11am Mass when they will be presented with their Gold Medals.

**Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word:** Thank you to all the Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who provided such a prayerful space with the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word last week.

**Altar Servers Christmas Outing:** Thank you to our altar servers for their continued commitment and hard work. We look forward to our planned cinema trip on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parish Rota's:** Available to view on the Parish website or alternatively, to collect 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.

All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the

Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.