



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 21st and Saturday 23rd December before Mass

There will be No Adoration on Wednesday 27th December

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 6th January 2024: Vigil Mass on Friday 5th January at 7pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Parish Draw Winners: 1st Prize £500: Donna McMahon, 2nd Prize £100: Regina Kelly, 3rd Prize £50: Dolores McStravick. Promotors Prize £50: Mary Armstrong. Congratulations everyone! Thank you to everyone who joined us on the 20th December for our 1st draw, it was a great success. The next draw will be on Wednesday 18th January after 10am Mass - 1st Prize £500, 2nd Prize £100, 3rd Prize £50 and Promotors Prize £50. If you haven't yet bought a ticket and would like to you can do this through the Parish Office or one of our promotors.

Parish Office Christmas Closure: There will be no bulletin on Sunday 31st December and Sunday 7th January 2024. The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 26th December 2023 until Tuesday 9th January 2024. Please remember that the emergency mobile is for sick calls only.

Altar Servers Christmas Trip: We had great fun on Monday evening at the cinema, we had 19 little reindeers in Belfast watching Wonka. Thank you to the leaders who helped out. We look forward to our Christmas Masses with our full team of altar servers.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 24th Dec 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

Weekly Collection:

£1326.00

Online/Card Machine:

15/12/23 -20/12/23:

£107.33

Recent Expenditure:

Parish Calendars for 2024

£90.00

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 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shauna O'Neill

Paul Grogan

Dwyer Marshall

Months Mind Mass on Saturday 23rd December at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Jim McGuinness (30)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24th December at 9am

James Kelly

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 26th December at 7pm

Mary McDonald

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 28th December at 7pm

The Deceased Members of the Toye Family

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 30th December at 7pm

Declan Loughran

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 31st December at 9am

Dan McHenry

Anniversary Mass on Monday 1st January at 10am

James Mulholland

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 2nd January at 7pm

Gerry McDonald

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 6th January at 7pm

The Deceased Member of the Campfield Family

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 7th January at 9am

Charlie Tallon (Snr)

Thomas Tallon

Daniel Paul Tallon

Charles McCluskey

Declan Loughran

Anne McConville

Jack Tallon

Charlotte Mulholland (19)

Edward Fegan

Rory Campbell

Hugh John Faloon

Mother Ursula McGeown

A special thanks to Aine, Rosemary, Sean, the leaders and young people of our GIFT group, our choirs and musicians, our Church cleaners, the hospitality teams, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Safeguarding Committee, our Sacristans, and our Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and all volunteers for their commitment and hard work over the year! We would like to thank everyone for all the cards and presents. Finally, Fr Declan and the Parish Team would like to wish all our parishioners Peace, Joy, and Happiness this Christmas and New Year!

Carol Service: Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Carol Service. Our school and church choirs sang beautifully. The Band as always were great fun and very entertaining. Thank you to Eileen and Olivia for reading and not forgetting the elves for all their help.

The Christmas Offering for the Support of the Priests will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Second Collection on Sunday 7th January is the Monthly Stipend.

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

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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.

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parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.