



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Holy Day of Obligation – Friday 8th December
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass Thursday 7th December at 7pm
Liturgy of the Word Service – Friday 8th December at 10am

Christmas Light Switch on: Wednesday 6th December straight after 10am Mass. Adoration will commence at 11am.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 17th December at 7pm. Come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs, musicians, parish groups and The South Ulster band. Everyone Welcome.

St Patrick's Primary School Aghagallon – Open Morning Friday 8th December. Time to start school? Join us and see why our children love attending St Patrick's Primary School Aghagallon. The morning will begin at 9.15am, with refreshments, followed by the principal's address at 9.30am and finally the school tour at 9.45am. Everyone welcome.

Youth 2000 Ireland Annual Christmas Retreat: 8th – 10th December in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare. Come along, meet new people, and find out what it means to be young and Catholic today. The retreat is aimed at young people aged 16-35. Free buses from various locations. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

Great Women of Prayer & Faith - An Advent Journey: St Comcilles Church, Belfast invite you to join them for three talks during the season of Advent. The talks will take place on Wednesday 6th, 13th, and 20th December at 7.30pm. The evenings will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

Adult Spiritual Preparation for Christmas: Saturday 16th December in St John the Baptist PS, Belfast. 9.30am registration – 3pm finish. Talks and testimonies followed by Confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass. Cost £10 – includes lunch. For more information or to book contact Luke on 07955 386288.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 3rd Dec 2023
 1st Sunday of Advent

The Second Collection
this week is the Monthly Stipend

Recent Expenditure:
My Day by Day Advent Books £147.50

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for A Special Intention

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

Congratulations to Mairead and Jack, who recently celebrated their wedding.

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

Paul Grogan
 Dwyer Marshall
 Seamus Farrell
 Lily Hanna
 Malachy Haughey

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Mary McCavigan
 Eileen Lavery (Nee Leen)
 Peter Campbell
 The Deceased Members of the McStay Family
 Patsy Lappin
 Bridie Lavery (7)
 Veronica Lavery
 Mary McVeigh

Patrick McStravick
 Joseph Patterson
 Eugene McStravick (27)

Jane McStravick
 Hugh McCann
 Paddy Lyons (44)

Months Mind Mass on Wednesday 6th December at 10am

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 9am
 Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3rd December at 11am
 Anniversary Mass on Thursday 7th December at 7pm
 Anniversary Mass on Saturday 9th December at 7pm
 Anniversary Mass on Sunday 10th December at 11am

David Kelly
 Larry McVeigh

ADVENT BEGINS

The Church has many seasons. Advent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. In the four weeks of Advent, we have time to prepare spiritually for Christmas marking the arrival of the Son of God, the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy. We light the first Advent Candle, representing hope and we ask God to fill our hearts and minds with hope. Hope is like a shining light in a dark place because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man”

Pope Francis

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
Email: 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.