



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Raphoe, as Bishop of Down and Connor.

Parish Pastoral Council Thank you to the members of the PPC for spending the time in the church last weekend speaking to parishioners.

Pathways to the Future This was one of the topics discussed with the PPC. You will find copies of The Pastoral Letter from Bishop Donal McKeown and details of the Parish Families. Bishop McKeown has also released a short video which can be accessed primarily on the Diocesan YouTube Channel.

Voluntary Sacristan Would you have a few hours in the week to help out in the Church? This would include setting up for Mass, staying with the altar servers during Mass, opening/closing the church twice a week. If you would like to help with any of this speak to Fr Declan or contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation Preparation The Primary 7 children joined Fr Declan, Catherine & Philip in the Community Centre on Tuesday in preparation for their Confirmation, we had great fun, they were very enthusiastic chatting about their Confirmation name and the reason for choosing it. If you would like to help your son/daughter prepare for their Confirmation you are very welcome to attend Mass and over the next few weeks, resources are available in the Church porch for you to bring home.

Cranagh Club Tuesday 11am – 1pm. Everyone Welcome.

Safeguarding Sunday Today is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to maintaining and fostering a culture of Safeguarding in our parishes. This is a responsibility shared by all of us in making our parishes and Church spaces safe and welcoming for young people and adults at risk. In our Parish we have a Safeguarding Committee who meet once a year. Volunteers are vetted and we have Safeguarding packs for every group. See notice board in the church porch for more information.

Confirmation Cards available in the Church Porch.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 28th January 2024
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Collection:
£843.53

Online/Card Machine:
£67.50

Recent Expenditure:
Storm Damage Repair
£384.00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 7.00pm

(*Novena Prayers*)

Friday: 10.00am No Mass

Liturgy of the Word

(*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

John McStravick

Sheila King

Ann Marshall

Andrew (Andy) Hyndman

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Ellen Tallon

Seamus Campbell

Patsy McStravick

Maura Rogers

Ned Doran

Lizzy Doran

Veronica McCorry (44)

Sean Desmond Mulholland

Malachy Nelson

Mildred Nelson

Sr. Mary Rita McKavanagh

Patrick Lavery

Bernadette Healey (3)

Anniversary Mass Saturday 3rd February at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Monday 5th February at 10am

Anniversary Mass Saturday 10th February at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 11th February at 9am

Cathy O'Neill

John Linden O'Neill

Elizabeth Brankin

Brigid McKavanagh

Celine McKavanagh

Paul Cardwell (2)

Tony Lavery (35)

Paddy Creaney

Colette Lavery

Elizabeth McPhillips

Christine McAlinden

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Saint Brigid's Crosses on Monday evening.
Our Altar display for Saint Brigid is beautiful.

Why does Saint Brigid hold fire? When Brigid built her monastery and church in Kildare she continued the custom of keeping the fire alight. For her and her nuns the fire represented the new light of Christianity, which reached Irish shores early in the fifth century. In Brigid's time, the number of her nuns who tended the flame was nineteen. **Saint Brigid, Flame of Faith in Ireland, pray for us, Amen.**

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

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

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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.

Parish Priest:
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