



# PARISH

## of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Lenten Liturgies** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6pm. Lenten Night Prayer with Adoration. This week our Prayers will be led by Clare, Nuala & Catherine. Emily will be singing. Booklets are available in the church for anyone at home joining us via the webcam.

**G.I.F.T 2** We welcome the Year 9's who have completed our GIFT 2 programme to our 11am Mass today. We have really enjoyed the time with this group of young people. On a Monday evening we have covered topics in their Religion revision list, we have chatted about the Holy Spirit, prayed together, beat some drums, ate lots of rice krispie square bars, talked about peer pressure, the effects of drugs & alcohol and played games. Their art work is on display in the church for everyone to see – Caring Hands. The celebration night for this group will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Airtastic Craigavon, bowling and golf.

**Volunteers** We are very grateful for the help from the new volunteers in the church. Thank you to all of our volunteers, with your help we continue to have a strong vibrant parish family.

**Weekly / Monthly Donations** We had a great response to our notice last week about online donations. Our online and card machine donations this week totaled £490.80. We have forms in the church porch with the Parish bank details for online donations, please ensure you have either your name or envelope number as the reference. Thank you.

**St Patrick's Day** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. As St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year we will have our weekend Masses as normal. At the 11am Mass we will have music from both our folk choir and our community choir. The Girl Guides will also take part in the Mass. Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick a group of Christians will gather at 5:45 am at his grave on Saint Patrick's morning 17<sup>th</sup> March. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer, one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome.

**Parish Draw** Our next draw will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. If you would like to purchase a ticket for £5 per month contact the parish office/Kelly's shop. Would you like to be a promoter for your own family members? Call at the parish office and we will give you the tickets you need. Prizes £500, £100 or £50.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Weekly Collection:

£971.16

#### Online/Card Machine:

£490.80

#### Monthly Stipend

£1580.00

**The Sanctuary Lamp will  
Burn for all the young  
people who have exams  
this week**

### 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

Saturday: 7.00pm

(*Vigil*)

Sunday: 9.00am &  
11.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Thursday before Mass

### MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**We welcome Cora, who was recently baptised into our Parish family.**

**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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Matthew McGrath

Month's Mind Mass Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

John McStravick

Month's Mind Mass Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

### ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Mary McStravick

Anniversary Mass Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Joseph Reynolds

Anniversary Mass Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Maureen O'Neill

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Madge Tallon(9)

Anniversary Mass Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Maureen Cinnamon

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

Eveline Swail

Anniversary Mass Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

Joseph Marner

Geraldine McConaghey (7)

Edwina McConaghey (6)

Johnnie O'Neill (25)

Peter McCorry

William Mulholland

Joe McVeigh

Kathleen Lavery

Mary Mallon(40)

Desmond McVeigh

Seamus McCavigan

James E Mulholland

Robert Lappin

Thomas McCrory (37)

Vinnie Bell

Graham Glover

Jimmy McBrinn

Pat Brankin

**As we come together on this Mothering Sunday, we ask for your blessings on all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and maternal figures who have shown us love and care throughout our lives.**

The origins of Mothering Sunday can be traced back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when it was common for people to return to their "mother church" – the church where they were baptized – on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was a day of spiritual pilgrimage, and people would bring offerings of flowers, known as "mothering flowers," as a tribute to the Virgin Mary.

### 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)

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