



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Lenten Liturgies There will be no night prayer this week. We will have our final night prayer on Sunday 24th March 2024 at 6pm.

G.I.F.T 2 Celebration Night Monday 18th March 2024. We would like to welcome all the Year 9's who have completed the GIFT 2 programme to Craigavon Bowl at 6.30pm on Monday evening. The children can be picked up again at 9pm.

Parish Draw Our next draw will be on Wednesday 20th 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.

Grants We receive quite a few emails with information about grants. However, we do not have the time to investigate this further. It is possible that we are missing out on grants that could benefit our parish. Do you have any experience with grants? Would you have free time to investigate this for the parish? If so, contact the parish office with your details and we forward you the information.

KNOCK Pilgrimage - Mon 29 April - Wed 1st May 2024 only
£210 per person sharing! Come along with St Michael's on a Parish retreat to beautiful Knock Shrine staying at the fabulous Knock House hotel for two nights B & B, dinner on both nights & a lunch on the final day of departure included, with bus leaving from and returning to St Michael's Finaghy Road North Belfast. All very welcome, but places are limited. Please register your interest asap on 02895904304 Mon to Thurs 9.30 to 12.30pm or email stmichaels@downandconnor.org.

The Permanent Diaconate. Information evenings for those wishing to explore the Permanent Diaconate or to hear more about the work of permanent deacons will take place in **Downpatrick** on **7th March at 7.30pm** in the Parochial House beside St Patrick's Church. Also, at All Saints' Church Broughshane Road **Ballymena** on **12th March at 7.30 pm** and finally at St Brigid's Church in the Parochial Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue **Belfast** on **20th March 2024 at 7.30pm**. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 17th March 2024
St Patrick's Day

Weekly Collection:
£1215.81

Online/Card Machine:
£171.91

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 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

Marie Fitzpatrick

Angela Crudden

Matthew McGrath

Month's Mind Mass Tuesday 19th March at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Maureen Cinnamon

Eveline Swail

Seamus McCavigan

Joan McHenry

Jerome Doris

Noreen McHenry

Margaret Walsh

Molly O'Neill

James O'Neill

James Toland

Margaret Toland

Jim McManus

Niamh Mitchell (18)

Anniversary Mass Saturday 16th March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 17th March at 9am

Anniversary Mass Monday 18th March at 10am

Anniversary Mass Wednesday 20th March at 10am

Anniversary Mass Saturday 23rd March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 24th March at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 24th March at 11am

Vincent Douglas (62)

Gerard Douglas (11)

Kathleen Lavery (1)

The Universal Synod. The Diocese of Down and Connor will shortly be engaging in a consultation process on the Universal Synod, initiated by Pope Francis on 9th October 2021. Each Diocese in Ireland has been asked to respond individually to the October 2023 document and these responses will then be synthesized to formally respond to the October 2024 Synod Meeting in Rome. There will be an online meeting Thursday 21st March 2024 to discuss the next stage.

If you have an interest in attending, please can you send an e mail to

PathwaystotheFuture@downandconnor.org

and further information will be issued to you.

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.

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Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.