



# PARISH

## of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Cemetery Sunday** Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with Cemetery Sunday. To the choir who sang beautifully at the 11am Mass, the JPIIs for their participation in the readings, rosary and prayers, to the Pastoral Council, the altar servers and all other volunteers. It was lovely to see a large crowd, families getting together in remembrance of their loved ones.

**First Holy Communion** Congratulations to the children from St Patrick's and Ballinderry Primary School's who received their First Holy Communion on Friday. We look forward to welcoming the Primary 4 pupils from St Mary's Derrymore on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to receive their First Holy Communion.

**Parish Draw** Our next Parish Draw will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May after 10am Mass in the Community Centre. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office, Kelly's Shop or local promoters. £5 per month. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50.

**Liturgy of the Word Meeting** We would like to invite new members to join our liturgy group. If you would like to read or be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister you are very welcome to come along to the sacristy for a cup of tea on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

**Children's Liturgy** is coming to an end for the summer. The Massports have been a great success and the children have tried their best to get their stamps. Stamps will be available until the end of June.

**Growing In Faith Together Programme** Our next session will be tomorrow evening, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 7pm-9pm. We will have a visit from Aidan who will chat to us about CPR and using the defibrillator, also Conor from Premium Fitness will keep us fit with some circuit training.

We hope to take this group to Rome in 2026, they will be fundraising to help pay for some additional costs when we are there. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May after the 7pm Mass they will be doing a door collection. If you have any loose change or euros it is greatly appreciated.

**Recent Expenditure** Chubb Ni. Update of Fire Safety including Fire Extinguishers in Church and Parochial House £727.00.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Weekly Collection:

£1,325.00

Online

£222.50

#### Cemetery Sunday

Gate Collection

£645.00

Thank you for your  
continued support

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

19<sup>th</sup> May– 25<sup>th</sup> May

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00am &  
11.00am

Liturgy of the Word

Friday: 10.00am

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Brigid McCullagh

Pope Francis

Martin Moran

### ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

John Hamill

Jerome McIntyre

Jim Brady

Eilish McGrath

Anne Loughran

Margaret Anne Weir

Fr Joseph Benson

Lucia McGrath

Desmond Walsh

Anne Teresa Walsh

Kevin Lavery

Sarah Lavery (11)

Anniversary Mass Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

Anniversary Mass Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am

Anniversary Mass Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

Agnes Scullion

Bridie O'Dowd

William John Lavery

**Booking Masses, Baptisms and Weddings** As parish office opening hours have been reduced slightly, we are returning to our previous practice of booking Masses, baptisms and weddings in person, in the sacristy after Masses.

**Masses** can be booked well in advance to ensure your preferred dates are available.

**Baptisms** can only be booked by the child's parent or legal guardian. At least one month's notice is required. To book a baptism parents must present the child's long birth certificate, complete the baptism request form, meet with one of our Baptism team and attend weekly Mass during the month prior to the date of the Baptism

**Weddings** can be booked by the couple themselves. Couples are required to give at least six months' notice of marriage to ensure the preferred date is available and that there is adequate time to complete all Civil and Church paperwork.

**SENSORY MASS** There will be a Sensory Friendly Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 noon. We welcome and embrace neurodiverse persons, those suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia conditions, and those with sensory needs. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy, which includes lower lights, softer music, and literal homilies. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating, use quiet fidgets or noise cancelling headphones. Save the date and come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Please contact [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) to express your interest, or for enquiries.

### Eucharistic Ministers and Readers Rota's

Now available online and in the Church Porch.

### 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

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Parochial house red post box, email or phone the  
parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.

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