



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Advent is a time in which we share in the yearning of all those who, in their suffering and struggle, long for redemption and liberation, for unity, for peace, for a golden age, for a manifestation of God's love and unity, and for breaking in of his justice among nations.

*Fr Declan will visit the sick and housebound this week. This will be the last visit of 2019, so please ensure you are at home!*

*The second collection after communion this week is the Monthly Stipend.*

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** (not a day of obligation this year)

Masses Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 7pm.

**St Patrick's Carol Service: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.** Come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs, musicians, primary schools, preschools and parish groups. The South Ulster Band will lead us throughout the service. Bring all your family and join us in the Community Centre afterwards for some festive treats!

**St Ronan's College Open Night:** Parent/Guardian and P7 pupils, you are cordially invited to attend Open Night in St. Ronan's College, Junior Site, Waring Street, Lurgan, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Principal's Address at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Please note all primary schools have been allocated sessions.

**GIFT 4 Pilgrimage to Rome:** Over the next few months, the young people in the GIFT 4 programme will be running several events in order to raise funds for their parish pilgrimage to Rome in July. The first event will be a clothing collection. Suitable items are: good quality clothing, shoes, hand bags, curtains and bed linen. Items can be left in the front porch of the chapel on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Thank you.

**St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree** will be in church porch from 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, please take a label and return the item to church. All general non perishable items are welcome, including confectionary, toiletries and Christmas foods. Please leave donations in the Church entrance hall. All donations greatly appreciated.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection,** will take place after all Masses on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your continued support.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

1st December 2019  
Weekly Collection:  
£1480.00

Recent Expenditure:  
New Shrine for the  
Church: £738.00

Thank you for  
supporting our parish

## 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  
Saturday before Mass

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**Baptism:** Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. To book a baptism, a parent must bring the child's long birth certificate to the Sacristy after any Mass. One month's notice is required during which families attend a pre-baptism meeting and the 11am Sunday Family Mass. If parents are unable to attend the pre-baptism preparation, the baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can.

**Weddings:** All couples must contact Fr Declan after any Mass 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 offered to those who attend Church regularly.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Kathleen O'Neill

Rosemary McDowell

Michael Harte

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Patrick Nelson

Anniversary Mass Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am

Tomas McAlinden

Anniversary Mass Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Patsy Lappin

Anniversary Mass Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Rose Jordan

Hugh McCann(4)

Kyran McAtarsney

**ScamwiseNI:** We have been asked to make parishioners aware that there are a number of telephone scams operating in the area. Phone Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 if you require support/advice.

**WOW! Aghagallon Apostolic** would like to thank most sincerely all those generous people who helped raise the wonderful sum of £3333!! This money will go directly to humanitarian projects across the world, under the direction of our brothers and sisters in faith. May God bless you each and every one of you for making a difference.

**Altar Servers Club** – We welcome all of our altar servers to 11am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for a special commissioning Mass.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers:** New Rotas are now available in the Sacristy and on the website.

**Advent Prayer Books:** Available at the back of the Church. £1.00 each.

**Shoebbox Appeal – Romania 2019:** Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our shoebbox appeal. We had a huge response! The boxes are now on their way to Romania and will brighten up many people's Christmas.

**Sleeping Bag Appeal:** At the request of parishioners, we are collecting sleeping bags for the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People in Dublin. If you want to donate a sleeping bag there is still time, please leave it in the church porch no later than today- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Pensioners Christmas Dinner:** Will take place today Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm in The Gate Inn. As numbers are limited anyone wishing to attend should check availability by phoning 07810 036 763 or 07745 785 181. Taxi lift is available from Aghagallon.

**Christmas In Company:** If you live alone and don't want to be on your own, come join us for a sponsored Christmas dinner, chat and a bit of banter. The dinner will take place at the Bowling Pavilion in Lurgan Park on 25<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

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Fr Declan Mulligan

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## EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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St Vincent De Paul Contact

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