



# PARISH

## of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Diocesan Guidelines:** Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the Diocese have issued guidelines, which are to be followed by all parishes. The public celebration of Mass is currently suspended in all Churches within the Diocese and all the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation.

**Daily and Sunday Masses** will be celebrated at the normal times but without a congregation in the Church. Services will be streamed on the parish radio and parish webcam. This can be accessed from our website [www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie](http://www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie) or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv). Parishioners will not be able to attend daily or Sunday Masses in the Church.

**Anniversaries** of our beloved dead will continue to be remembered and prayed for publicly. Family and friends can watch services on the webcam as the requested Masses will be offered.

**Baptisms** will continue as normal, but only parents, siblings, godparents and grandparents may attend.

**Funerals** will continue. Bereaved families are requested to restrict attendees at the funeral to close family and loved ones only. We encourage those who wish to offer sympathy at the time of bereavement to exercise safe and appropriate ways to do so in these difficult circumstances.

**Weddings** which have been booked will continue and we ask couples to limit guests who attend the Church to 100 people.

**Adoration** will continue on a Wednesday from 10.30am-10pm. We ask parishioners to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and keep a space of at least three rows from any other person in the Church.

**St Patrick's Church** will remain open for private personal prayer.

**The Parish Office** will remain open, you can contact the office on 0289265214 or [parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk). Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm or Friday 10am-12noon.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families – to pray more intensely for each other.

**GIFT 3** Due to the Coronavirus Crisis our next session which was due to take place on Monday 23rd March at 7.15 pm – 9 pm in Aghagallon Community Centre is cancelled.

**GIFT 4 Shamrock Sale:** A total of £190.00 was raised from the Shamrock sale in aid of the Rome pilgrimage this summer. Thank-you!

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

22nd March 2020

Weekly Collection:

£825.00

Needy Parishes:

£245.00

Recent Expenditure:

Prayer Books:

£125.00

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

Pete Mulholland

### ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Jerome Doris

Margaret Walsh

Joan McHenry

Cassie Reynolds

Tony King

Tony Cushley

Vincent Douglas(58)

Anniversary Mass Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am

Anniversary Mass Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am

Anniversary Mass Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Anniversary Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

Madeline Cushley

Niamh Mitchell(14)

Gerald Douglas(7)

**Weekly Collections:** It costs approximately £1600.00 per week to keep our parish running. The Church is still open and pastoral care continues, so it is important that we continue to support our parish to ensure the parish is sustainable. Parishioners can leave their collection envelopes in the box placed in the Church porch, the post-box at the parochial house or send via the postal system. Parishioners can also donate via cheque and Direct Debit. (Please contact the office for details)

**New Boxes of Envelopes for April 2020** – are available for collection now in the church porch. Standing order forms are available, also remember if you are a UK taxpayer and you have not yet signed a GIFT AID declaration, please do so and send it into the office. If you have signed a GIFT AID declaration over the past few years there is no need to do it again, if you no longer pay tax and have signed a GIFT Aid declaration previously please let us know.

**Coronavirus and Food Banks:** The resilience of food banks is nothing short of outstanding and wherever possible, volunteers will be working tirelessly to provide support to people unable to afford essentials. There are times in life when we all need extra help and we are in this together. Thankfully, in our community there are many options available. As a Parish, we would like to help too and are asking for donations of cereal, diluting juice, soup, toiletries, pasta & rice, biscuits, lentils, beans & pulses, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tea, coffee & sugar, tinned tomatoes and pasta sauces. Items with longer shelf life can be left in the Church porch or in the Spar, Aghagallon and we will store them for when needed. You can also donate money in the Church porch. All donations will go directly to local people in need and any surplus will go to local foodbanks. Should you need anything during this challenging time you can contact the parish office on 02892 651214 or E: [parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk) All requests/donations will be strictly confidential.

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Fr Declan Mulligan

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EMERGENCIES AND  
SICK CALLS:

07831 934 756

028944595600

St Vincent De Paul Contact

Number: 07810 036 763

07745 785 181

Lifeline Freephone

0808 808 8000

Diocesan Safeguarding Office

028 9049 2798

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