

The Northern Catholic Bishops have decided that, until 5 March, the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should continue to take place without the physical presence of the faithful.

Private Prayer: Apart from Mass times, St Patrick's Church currently remains open for private/personal prayer, from 9am – 6pm, unless advised otherwise. <u>Please do</u> not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell.

Face Coverings: A face covering must be worn at all times on Church grounds and within St Patrick's Church, unless you are exempt. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church and before and after using the Shrines.

Daily and Sunday Mass: The public celebration of Mass is currently suspended in all Churches within the Diocese until Saturday 6th February, but will continue to be celebrated at the normal times <u>without a congregation</u>. Services will be streamed on the parish radio and parish webcam. This can be accessed from our website www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie.

Adoration: Will continue to run on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 6pm, unless advised otherwise.

Funerals: Funeral Services and Requiem Masses, whilst observing social distancing regulations, are currently permitted with no pre or post funeral gatherings. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 25 attendees which includes musicians and singers. Please remember that gatherings are not permitted on Church grounds during funerals. Funerals will continue to be streamed for others to watch at home. Available Times for Requiem Masses in St Patrick's Church are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 10a.m. or 12 noon. Sunday: 9a.m.

Weddings: Weddings are currently permitted in the Church under strict guidelines and numbers are restricted to a maximum of 25 guests – email the parish for more details.

Baptisms: Baptisms are permitted within strict guidelines, with a maximum of 10 people in attendance. Baptisms take place the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12 noon, with only one child/family per allocated Sunday. Please email the office for a booking form and more details.

Anniversaries: Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions continue to be offered. Family and friends can watch requested masses on the webcam. Currently, bookings can only be made by telephoning the office or via email.

Confessions: Confessions have ceased until the current restrictions come to an end. Sick Calls: Currently, sick calls can only be made if someone is gravely ill. Parish Office: Due to current restrictions, the parish office is now closed to visitors until further notice. Remote Parish Office opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am-4pm. You can leave a message on the voicemail or email your admin. requests outside of these hours. We will endeavour to respond to your requests as soon as possible and your patience is appreciated. The emergency mobile is for emergencies only.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

24th January 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn for: A Special Intention

Weekly Collection: £942.00
Recent Expenditure:
£1,226.52
Heating Oil

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

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome twins Thomas and Ronan into our parish family, both baptised this week.

Baptism: Baptisms are now permitted within strict guidelines. Please email the office for a booking form and more details.

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 only offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

May Finden

Eileen Doone

Bernadette Kelly

Peter Donaghy Colette McAnee John McAlinden

Betty McCaughan Molly Doherty

Declan Loughran Months Mind Mass Tuesday 26th January at 7pm Imelda Armstrong Months Mind Mass Sunday 31st January at 9am

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Ursula Lavery Anniversary Mass Sunday 24th January at 11am
Hugh McCreanor Anniversary Mass on Monday 25th January at 10am
Hugh Doris Anniversary Mass Thursday 28th January at 7pm
May Doone Anniversary Mass on Friday 29th January at 10am
Paul Magee Anniversary Mass on Saturday 30th January at 7pm

Sacraments 2021 If your son/daughter is due to make their First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, families and sponsors will be required to help us prepare. Please contact the parish office via email (parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk), and we will send you some information and resources to supplement the school's preparation. We hope to include the children's work in a few of the Sunday Masses prior to celebrating the Sacrament. Together with the schools, it is very important this year that parents assist us with preparation, as children cannot turn up on the day without appropriate preparation. If restrictions allow, we plan to celebrate the sacraments on the following dates: N.B. All dates are subject to change.

- First Penance St Mary's, 23rd March 2021 at 2pm. St Patrick's, 25th March 2021 at 4pm.
- Service of Light (P7) St Mary's, 11th March 2021 at 7pm, St Patrick's, 18th March 2021 at 7pm
- Confirmation St Mary's, 15th April 2021 at 2pm. St Patrick's, 22nd April 2021 at 4pm.
- First Communion St Mary's, 22nd May 2021 at 11am, St Patrick's, 15th May 2021 at 11am.

JPII Award: Making young people visible in the Church. We welcome Gabhan Baine, Maria Brankin, Aoife Crawford, Stephen Devlin, Holly Magee, Molly McCann, Aidan Mulholland, Lilyrose Reavey, Orla Reavey and Lorcan Warwick and pray that through their participation in the JPII Award they will take an active part in the life of our Church, Parish and wider community. "Young people, do not be afraid to be holy! Fly high, be among those whose goals are worthy of sons and daughters of God" St Pope John Paul II.

St Brigid's Cross Unfortunately this year we do not have very many St Brigid's Crosses available for parishioners. Would you like to make your own? Follow the link for instructions https://youtu.be/vi664GP7ilM. We would love to see photos!

Catholic Schools Week 2021 will be celebrated from Sunday 24 January to Sunday 31 January 2021 on the theme 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.

Please click on the link in the schools tab on our parish website, resources available for Primary, Post-Primary.

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