



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

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. Please do 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 without a congregation. 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 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.

"He stilled the storm to a whisper, the waves of the sea were hushed."

Psalm 107:29

WEEKLY BULLETIN

21st February 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

This week's Sanctuary
Candle will burn for: A
Special Intention

Weekly Collection: £1653.00

Recent Expenditure:
Prayer Books £276.12

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

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

Bridie McCorry
Bernadette Healey
Samuel Gowdy

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Jacqueline Moore
Ellen Tallon
Kathleen McCafferty
Lucy Campbell
Edmund Tallon
Antoinette Murray
Carol Rafferty
Brian Lavery(25)
Arthur Lavery
William James (Jimmy) Douglas
Sally Mulholland

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 20th February at 7pm
Anniversary Mass On Sunday 21st February at 9am
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 21st February at 11am
Anniversary Mass on Monday 22nd February at 10am
Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 24th February at 10am
Anniversary Mass on Friday 26th February at 10am
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 27th February at 7pm
John Creaney(10) Liam Mulholland
Joan Carson Eileen Mulholland
Stephanie Hannon Felix Connolly
James Mulholland Colm Toman

The Second Collection this week is for The Sick and Retired Priests

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2021: *A time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God. Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and freeing ourselves from all that weighs us down through repentance and fasting. In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain it may appear challenging to speak of hope, yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation.

Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as journey of conversion, prayer and sharing, helps us as communities and as individuals to revive our faith. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

DART are providing an additional transport service for individuals in the ABC council area. This is for those who require transport to their GP Practice or vaccination centre for the Covid 19 vaccine. The service is an individual one, with the option of taking 1 member of their bubble if required. To book call 02838317810

Aghagallon Apostolic: Due to Covid restrictions last year we were unable to collect donations. If you would like to give a donation this year you can pick up an Apostolic donation box in the church porch, by using it to collect loose change you can help aid us with life changing projects. Alternatively you can put your donation in an envelope addressed to Aghagallon Apostolic and leave it in the red post box at the parochial house. Your continued support is as always greatly appreciated.

Preparation for Sacraments We are preparing packs to send out to parents who have returned a consent form for their son/daughter who are planning to receive their First Penance/First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year. It is essential that parents assist this year with the preparation for sacraments. If you have not completed a form please email the parish office parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk.

Trocaire Boxes: Are available for collection in the Church Porch.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

Tel: 028 9265 1214

EMERGENCIES AND

SICK CALLS:

07831 934 756

028 944 595 600

St Vincent De Paul Contact

Number: 07810 036 763

07745 785 181

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.

All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the

Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.