

The celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies will continue to take place without the physical presence of the faithful until further notice.

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 not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell.</u>

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 closed to visitors until after Easter. 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.

"During these 40 days, let me put away all my pride. Let me change my heart and give up all that is not good within me. Let me love God with all that I am and all that I have." Genesis Grain

WEEKLY BULLETIN

28th February 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn for: A Special Intention

Weekly Collection: £1572.00 Sick and Retired Priests: £185.00 Recent Expenditure: Shrine Candles £118.92 Thank you for supporting our parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE Monday: 10.00am Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm (Norena Prayers) Friday: 10.00am (First Friday 7pm) Saturday: 7.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am CONFESSIONS

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Logan recently baptised into our Parish Family

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

Bernadette Healey Samuel Gowdy ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Carol Rafferty Mary McGrann Theresa McKillop Deceased Members of the Lavery Family Seamus McCavigan Mary McHenry Samuel Lavery(21) Kevin Lavery Christina Mulholland(9) Alice Mallon Yvonne McCullough Peter McCorry Canon Brendan McGee Months Mind Mass on Sunday 7th March at 9am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 27th February at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 2nd March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 3rd March at 10am Anniversary Mass on Thursday 4th March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Sunday 7th March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Sunday 7th March at 11am Fr. Willie Lavery(10) Kathle Teresa McCluskey Bernac Johnnie O'Neill Mollie Patrick Mallon Felix O Kathleen Mulholland Margar Joe McVeigh Dan La

Kathleen Lavery(10) Bernadette McCartan(25) Mollie Keenan(32) Felix Connolly Margaret McCorry Dan Lavery

Wedding Bookings

Getting married in the church is a special celebration that requires at least as much preparation and reflection as other aspects of the day. This last year has been a challenge for many and a time of uncertainty and change for all of us. We appreciate the stress couples are under, having to reschedule their wedding date several times. Whilst we will try our best to accommodate changes, if couples wish to get married in St Patrick's, it is essential that they check to ensure that both the Church and the Priest are free on the new date <u>before</u> finalising bookings with venue. Please also remember that it is the couples responsibility to ensure that all the necessary paperwork has been completed within the correct timelines. During the current restrictions, a wedding service without Holy Communion will be offered to all couples.

Diocesan Vocations Weekend: Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are contemplating their vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien - Tel: 02890614567 or email:vocations@downandconnor.org

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with Patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled, Fast from words, be silent and listen.

(Pope Francis)

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.

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St Vincent De Paul Contact Number: 07810 036 763 07745 785 181