

The Northern Catholic Bishops have decided that, until otherwise advised, 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 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.

"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

14th March 2021 4th Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection: £1123.00
Monthly Stipend: £1195.00
Recent Expenditure:
Sanitising Products for the
Church: £71.63
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 Ethan recently baptised into our Parish Family

Congratulations to Rebecca and James who recently celebrated their marriage.

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

Brendan Sharvin Lorna Doone

Bernadette Healey Months Mind Mass on Sunday 14th March at 9am

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Maureen O'NeillAnniversary Mass on Saturday 13th March at 7pmMadge TallonAnniversary Mass on Monday 15th March at 10amCeline McKavanaghAnniversary Mass on Tuesday 16th March at 7pmMargaret WalshAnniversary Mass on Sunday 21st March at 11am

Joseph MarnerGeraldine McConaghey(4)Molly O'NeillJames O'NeillMargaret TolandJames TolandBrian HaughianJim McManusKathleen LaveryHenry Lavery(28)William MulhollandKathleen Connolly

St Patricks Day Mass Times: Tuesday 16th March at 7pm (vigil) & Wednesday 17th March at 10am. Both masses to celebrate St Patricks day will take place without a congregation but will be streamed on parish radio and webcam.

Aghagallon Apostolic: This past year has been a challenging one for us all and no less for the Apostolic. Due to the pandemic, restrictions have affected fundraising activities greatly which has resulted in Down & Connor Apostolic work reporting a reduced income of more than £100,000 for 2020. Apostolic continue to offer financial aid to projects where possible. These include a £2000 donation to help children in Ireland who are in need. A £1000 donation to establish a chicken farm in Malawi, and £3000 was donated to Burino Faso in West Africa to provide food and water for the people who live there. Ultimately though the reduction in income badly affects the aid that we can give to these worthwhile causes. We ask that you please keep apostolic work in your prayers and donate using the boxes or envelopes in the porch. We thank you for your continued support.

Collection Envelopes: New boxes of collection envelopes for April 2021 – March 2022 are currently being delivered to parishioners. Standing order forms are also available on request. Remember if you are a UK taxpayer and you have not yet signed a GIFT AID declaration please do so, for every £1 you donate, it will be boosted by 25p at no extra cost. Return it to the office or put it in the envelope boxes located at the inside church doors. The parish received £12,997.23 gift aid in 2020, this was much needed to help with running costs of the parish and was greatly appreciated. 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. Preparation for Sacraments: Mass today Sunday 14th March at 11am, will be offered for the children who are receiving their First Penance this year. Please ensure that the parents and children watch via the webcam, www.aghagallonandballinderryparish.ie. Thank you to all of the children who have returned their artwork, we have some beautiful sheep on display!

First Communion Packs will be sent home this week. If your child is making their First Holy Communion and you did not receive a pack please contact the parish office.

Have a Blessed St Patrick's Day.



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.