



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Welcome back to Mass!

There are ushers to welcome, advise and reassure parishioners of the procedures in place. We ask that all parishioners adhere to diocesan/government policies and procedures in relation to Covid19 whilst on church property. These guidelines have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety. Currently, there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days and people who have been asked to shield by their doctor are advised not to visit the Church. Please do not enter the Church if you are feeling unwell. The Church will remain open between 9am-6pm each day for Private/Personal Prayer. Please ensure that all health and safety advice is followed and touching surfaces or products, unless absolutely necessary. The windows/doors will be open to ensure the Church is well ventilated. A face covering must be worn at all times on Church grounds and within St Patrick's Church, unless you are exempt. We regret that the sacristy will remain closed.

Daily and Sunday Mass: There will be a variable capacity, depending on how many parishioners attend as individuals or as families/households. To ensure there is adequate time for cleaning, we ask you not to arrive at the Church more than 30 minutes prior to Mass beginning and to leave promptly when Mass ends. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church and before and after using the Shrines. Always maintain a distance of at least two metres between you and people who are not part of your household. We will be using every third pew for seating, which can accommodate two people with a 2 metre distance, or a full household, who are not required to socially distance. We will have 23 pews available and when we reach our capacity (46 – 140 variable); we are required to close the Church. Please take leaflets/bulletins home with you. Holy Communion will be received from the pews, as we cannot meet the 2m requirement if people were processing down the side aisle.

Volunteers To keep our church as safe as possible for parishioners all volunteers must wear a mask, even if wearing a shield.

Funerals: The NI Executive have announced a change to Health Protection Regulations in relation to Funeral Services and Requiem Masses. The number permitted to attend funerals will be determined following individual risk assessments which will establish variable capacity, with no pre or post funeral gatherings on Church grounds. While in the Church, everyone must be seated individually, with family or with others who are part of their bubble. 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: 10am or 12 noon. Sunday: 9am

WEEKLY BULLETIN

25th April 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Collection: £1415.00

Recent Expenditure:
*Drainage Survey Relating
to Graveyard Extension*
£1362.00

**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

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Odhran, recently baptised into our Parish Family

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

Weddings: Weddings are permitted in the Church under strict guidelines. Following recent changes to the Health Protection Regulations the number permitted to attend weddings is to be determined following individual risk assessments. Whilst on church property attendees must follow guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of all. All couples must contact Fr Declan 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:

David Edwards

Anne Curran

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:

Maurice McShane

Colin Curran

Joe Reynolds

Joseph McStravick (8)

John Mulholland

Charles McStravick(40)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 25th April at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 27th April at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 28th April at 10am

Thomas Mallon

Molly Cushley

Kenny Jordan

Betty Lavery(9)

Cathal Magee(28)

St Mary's Church, Ballinderry: The Diocese has advised the parish to begin a consultation process around the future of St Mary's Church. If you wish to take part in this, copies of the consultation document are available in the Church porch. The closing date for responses is 24th May at 12 noon.

St Patrick's Graveyard: After a very lengthy process, we have secured planning permission for the new extension. However, there are conditions attached that will result in major costs. Currently all documentation is with the diocese, and they plan to meet with the necessary committees within the diocese during the month of May. We have also received complaints that some people are discarding litter, debris and old stones from graves around the perimeter of St Patrick's cemetery and on the playing field. Please ensure that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided or take it home. By working together to keep our graveyard tidy, we can keep extra expenses to a minimum.

Ceremony of Light: Fr Declan joined the primary 7 classes for their service of light during the week. We look forward to Confirmation on the 6th and 13th of May 2021. Can we ask any children who have completed the artwork work sent home in their confirmation packs to leave it at the back of the church. We will put this on display for the 11am Mass on the 2nd of May. During this Mass Fr Declan will talk about confirmation preparation, we welcome the primary 7 pupils to join us either in the church or via the webcam.

Parish Office: The parish office continues to be closed to visitors until further notice. Remote Parish Office opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am-4pm. Please note the emergency mobile is for emergencies only.

Confessions: Confessions in the confessional box have resumed on Thursday evenings before Mass. There will only be one confession box in use. Please follow all health and safety practices in place.

Anniversary/Special Intention Masses

and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions. Please book via email or telephoning the office.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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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.