



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Thank-you to our Parish Pastoral Council, the Knights of St Columbanus, parish staff and to all parishioners who are helping to make our return to Church as safe as possible. We apologise if we have been unable to accommodate your chosen Mass, as we have a limited number of seats. We have noticed that the highest demand for seats is at the 9am Sunday Mass, which is at or near capacity every week, followed by the 7pm Vigil Mass. The 11am Mass has quite a few seats vacant and we would ask people who have not returned to weekly Sunday Mass to consider this Mass as their first choice when they return. Thank-you also for your continued financial support during these difficult times. Our total weekly collection for 2020 was £56,905.83 - a great amount considering that the church was closed for most of the year. In 2019, our weekly collection was £81,014.78. We will issue a more detailed financial report at a later date.

Daily and Sunday Mass: Currently, there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days. 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. Thank-you for wearing face coverings at all times on Church grounds and within St Patrick's Church. We regret that the sacristy will remain closed. 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.

Funerals: 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.

Anniversary/Special Intention Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions. Please book via email or telephoning the office.

Parish Office: The parish office is 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.

St Mary's Confirmation: Congratulations to the children from St Mary's school who celebrated their Confirmation last Thursday. Please keep the pupils of St Patrick's PS in your prayers this week, as they celebrate Confirmation this Thursday.

Dementia NI Empower and Support Groups provide a place for people with a diagnosis of dementia to come together with other organisations and professionals. Get involved – Join a group! Contact 02896 931 555 or email: info@dementia.org.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

9th May 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Collection: £1417.00

Monthly Stipend: £1400.00

Recent Expenditure:
Candles for the Church
£254.76

This week's Sanctuary Lamp
will burn for:
Leonard McGrath
and
Eilish McGrath

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 Oscar 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.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:

Henry Campbell	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 8 th May at 7pm	
Anna Marner(1)	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 9 th May at 9am	
Una McHenry	Anniversary Mass on Monday 10 th May at 10am	
Molly Hill	Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 11 th May at 7pm	
Jim Brady	Anniversary Mass on Thursday 13 th May at 7pm	
John Hamill	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 15 th May at 7pm	
Kathleen Loughran	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16 th May at 9am	
Elizabeth (Lily) Toland	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16 th May at 11am	
Thomas McCrory	Sarah McCrory	Isobel McStravick(21)
Thomas McCavigan	Sadie McCavigan	Sean McCavigan
Cathal Magee(28)	Rosaleen Mulholland	

Cemetery Sunday 9th May 2021: Today is cemetery Sunday. If you cannot attend church, please join us via the webcam or parish radio, as we offer this Mass for our beloved dead buried in parish cemeteries. Fr Declan will visit the cemeteries alone, prior to the Mass. ONE family member per grave (or two if someone requires assistance) can then collect a special remembrance candle from the Newspaper Kiosk, outside St Patrick's Church, to place on each grave. The candles will only be available after 12 noon. Please ensure that you only touch the candle you are taking and bring your own matches/lighter and Holy Water if you wish to bless the graves. To ensure we do not breach permitted activity please adhere to the following visiting times during the course of the day.

St Patrick's and Magheranagaw Cemeteries:

12noon-3pm – a representative from families with graves in the first 1/3rd Sections.

3pm-6pm – a representative from families with graves in the middle Sections

6pm-9pm – a representative from families with graves in the final 1/3rd Sections

Old Aghagallon: Please collect your candle from 2pm onwards and visit whenever you wish.

NB: maintain at least 2 metres distance from others and if there are too many people in the graveyard when you arrive, please wait for 10-15 minutes. Other members of your family and friends can visit the cemeteries freely from Monday.

Africa Magazine: Is available for collection from the church porch.

*“Lord I ask for the grace to let go of my concerns
And be open to what God is asking of me,
To let myself be guided and formed
by my loving Creator” Sacred Space*

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.

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Parochial house red post box, email or phone the

parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.