



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Covid Secure Safety Policies and Procedures: When visiting the Church and during all Liturgies, please continue to observe safety measures, such as good hand hygiene and 2m social distancing.

Face coverings must be worn by everyone while entering and exiting the Church – this is a legal requirement, unless you are exempt. Restrictions are still in place for Baptisms, Weddings and funerals. Please contact the office if you require more details.

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

Parish Office: Office opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am-4pm. The emergency mobile is for emergencies only.

Shoebox Appeal – Romania 2021: Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our shoebox appeal. The shoeboxes and winter clothing are now on their way to Romania and will brighten up many people's Christmas.

Graveyard Update: Work has begun on the graveyard, we will be contacting everyone who has expressed an interest to confirm the leaseholder. We have a total of 96 people who plan to pre-purchase a grave in the new lawn style graveyard adjacent to St Patrick's Cemetery. This is fewer than we require to cover costs. We are currently offering non-parishioners the option of pre-purchasing a grave to try and meet the quota. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact the parish office. We can only accept payments when the work is complete. Payment can be made in full or via a payment plan over six months. When we receive the full payment we will issue you with a grave number.

The Synod - Preparing our Hearts and Minds: Pope Francis has invited every Diocese around the world to participate in the universal Synod on Synodality. This Synod is a journey together. We as a Church listen to each other, dialogue, pray and discern together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The starting point of this journey begins with our own personal prayer and reflection. In your prayers this week we ask that you pray for the success of our synodal journey and that you take time to reflect on the needs of the people in your community.

WEEKLY BULLETIN
1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday 28th November
2021

Weekly Collection: £1628
Bishops
Commissions: £235.00
Thank You.

Recent Expenditure:
Parish Newsletter £183.52

The Sanctuary Lamp will
burn this week for a Special
Intention

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
Thursday before Mass
Saturday before Mass

St Vincent De Paul Contact
Number: 028 9035 1561
www.svp.ie

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Sophie who was baptised recently into our Parish Family

Baptism: 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 and on Thursday evenings at 6pm.

Weddings: Currently 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 Mass here regularly.

NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support us and ensure we remain Covid secure. Please engage respectfully with them at all times.

RECENT DEATHS

Brian McNerney
Anna Stewart
Rosaleen Marseen
Norman Gilbert

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Patrick Nelson	Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 30 th November at 7pm
Eileen Lavery(40)	Anniversary Mass on Friday 3 rd December at 7pm
Tomas McAlinden	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 4 th December at 7pm
Mary Gallagher	Caroline Lavery Mary Lavery

Advent Begins

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Advent Night Prayer: Begins tonight at 6pm with adoration. All welcome.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal: This year we are collecting new toys which will be donated to the Salvation Army to help families in need. If you would like to donate a toy, please leave it in the Church porch. **New toys only please.**

Christmas Masses: We will be using a booking system for Christmas Masses this year.

We will provide you with more details of how and when to book shortly.

Carol Service: Due to current restrictions and the rise in Covid cases it has been decided that there will be no designated parish carol service taking place prior to Christmas this year.

Advent Prayer Books: Available at the back of the Church. £1.00 each.

Christmas Cards: Now on sale in the Church porch.

All parishioners who attended the November Mass can collect the pictures of their loved ones from the Church.

Parish Priest:
Fr Declan Mulligan
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**EMERGENCIES AND
SICK CALLS:**
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Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000
The Order of The Knights of
St Columbanus 028 92 528 916
Diocesan Safeguarding Office
028 9049 2798

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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.