



# 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.

**Christmas Masses and Prayer around the Crib:** Christmas Eve Mass is now fully subscribed. People who are not able to attend Mass on Christmas Eve but still wish to come to the Church are invited to visit the Crib and say a special prayer any time between 7.30pm-9pm on Christmas Eve. Eucharistic Ministers will be available in the Sanctuary area for anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion, consecrated during the Christmas Eve Mass. Santa will be outside organising a socially distanced hot chocolate/cup of tea as you leave the Church and to make sure everyone is following our elf and safety guidelines (wearing masks and Christmas jumpers, staying in your Christmas bubble, etc. - anyone not following our guidelines will automatically be placed on the naughty list this year!). All arrangements are subject to change at short notice. Please refer to the parish website and face book page for up to date information.

**St Patrick's Primary School Admissions for 2022-23:** For all the latest information on Primary Admissions for the 2022/2023 academic year please visit the EA website at [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) The Citizen Portal opens for online applications at 12 noon on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and closes at 12 noon 28<sup>th</sup> January for September 2022 admissions. The Admissions Criteria will be published online on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 along with guidance on how to complete your application. The Admissions Helpdesk will be available for digital assistance or telephone 028 9598 5595. Please visit the school website or Facebook page for a virtual tour of St Patrick's School via Virtual Open Day Video.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
4th Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 19th December  
2021

Weekly Collection: £2003  
**Thank You.**

*Recent Expenditure:  
Sanitising Products for the  
Church £99.54*

*This 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

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**Baptisms:** Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12 noon and on Thursday evenings at 6pm. A total of 15 people permitted to attend.

**Weddings:** Currently the number permitted to attend weddings is to be determined following individual risk assessments. Attendees must follow all 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

Mary McCavigan

Jane McCann

Rita McNulty

Brian McNerney

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Martin McMahan

Ben McNulty

Jane McStravick

John McAlinden

Mary McDonald

James Kelly

Hugh McCorry

Mickey McVeigh

Mary McAlinden

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Brendan McMullan

Charles McCluskey

Joseph McAlinden

Mary Ellen Grant

Edmund Campbell

Brother Thomas Lavery(2)

Willie Lavery

James McAlinden

## Advent Night Prayer

The JP11's will lead the final Night Prayer this evening from 6pm – 7pm.  
Booklets available on the website. Everyone welcome.

## The Synod – Preparing to Listen

Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process, it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice and a recognition that no one person has the answer, but through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. This week we invite you to pray: ***Come Holy Spirit, make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. Amen.***

**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 new a toy, please leave it in the Church porch by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

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: 028 9035 1561

[www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

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](mailto: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.