



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

**Gradual Easing of Covid-19 policies and procedures from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in St. Patrick's Church:** The Minister for Health has announced significant easing of restrictions and regulations relating to Covid-19. However, the Diocese recommends a continuation of protective measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of parish communities, especially those who are anxious or vulnerable. The doors/windows remain open to ensure the Church is well ventilated. We regret that the sacristy remains closed. Parishioners should continue to wear a mask/face covering while in the Church and sanitise their hands as they enter and leave or after using the shrines.

**Daily Masses, Weddings & Funerals:** Will continue with all previous restrictions in place. Every third pew will be available for seating, 2m markers will remain in place for those who wish to maintain social distancing, Communion will be received at the pews and the one-way system will continue. Holy Communion will be distributed at the pews and on the hand only. The Maximum capacity of the Church with these measures in place is 140 people.

**Sunday and Feast Day Masses:** The above restrictions will remain in place for those sitting on the left-hand section of the Church. If Eucharistic Ministers are available to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, the right-hand section of pews and the balcony will have free seating and every other pew will be available. Parishioners will once again process up for Holy Communion, entering the middle aisle to their left, row by row from the front of the Church and returning to their seat via the right-hand side aisle. The Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Communion from behind a Perspex screen. Parishioners are asked to put their cupped hands under the screen to receive the Host. At the end of Mass, those sitting on the left-hand side of the Church are asked to leave row by row, from the front, turning left and via the side entrance. Those on the right can exist their pew from the left-hand side via the main entrance. Those sitting in the balcony can exit via the main entrance.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Sunday 20th March 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection: £1285  
*Thank you for supporting our Parish.*

**Recent Expenditure:**  
**Diocesan Directories**  
2022 £115.20

*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

## 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.**

### ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Joan McHenry	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 11am		
Tony King	Anniversary Mass on Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm		
Margaret Walsh	Anniversary Mass on Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 11am		
Edwina McConaghey	Vincent Douglas(60)	Gerald Douglas(9)	Madeline Cushley
Mary McHenry	Joan McHenry	Niamh Mitchell(16)	William Mulholland
Tony Cushley			

### The Second Collection this week is for Needy Parishes

**Confirmation:** Congratulation to the P7 Children from St Patrick's who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** – Communion Services, led by lay people in the absence of a priest, will take place in the parish next week between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. During the Service, the readings of the day will be reflected upon, and a Eucharistic Minister will distribute Holy Communion consecrated during a previous Mass.

**Sick Calls:** For all sick calls and emergencies this week, please contact Fr Colm McBride in Glenavy on 028 9445 9560.

**Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Internal Auditor Vacancy:** A vacancy has arisen for an Internal Auditor. Full details and application packs for this post are available from the Diocesan website at <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> Closing date - 12 noon on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Synodal Listening in our Pastoral Community:** In order to journey together Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the Church and to hear every voice of the Holy Spirit. To help us in discerning our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together and enter a Spiritual conversation about our Church. If you would like to take part in this Synodal moment, then join us on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm-9pm in Lisburn Parish Centre.

**Lenten Prayers for Peace:** During Lenten Adoration on Wednesdays, before the disposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will be dedicating some time to Prayers for Peace.

We begin with The Rosary on Wednesday 23 March at 6pm.

**There will be a Special Collection for Ukraine to be taken up at Masses on the weekend 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

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**EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:**  
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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.