



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

The Second Collection this week is for the Education of Diocesan Students.

Booking Masses: We try our best to accommodate requests for specific dates. However, this is not always possible, and we may offer you alternative dates. Please remember that funerals take precedence over all bookings and that there is no right to demand the use of the church on any given date/time.

Collection Boxes: Sadly, our main collection box at the front door of the Church was broken into last week and the main bulk of our collection was stolen. This has been reported to the Police and we will ensure the collection boxes are emptied directly after each Mass at the weekends. If anyone witnessed anything suspicious, please contact the Office.

Obligation to attend Sunday/Holyday Masses: The Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays is once again deemed to be an obligation, unless the person is shielding or unwell.

Gradual Easing of Covid-19 policies and procedures:

Parishioners should continue to wear a mask/face covering while in the Church and sanitise their hands as they enter and leave. Seating on the left side of the church will remain the same with a 2m distance. Seating everywhere else mixed. Any queries contact the office or ask a member of the team in the church.

Gift Aid Claim: Thank you to all parishioners who completed the gift aid cards. Total amount we received this year was £10,797.22. If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the declaration at the front of your box of envelopes or contact the Parish office for a form. This is a big help towards our Parish. If you are no longer a taxpayer or do not wish for a claim to be made in your name, please contact the office.

May the Month of Mary: Thank you to the parishioners who have led us in the rosary and for the beautiful flowers for Our Lady. We will continue this during the month of May.

Graveyard and Finance Committee: Will meet on the 24th May 2022. If you have registered an interest in purchasing the lease of a grave we will be in contact following this meeting.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th May 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Collection: £394

Graveyard Collection:
£180

Recent Expenditure:
Heating Oil for the
Church £493.00

The Sanctuary Lamp will
burn this week for
Leonard & 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

CONFESSIONS

Thursday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Baptisms: 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. At least one month's notice is required, during which parents meet with a member of our Baptismal Team and the family attends the 11am Sunday Mass weekly, prior to the Baptism. If families are unable to complete the preparation or attend Mass, the Baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. 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 in the parish *weekly* during the six-month notice of marriage period.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sr Pascal McMeel

Canon Robert Fullerton

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Kathleen Loughran

Eilish McGrath

Margaret McConville

Anne Loughran

John Hamill

Margaret Anne Weir(1)

Sarah Lavery

Jerome McIntyre(6)

Kevin Agnew(28)

Philip Magee

Mary Jane Magee

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 15th May at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 18th May at 10am

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 19th May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Friday 20th May at 10am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 21st May at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd May at 9am

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd May at 11am

Rosaleen Mulholland

Willie McCorry

JPII Night Prayer Thank you to the young people, Aideen, Tina and Joe for the beautiful night prayer last Sunday evening. This took a lot of thought and preparation. We ask you to remember all the young people in the parish who will be sitting exams over the coming weeks. Prayer cards are available in the church porch for you to take home.

First Holy Communion: Fr Declan has enjoyed his time in the schools with the Primary 4's, he tried his best to answer all the (big) questions! We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion, St Mary's, Saturday 21st May and St Patrick's & Ballinderry, Saturday 28th May at 11am. It is essential for the children to attend Mass weekly to prepare for their First Communion. The children are welcome back in their First Communion outfits on the Sunday after their Communion and on Sunday 19th June for Corpus Christi.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Interim office opening hours remain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9am-5pm. The emergency mobile is for emergencies only.

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Fr Declan Mulligan

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EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS:

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028 944 595 600

St Vincent De Paul Contact

Number: 028 9035 1561

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.

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.