

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.

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.

Parish Office Opening Hours: Interim office opening hours remain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9am-5pm. Emergency Mobile: Sometimes, due to poor coverage, calls/texts are not automatically received. If your call is not returned promptly, please keep trying.

May the Month of Mary: We wish to thank the parishioners for continuing to bring fresh flowers for the grotto and for continuing to lead us in the Rosary during the month of May.

Request for Copies of Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage

Certificates - From time to time, many people find it necessary to request a copy of a Certificate of Baptism, or a record of their Confirmation or Marriage in Church. Most commonly, this will be in connection with a marriage or a school application. In order to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act, all such requests need to be made in writing and certificates can only be issued to those named on the record. Forms for requests of copy certificates can be obtained by emailing the parish office. There will be an administration fee to cover the added costs.

The Diocese wish to offer sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection to Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised over 3.25 million. Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers.

WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 22nd May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Collection: £1281.50 **Diocesan Students** Collection: £200

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Recent Expenditure: Sanctuary Candles £93.60

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

We welcome Aleigh-Rose, recently Baptised into our Parish Family.

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**

Sarah Lavery(8) Jerome McIntyre(6) Lucia McGrath Eileen Hannon Ultan MacMorrow Kevin Laverv Rosena Walsh

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd May at 9am Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd May at 11am Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Thursday 26th May at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Friday 27th May at 10am Anniversary Mass on Saturday 28th May at 7pm Bridie O'Dowd(16) William J Lavery

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with the children from St Patrick's & Ballinderry on 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 to return in their First Communion outfits on Sunday 19th June to celebrate Corpus Christi. St Vincent De Paul: Donations collected from St Anthony's Box in the Church are as follows: 27th Jan - 6th March: £230.46, 6th March- 23rd March: £136.27, 23rd March - 1st April: £211.54. Prayer During Exam Time

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is

not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. During this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are always here

with me. Amen

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@vahoo.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.

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan Tel: 028 9265 1214 **EMERGENCIES AND** SICK CALLS: 07831 934 756 028 944 595 600

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