

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 24th June 2023 We would like to invite all Year 9 and Year 10's living in the Parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry to our G.I.F.T Retreat Day in Newcastle. More details to follow.

P4 Retreat Day: Fr Declan and Catherine look forward to welcoming the P4 children from both schools on Tuesday in The Community Centre in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Easter Colouring Competition: The Order of the Knights of Columbanus invite all Primary school children to take part in their Easter Colouring-in Competition. To take part simply colour the picture in (available from the Church porch) and ask your parents to email a picture of it to <u>ck49aghagallon@outlook.com</u> 1st Prize - A large easter egg, 2nd Prize - A small easter egg, 3rd Prize - A bar of chocolate and mini eggs. Competition closes on Good Friday at 5pm. The winner will be announced after 7pm on The Knights Facebook page and winners' parents will be notified by email. Living Church Workshop Day: Many of us struggle with forgiveness, letting go of the past so that we can best live out our lives. Living Church invite you for a day of creative prayer and reflection to explore how we can bring healing to our lives through the practice of forgiveness. The event will take place on Sat 29th April 10am - 4pm. Limited spaces, booking essential. To book email livingchurch@downandconnor.org or call 028 90 690920. A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, Thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have lost their mother. Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children. Be near to those who are sad

because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home and help your Church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of the Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 19th March 2023 4th Sunday of Lent

<u>Weekly Collection:</u> £1897.00 <u>Online/Card Machine:</u> £173.66 10/03/22 -16/03/23 <u>Recent Expenditure:</u> Collection Envelopes for 2023/2024 - £ 844.00

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 *(Norena Prayers)* Friday: 10.00am *(First Friday 7pm)* Saturday: 7.00pm *(Vigi)* 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 directly after 11am Mass 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 20 people are permitted to attend.

Weddings: Wedding guests must continue to follow all guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of 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 their parish *weekly* during the six-month notice of marriage period.

NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support and help us. Please engage respectfully with them at all times.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tommy Lavery Tom French Mary McStravick Marie McGinn Fr Jim Sheppard Sheila Hannon ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Michael McWilliams Joan McHenry James McCusker Geraldine Mitchell Maureen Cinnamond Margaret Walsh William Mulholland Vincent Douglas (61) Agnes McCrory James McGrath Joseph McKeveney Anniversary Mass on Saturday 18th March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 22nd March at 10am Anniversary Mass on Thursday 23rd March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Saturday 25th March at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26th March at 11am Geraldine McConaghey Edwina McConaghey Gerard Douglas (10) Mary McCrory James McCrory Philip McCrory Daniel Tallon Jim Mallon (9) Jerome Doris Jim McKeveney

The Second Collection this week is for Needy Parishes

Sacraments: Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Patrick's and St Mary's Primary Schools who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week. Thank you to Aine and Rosemary for the wonderful altar displays and also to the children for the beautiful singing on their special day, making this a truly memorable occasion.

Collection Envelopes: New boxes of collection envelopes for 2023/2024 will soon be delivered to Parishioners. If you don't receive a box or would like to receive a box, please contact the Parish office during open hours.

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 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.