



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

P4 Retreat Day: Fr Declan and Catherine had a great day with P4 children from both schools on Tuesday in The Community Centre as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Altar Servers Team: The current team of altar servers belong to a long line of young people who have assisted the priest at Mass. They have an important role which is vital to enhancing the celebration of the liturgy. Our team enjoy assisting on the altar, they are supportive of each other and are always welcoming to new members and are polite and helpful to all who require their assistance or help. These young people grow in confidence and self-esteem, learning to cooperate with each other through teamwork, whilst enjoying actively participating at Mass and playing their part in the life of the parish. Being an altar server also means enjoying treats on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter, as well as parties and day trips out. Full training is given, and you can pick which Mass you would like to serve at. If you have made your First Penance and would like to be part of our Altar Servers Team, come along to our training day on Saturday 1st April 2023 from 10.30am-12noon.

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 ck49aghagallon@outlook.com 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.

Trocaire Fundraiser: Raffle tickets are being sold after every Mass this weekend to raise funds for Trocaire. Each entry is £2, and the prize is an Easter hamper. Thank you for supporting Trocaire.

Parish Office Easter Closure

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 11th April to Tuesday 18th April. There will be no bulletin on Sunday 15th April. Please submit any notices for the bulletin to the office by Wednesday 5th April.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26th March 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection:

£1263.00

Needy Parishes: £255.00

Online/Card Machine:

£204.16

17/03/22 -24/03/23

Thank you

Recent Expenditure:
Missalettes £120.00

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 Senan, who was 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 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

Kathleen Lavery

Tommy Lavery

Tom French

Mary McStravick

Sheila Hannon

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Maureen Cinnamond

Margaret Walsh

Mary McGrann

Patsy Tallon

Jerome Doris

Gerard McStravick

Theresa McKillop

Tony Cushley

Joanne Molloy (Nee Mulholland) (9)

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 25th March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26th March at 11am

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 28th March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 30th March at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Friday 31st March at 10am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 1st April at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 2nd April at 9am

Madeline Cushley

Imelda Lavery

Collection Envelopes: New boxes of collection envelopes for April 2023 – March 2024 are currently being delivered to parishioners. Standing order forms are also available on request. Remember if you are a UK taxpayer and you have not yet signed a GIFT AID declaration please do so, for every £1 you donate, it will be boosted by 25p at no extra cost. Return it to the office via the red post box located at the front door of the parochial house. The parish received £10,797.22 of gift aid in 2022, this was much needed to help with running costs of the parish and was greatly appreciated. If you have signed a GIFT AID declaration over the past few years, there is no need to do it again. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a GIFT AID declaration previously, please let us know.

Rota's: New rotas available to collect from the Sacristan or to view online via the parish website.

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan

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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.