



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

What's going on in the Parish? March is a busy month as Lent gets under way, and we prepare for the celebration of Easter. In addition to this First Penance, Confirmation and St Patrick's Day are all important dates in the calendar this month. In preparation for the Sacraments the Children from St Mary's, St Patricks and Ballinderry Primary Schools continue to join us in the Church regularly.

Sacraments

First Penance: Welcome to the P3 children from St Mary's, they will be joining us this week on Monday at 1.30pm when they will celebrate their First Penance and welcome to St Patrick's & Ballinderry Primary Schools, they will join us on Tuesday at 1.30pm to celebrate their First Penance.

Confirmation: We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with the P7 children from St Patrick's on Tuesday 14th March at 1.00pm and with the P7 children from St Mary's on Thursday 16th March at 1.00pm.

Receiving Holy Communion: We are still encouraging everyone to receive Holy Communion on the hand. If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please join the end of the procession and request this from the Minister or priest.

Altar Servers Club: Saturday 1st April from 10.30am – 12 noon in the Church. All new members welcome. Contact the parish office for more details.

Lay Ministry Training Days: The Living Church is offering a range of lay ministry programs for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and Baptismal preparation teams. These programs will be running throughout March, April and May and have been designed to provide space for personal, spiritual, and catechetical formation. The programme is a combination of online sessions, and in-person enrichment days. Participants will need to be available for both elements of the programme. Cost £10 per person - includes lunch at the enrichment days. Limited spaces. For information/booking E: a.steen@downandconnor.org

The second collection this week is the Monthly Stipend.

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**EMERGENCIES AND
SICK CALLS:**
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028 944 595 600

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Number: 028 9035 1561
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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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 5th March 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent

Weekly Collection:

£1817.83

Online/Card Machine:

24/02/22 -02/03/23

£398.74

Recent Expenditure:

*Shrine Maintenance and
Candles £ 318.53*

Thank You for
Supporting our Parish.

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 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

Deacon Hugh Robinson

Sheila Hannon

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Mary McHenry

The Deceased Members of the Lavery Family

Robert Lappin

Paul Curran

Joe Reynolds (20)

Maureen O'Neill

Johnnie O'Neill

Desmond McVeigh (8)

Kevin Lavery

Joe McVeigh

Kathleen Lavery

Peter McCorry

Sammy Lavery

Bernadette McCartan

Fr. Willie Lavery

Thought for Lent

"Put aside your hatred and animosity. Take pains to refrain from sharp words.

If they escape your lips, do not be ashamed to let your words produce the remedy since they have caused the wounds.

Pardon one another so that later you will not remember the injury,

the recollection of an injury is itself wrong.

It adds to our anger, nurtures our sin, and hates what is good.

It is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.

It puts all virtue to flight" Saint Francis of Paola

