

Ash Wednesday †

Mass will be celebrated at 10am & 7pm, ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

The pupils from St Mary's & St Patrick's Primary Schools will attend the 10am Mass. Parents and parishioners are very welcome to join.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via

www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction

Parish Draw 2023-2024 The Parish made a profit of £12,225.00 from the Parish Draw last year. Thank you for your continued support. This helped pay our Pastoral Levy and a percentage of the Parish Insurance for the year.

Pastoral Services Levy Amount for the Year - £10,671.00. The Pastoral Services Levy is paid to the Diocese to cover the costs connected with the following offices, commissions, agencies and groups: Family Ministry, Marriage Tribunal, Vocations Commission, Safeguarding & Vetting, Pastoral Personal (Hospitals), The Pathways to the Future Team, the Schola Cantorum, University Chaplaincies, ACCORD, CURA, Youth Link and the Diocesan Curia, which includes Finance, Property, Human Resources and Information Technology support. **Parish Insurance** Amount for the Year - £4,340.07.

WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 2nd March 2025

Weekly Collection £,1,106.00

Sick & Retired Priests £150.00 £195.00 Total - 4.345.00

Online Donations £582.50

Thank you for your continued support

Liturgies & Masses 3rd March - 9th March

Mass

Wednesday: 10am & 7pm Thursday: 10am Saturday: 7.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Liturgy of the Word Monday: 10am Friday: 10am

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Baptisms: Please email the office for a booking form and more details.

Weddings: Couples must contact Fr Declan six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sheila McCracken Month's Mind Mass Wednesday 12th March at 10am Roisin McKavanagh Month's Mind Mass Saturday 15th March at 7pm Noel Campbell Month's Mind Mass Sunday 6th April at 11am

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Sammy Gowdy Anniversary Mass Saturday 1st March at 7pm Theresa McKillop Anniversary Mass Sunday 2nd March at 9am Deceased of members of the Tallon Family(Drumaleet) Anniversary Mass Sunday 2nd March at 11am Deceased members of the Lavery family Anniversary Mass Tuesday 4th March at 7pm Mary McGrann(13) Anniversary Mass Thursday 6th March at 10am Marie Fitzpatrick Anniversary Mass Saturday 8th March at 7pm Maureen O'Neill Anniversary Mass Sunday 9th March at 9am Mary McStravick(2) Anniversary Mass Sunday 9th March at 11am

Dominic McCavigan Roland McCorry

Bridie Potter

Samuel Lavery(25) Sr Trinitas McMullan William Lavery Snr(50)

William James (Jimmy) Douglas(20) Peggy McCorry

Yvonne McCullough Thomas McCorry(38) Kathleen Mulholland Bernadette McCartan

Peggy Jordan Kathleen Lavery (14)

Fr Willie Lavery(14)

There will be a second collection this week for the Monthly Stipend.

GIFT 2 Programme Our Growing In Faith Together Programme for Year 9's begins on Monday evening at 7pm-9pm in Aghagallon Community Centre. If you did not receive a letter and you would like to join come along, bring a parent / guardian to complete the consent form.

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan Tel: 028 9265 1214

EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS: 07831 934 756

(in the event you are unable to reach Fr Declan on the emergency number) 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@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.