



# PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

*We would like to welcome Fr Darach to celebrate the Masses with us this weekend.*

**Advent Night Prayer.** We welcome you all to our next Advent Night Prayer with Adoration this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Adoration will commence at 6pm followed by Night Prayer at 6.40pm. This week we light the Second Advent Candle, representing Peace and we ask God to fill our hearts with Peace and compassion.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024.** Holy Day of Obligation. Masses available in our Pastoral Community (Glenavy or Lisburn).

**Parish Draw:** Thank you to all who bought a ticket in the community centre last weekend, and congratulations to Una Corey who was the lucky winner of the draw for the hamper. The first draw of this year will be drawn on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Community Centre, where you will have the chance to enjoy a mince pie and some Christmas music. Mary or John will be available in the porch after all Masses this weekend if you wish to purchase a ticket for this year's draw!

**Growing In Faith Together (GIFT).** Our Year 8 children enjoyed their 4<sup>th</sup> GIFT Session in the Community Centre last Monday and had a ball doing the Team quiz whilst also making time to prepare the liturgy for their special Mass that will take place this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. They will have their final celebration night on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> bowling in Airtasic Craigavon.

**Blessing of the Baby Jesus on Baminelli Sunday:** A special blessing will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am mass. We invite all children to wrap up their baby Jesus from the crib and bring it along to Children's Liturgy so it can be blessed during Mass.

**Christmas Visits to the Housebound –** Fr Declan will visit those on the housebound list between 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas School Mass –** We thank all the Pupils and Staff from St Patricks and St Marys Primary Schools for attending their annual Christmas Mass last Monday.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Weekly collection  
£1,008.00

Online  
£117.00  
Thank you for your continued support

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Helen O'Neill (RIP) and the deceased members of her family!*

## Liturgies & Masses

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2024

### Liturgy of the Word

Monday: 10am  
Tuesday: 7pm  
Wednesday: 10am  
Thursday: 10am  
Friday: 10am  
**Mass**  
Saturday: 7.00pm  
(Vigil)

Sunday: 9am & 11am

**Confessions**  
Saturday before Mass

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome baby Tiarnán David Magee into our Parish Family

**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

Myra Grieve  
Florence Coleman  
Cyril Magill  
Christopher O'Neill  
Rita Smyth

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Tomas McAlinden (10)  
Deceased members of the McStay Family  
Patrick Nelson (44)  
Seamus Mulholland  
Deceased members of the Tallon Family  
Connor O'Neill (33)  
Brenda McMullan  
Annie Mulholland (17)  
Jane McStravick

Month's Mind Mass on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm  
Month's Mind Mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9am

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm.  
Anniversary Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.  
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm.  
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am

Fr Oliver McStravick  
Veronica Lavery  
Patrick McStravick

**Music in our Church.:** Church teaching on the use of music in Church liturgies can be found in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Music for weddings and Funerals, as with all liturgies, should be of a sacred character and in keeping with the nature of the liturgical celebration. Although practice may vary from priest to priest or from Diocese to Diocese, the principles remain the same. If parishioners wish to include a piece of secular music, there are other opportunities, such as at the wake, graveside or crematorium when celebrating a funeral or during the reception at weddings. We ask parishioners or musicians who include secular music without the knowledge or consent of the parish to be more respectful other parishioners who abide by Church teaching. Visiting priests are welcome to preside at liturgies in the parish but must also adhere to Diocesan policies and procedures. There are copies of recent advice issued by the Diocese in relation to the celebration of funerals in the Church porch.

**Parish Carol Service:** Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs, musicians, parish groups and The South Ulster band.

**Sick calls and emergencies.** For sick calls and emergencies between 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December, please phone Glenavy parish on 028 944 595 600.

**Christmas Confessions** will be available as part of our night prayer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of advent on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 6pm-7pm.

## 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

Parish Priest:

Fr Declan Mulligan  
Tel: 028 9265 1214

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Number: 028 9035 1561  
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The Order of The Knights of  
St Columbanus 028 92 528 916  
Diocesan Safeguarding Office  
028 9049 2798

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Parochial house red post box, email or phone the  
parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.