

# ***St. Patrick's Ballinderry***

***Parish Priest***  
Fr Peter Donnelly

***Week Commencing***  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

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## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm

Sunday at 10am

Live transmission at [www.churchservices.tv/ballinderry](http://www.churchservices.tv/ballinderry) and Parish Radio

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday- Saturday at 10am

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## **Church Opening Hours**

Monday- Sunday: 8am- 5pm

**Visitors are advised that webcam may be in use.**

## **Week Of Prayer For Church Unity**

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> January. We are asked this year to keep the problem of racism in society in your prayers in order to discern a Christian Response.

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Our two Parish schools will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from 23<sup>rd</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> January. Grandparents Day will focus on the role of senior family members in the faith formation and support of the young in our parish.

## **Ceremony Of Light**

The Ceremony of Light for children preparing for Confirmation and their parents will take place during Morning Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Confirmation In Ballinderry Parish**

Pupils of Derrychrin and Ballylifford schools will be confirmed in St Patrick's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5pm. School Principals will notify parents about arrangements.

## **Looking Ahead**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30pm. The Principals of Ballylifford and Derrychrin schools will notify parents about arrangements.

First Confession will be celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> March following 10am Mass. Again, parents will be notified about arrangements by school Principals.

## **Liturgy Group Rota- January 2023**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Rossa Bell

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Celine McGuckin

## **Eucharistic Minister Rota- January 2023**

Saturday- Catherine Logan

Sunday- Caroline Wilson

## **Synod 2021-2024**

A Pastoral Message from Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Michael Router and the Synodal Core Group

Just over a year ago Pope Francis launched the first stage of a worldwide listening process in the Church, known as the Synodal Process. This time of reflection and discussion will lead to Synod gatherings of the Church in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. Millions of Catholics around the world have already taken part in the consultation including nearly 2000 people from this Archdiocese - a quarter of whom were young people.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October a working document for the next stage of the Synodal process was launched. It is entitled "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent". It brings together the feedback from all over the world and provides the foundation for further discernment and discussion at five continental assemblies in the new year. The European Assembly will take place in Prague from the 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Archbishop Eamon will be joining the delegation from Ireland. "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent" is available to read on our Armagh Diocesan Website. Our diocesan submission, and the National Synthesis documents summarising the response from all over Ireland are also available there. We encourage everyone to read these documents and send your comments to your parish Pastoral Council or to the Diocesan Pastoral Office in Dundalk. The email address, [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie), can be found on our Diocesan Website.

## **Anam Cara Armagh**

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 028 95213120 for any queries.