

St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry

Parish Priest
Fr. Peter Donnelly

Week Commencing
24th February 2024

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm
Sunday at 10am

Live transmission at www.churchservices.tv/ballinderry and Parish Radio

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Monday—Friday 7am
Monday -Saturday 10am

Live transmission at www.churchservices.tv/ballinderry and Parish Radio

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday – Sunday 8am – 5pm

Visitors are advised that webcam may be in use.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions each Saturday in Lent at 6pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Sunday at 7pm

**IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL COUPLES PLANNING TO MARRY IN
BALLINDERRY IN 2024**

An important meeting about the legal and church requirements for the celebration of marriage will be held in St Patrick's Church on Sunday afternoon 25th February at 3pm. All couples who are planning to marry in this parish in 2024 are requested to attend or send a family member as representative.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Children preparing for Confirmation, together with their parents and family members will celebrate the Ceremony of Light on Wednesday 28th February, in St Patrick's Church at 10am.

FAMILY MASS FOR MARCH

Families, with children preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion, will be particularly welcome at Mass on Sunday 10th March, when the families of Ruairi and Finn McGuckin, Brendan Dickson, Senan Conway, Kyle Heron and Charlie Ferris will assist at Mass.

The ALL GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAMME, supporting parents and children, continues in Ballinderry Parish.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, will confirm children from our two parish schools on Thursday 14th March at 5:00pm. Full details to follow from the Principals of Derrychrin and Ballylifford Primary Schools.

FIRST PENANCE

Mass, followed by First Confession, will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 26th March at 10am. Parents are particularly welcome to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN BALLINDERRY

Pupils from our two parish schools will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Church, on Saturday 11th May, at 11am.

The Principals of Derrychrin and Ballylifford Primary Schools will issue further details to the families concerned.

LITURGY GROUP FOR MARCH

Saturday 2 nd Mar. Margaret Ann McKee	Sunday 3 rd Mar. Liam Duffy
Saturday 9 th Mar. Margaret Ann McKee	Sunday 10 th Mar. Liam Duffy
Saturday 16 th Mar. Christopher Bullock	Sunday 17 th Mar. Philippa McKinless
Saturday 23 rd Mar. Christopher Bullock	Sunday 24 th Mar. Sinead Devlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MARCH

Saturday - Mary Mc Ivor
Sunday - Sinead Crozier

**CAMPAIGN FOR LEGISLATIVE REFORM OF LAW ON TERMINATION
OF PREGNANCY**

Supported by Archbishop Martin, a campaign led by Catherine Robinson encourages parishioners to send a post card to their M.P, asking them to support an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that would reduce the time limit for terminations from 24 to 22 weeks in England and Wales.

MID-ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Marriage Registration Service have written in connection with Notification of Marriage Forms. **The Bride and Groom must** complete a Notification of Marriage Form. **The officiating Priest must sign both forms.**

Signed forms should be returned to the Registrar's Office 8-10 weeks before the wedding date. Telephone 03000 13232 to make an appointment to return forms. Bride, Groom or Family Member may return the forms.

Fr Donnelly writes:

Couples are advised that the above regulations set out the Legal Requirements. Compliance in all cases is essential.