St. Patrick's Ballinderry

Parish PriestFr Peter Donnelly

Week Commencing 20th November 2022

Telephone 02879418244

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm Sunday at 10am

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

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10am **No Morning Mass on Thursday 24th November.** 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.

Liturgy Group Rota- November 2022

Saturday 26th November
Margaret Ann McKee

Sunday 27th November

Ruth Bullock

Eucharistic Minister Rota-2022

December 2022

Saturday- Patsy Mc Cusker, Sunday- Clare O'Kane

Private Donation

The Parish Finance Committee gratefully acknowledge receipt of a private donation to Parish Funds.

Feast Of Christ The King & End Of Year Financial Statement

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ The King, the last Sunday of the Church's year. We also publish the annual parish statement of accounts which, as always, have been professionally audited, approved by the archdiocesan authorities, and forwarded as part of the archdiocesan returns to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs. It is pleasing to note that book-keeping and parish administration in Ballinderry have received very favourable commendation. We express our sincere thanks to counters, checkers, those who deliver parish envelopes, the Parish Finance Committee; and Miss Eileen Devlin and Mr John Mc Vey, for their commitment and expertise.

Family Sunday -All God's Children

Sunday next, The First Sunday of Advent, is the first of our Family Mass Sundays for children preparing for First Holy Communion, at our two parish schools. All family members will be particularly welcome, as the parish family prayerfully supports the children, their parents and teachers, as they prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament in May 2023.

Next week the families of Kayla Anderson, Brooklyn Cassidy, Austin Mullan, Faye Mullan, Aoife McCullagh and Aaron McDonnell will assist at Mass.

Benburb Priory Events

Martin Shaw and Paul Kingsnorth: Into the Hut of Stories on Saturday 26th November at 7:30pm.

Tickets £10. An evening of saints & beasts: of marvels, perils, and redemption. From The Voyage of Brendan to a chapel crafted lovingly by bees, these are Christian myths of ecological reverence and soulful nourishment.

A Christmas Concert with Fr. Ray Kelly on Friday 9th December at 7pm.

Benburb Priory will host Britain's Got Talent's Fr. Ray Kelly once again. This time, for an exciting Christmas concert. Fr. Ray will perform some beloved Christmas classics.

Afterwards, he will join us in the Stables café for tea, coffee, and a meet and greet. Tickets £15.

For more information contact: mark@benburbpriory.com

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. We would like to thank all those who took part and those who helped to facilitate the Synodal process locally.

On Thursday 27th 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 5th - 12th February. Archbishop Eamon will be joining the delegation from Ireland.

The title of the working document "Enlarge the Space of your Tent" is a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, and it uses the image of a tent to describe the Church. The vision is of the Church as an expansive dwelling which can offer shelter for all. A tent is secured by its pegs. In relation to the Church the pegs symbolise the fundamentals of faith which do not change but can be moved and planted in new ground. Hospitality and welcome are essential in enlarging the tent, the outreach, of the Church. Enlarging the tent also means a change of attitudes, being open to including everyone and making more room for diversity.

The working document "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, can be found on our Diocesan Website.