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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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6th November 2022

Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Tues - Fri: 8am

Mon, Wed & Fri: 7.30pm

Tues & Thurs: Prayer Service - 7.30pm

Sundays: 8am & 9.30am

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 7.30pm

St Colmeille's Church

Sunday: 10am

Please be aware of the importance of sanitising when entering any of our Churches & please respect Social Distancing in our Churches at all times.

Face coverings/Masks in Churches

Everyone is asked to wear a face covering/mask when attending Mass or when visiting any of the Churches in our Parish.

Reception of Communion continues to be by hand only. Should people wish to receive the Eucharist on the tongue, they can purchase a pyx in which the Eucharist can be placed.

Anniversaries & Month's Mind Masses should be left in the Parish Office **no later than 12noon on the Thursday of the week before the anniversary is due to be remembered, this includes Saturday Anniversaries.** You can leave anniversaries in as early as you wish, but anniversaries left in after this time are considered **late**, & therefore there is **no guarantee** that they will be read out at Mass. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Parish Office Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm tel. 02837522813.

Baptisms Saturdays at 5.30pm in St Malachy's Church. All Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office. **Please note due to restrictions, a maximum of 12 people are allowed to attend with each child being baptised.**

Funerals are celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am (Mon-Sat) Please note there are no Sunday funerals. Funerals are strictly Private/Family celebrations & can be viewed on St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam.

Confessions in St Malachy's Church on Saturdays @ 12 noon. Confessions also on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month in St Malachy's Church @ 12noon.

Safeguarding Contact Maura 07895460797/armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

Weekly Parish Collection

23 October - £4415 & €97

30 October - £5310 & €123.35

Mission Sunday - £3310 & €35

The Priests Dues are being taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Southern Area Hospice Services will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the parish next weekend.

Home visits If there is anyone who is seriously ill &/or confined to their home or if anyone would like to receive a home visit or a house blessing from please leave details at the Parish Office.

Parish Records Help us keep our system up to date by letting us know your change of address! If you have changed address in the last couple of years or are planning to do so in the near future, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure you've often watched funeral services in some of the television soaps from across the water, where a close friend or relative of the person being buried or cremated gets up to give a eulogy. With great poignancy, they usually extol the virtues of the deceased and stress how they will be sorely missed. It makes for powerful drama and ensures riveting viewing, but it is invariably secular in its content. When people don't have a faith dimension to their lives and when God doesn't feature too much on their agenda, then there is very little to focus on except the impact of death and the memories of the person who has died. In many of the television scenarios, there is seldom a spiritual context because the people are usually non-believers or have only a vague attachment to Christian beliefs.

Writing to the Thessalonians, St Paul once offered a piece of sound advice: "My brothers and sisters, do not grieve for the dead like other people, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that it will be the same for those who have died in Christ: God will bring them with him".

Therein lies the difference. Our faith in the resurrection offers us a reason to hope. The promise of eternal life, spoken about in today's gospel, gives us reassurance beyond the grave. So in the face of death, we don't focus our thoughts on ourselves or even on the person who has died; we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and we pray that the divine life given at baptism may be brought to its fulfilment in eternal glory.

Therefore I think it would be regrettable if any Catholic funeral were to imitate elements of a secular gathering like reading poetry, giving a eulogy or playing pop music. "We do not grieve like other people...." Our liturgies are sacred moments, which must be celebrated with reverence and dignity. In that context, I wish to compliment the families of our parish who demonstrate great respect and common sense when it comes to planning the funeral Mass for loved ones.

On behalf of all the priests in our parish, I thank all who returned their November dead lists. Masses will be offered in the coming months to ask God's mercy on those who have gone before us and to pray that the Lord will welcome them into His Kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

As we move further into this month of remembrance, let's think of all our loved ones who have passed away. They are "children of the resurrection" not because of their own goodness but because of the power of Christ to raise us from the dead. May all of them enjoy the kingdom of heaven and may they rest in God's presence forever.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Prayer Walk in St Patrick's Cathedral During the month of November, people are invited to do The Prayer Walk in St Patrick's Cathedral, in memory of all our departed loved ones and especially those who have died over the past year. As part of the Prayer Walk, you are invited to pray in the Baptistry, before the Mosaic Medallion of St Patrick, at the Statue of St Oliver Plunkett, at the Shrine of Our Lady and in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It's hoped that all P7 Pupils in the different schools in our Parish will also be brought to the Cathedral during the month of remembrance, to pray for all our departed loved ones. Copies of the Prayer Walk will be available at the doors of the Cathedral. People are invited to do the Prayer Walk in a spirit of openness to the love and mercy of God. Members of the Legion of Mary are leading the Prayer Walk on the Saturdays of November at 9.30am.

World Day of Prayer for Prisoners Sunday 6 November Father of mercy, the secrets of all hearts are known to you alone. You know who is just and you forgive the unjust. You alone are the Almighty Judge. We are not worthy of judging anyone. Your mercy is enough for sinners. Hear our prayers for those in prison. Give them repentance and let them believe in you. Give them patience and hope in their sufferings and bring them home again soon. Comfort their near and dear ones and let them trust in Jesus Christ and live with hope, AMEN.

World Day of the Poor: Sunday 13 November We pray that the world's poor chosen by God to be heirs of his kingdom, may always find hope and support from Christ's followers. We pray that the world's resources gifted by God may be fairly shared among the peoples of the earth and that those most in need will be treated equally and with justice. We pray too that our eyes may be opened to the poor in our own communities and that we may give them help and encouragement according to our means.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Stella McRory, John Cox, Teresa Halligan, Maureen Murtagh, Brigín McKenna, Johnny Ryan, Vera Maxwell, Fr Sean Lennon OSM, Fergus Black, John McNally and Thomas Ward,

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Dessy Kerr (7th), Shane McArdle (11th) & Canon Patsy McDonnell (12th)



Prayer for Ukraine Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world, AMEN.

Weekly Collections/Gift Aid Thanks to all who have been continuing to support their parish financially through these very challenging times. Many people have set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order recently. Weekly Parish Envelopes that aren't given at weekend Masses can also be left through the letterbox of the Parish Office. Please continue to do what you can to help support our parish. Anyone who wishes to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order can contact Caroline at the Parish Office. Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. We are keen to increase the number of contributors within the parish. Gift Aid means that for every £1 given through the envelope collection, the parish can claim an additional 25p from the Inland Revenue, as long as you pay Income Tax & sign a declaration form permitting the parish to claim. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or through the Parish Office.

Do this in Memory Programme The next gathering for all P4 Pupils and their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 12th Nov at 6.30pm.

Confirmation Ceremonies 2023 The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Armagh Parish on the weekend of Sat 27/Sun 28 May 2023.

Vocations You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom. (Luke 20:27-38) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr Barry Matthews (Vocations Director) or any priest.

Organ Recital taking place with Orly Watson in St Patrick's RC Cathedral on Sun 6 Nov from 3-4pm. All are welcome. A Retiring Collection will be taken up.

St Patrick's Cathedral Chapter Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in the Cathedral on Sun 13 Nov at 11am. He will be joined by Bishop Router & representatives of the Cathedral Chapter on the day.

Annual Clergy Gathering A number of the priests of the diocese will be gathering in Enniskillen from 13 - 16 November for the annual Clergy Gathering. We remember in prayer those priests who will be joining and we pray for the success of the gathering.

Diocesan Secretary Best Wishes to Deacon Paul Mallon who is moving on this week from his role as Diocesan Secretary in Ara Coeli, to take up a new appointment as Chaplain in a Third Level Institute in Dublin. Deacon Paul will be replaced by Fr Colm Hagan. Fortunately, Deacon Paul will be continuing to serve in our Parish as Deacon at weekends.

Mass of Remembrance for all our dead and especially those who have died in our parish over the past year, will take place in St Malachy's Church on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm. Mass for the dead in the Tullysaran area will take place in The Church of the Immaculate Conception on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm.

In the month of November we pray for all our dead... God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for

my family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. AMEN.

Pledge for November Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer Pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray

Mass in Lislea Community Centre The annual Mass in the Community Centre, to remember all our dead and especially those who have died in the community over the past year will take place on Thurs 10 Nov at 8pm.

Christmas at the Cathedral An evening of Festive Music and Song with Malachi Cush, Niamh McGlinchey, Karl McGuckin and Andrea Delaney in St Patrick's RC Cathedral on Fri 16 Dec at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale online.

Eurovision Broadcast from St Patrick's Cathedral The 11pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Christmas Eve will be a Eurovision Broadcast. It will be broadcast live on RTE Television across Ireland and it will also be broadcast across a number of European countries. It's a great privilege to be able to broadcast from our Cathedral this year and preparations for the celebration are already underway. Further information about this will be available in the coming weeks.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership Advent Celebration will take place in The Market Place Theatre on Tues 13 Dec at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be Dr Heather Morris, General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Ireland and she was recently appointed an Ecumenical Canon in St Patrick's COI Cathedral, Armagh. This promises to be a special evening of music, poetry and song as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets available at the Theatre.

Prayer by Telephone The Sisters of Mercy in "Bethany" Dundalk welcome any one who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All enquiries are confidential. Tel: 00353429331602

Matt Talbot Prayer Society Matt Talbot was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration and the Rosary. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society prays daily and specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions including alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, eating and smoking through Matt Talbot's intercession. Mass will be celebrated on the first Monday of each month in St Malachy's Church, Armagh at 7.30pm for those struggling with an addiction. The next celebration will be on Mon 7 Nov. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Parish Children's Prayer Book available in the Cathedral Shop....a lovely little Prayer Book for children!

Cana - Retreat for Couples Rediscover the meaning and fun in your marriage, in your family life and in your commitment to each other. Take time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples. Contact Brian and Lisa at 041 6851563

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance

with best practice. Contact Deirdre at 07980 898399

Benches in Armagh Cemetery As previously outlined, no more benches are to be placed in Armagh Cemetery. Due to restricted space in the cemetery, benches that have been placed without permission on the hill and close to Moy Rd will soon be removed for burial spaces.

Parish Property Available for Rent The former St Colmcille's Primary School, Knockaconey is currently available for rent. Premises would be suitable for business purposes/storage. Further information from Caroline Caherty at Armagh Parish Office.

Weddings in Armagh Parish Congratulations to the many couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Parish over the last number of months & best wishes to couples who are planning to celebrate their marriage in the Parish in the weeks to come. Couples planning to get married in the Parish in 2023/2024 should ensure they have booked their Church & made contact with their priest to be celebrant on the day. Couples should also ensure that they have booked a Pre Marriage Course with Accord. All enquiries in relation to weddings can be made at Armagh Parish Office.

Let's talk about faith! Fr Emmanuel will host a monthly gathering to help people reflect on different aspects of their faith. The evenings will include a period of Exposition in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and some reflection on different themes. Venue -- St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Thurs 24 Nov Three persons in one God
Thurs 15 Dec How is salvation possible

Coffee Morning & Christmas Fayre Friends of Cuan Mhuire invite you to join on Sat 3 December from 10am - 3pm at their centre at Foundry Lane, Omagh BT78 1ED. All proceeds to help those affected by an addiction.

Trocaire is looking for people to join their team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, especially the suffering people of East Africa. Training will be provided. For more info: contact Mark McMahon at 028 90908030

Southern Trust Remembrance Service for parents & families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person takes place in Newry Town Hall on Sun 27 Nov at 3pm.

A time to Remember Prayer & Reflection in the month of Remembrance for all who grieve the loss of a loved one! Each Tuesday in November at 3pm in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. All are welcome.

November Dead Lists are still available at the back of all Churches. People are asked to take one and complete and place in the Sunday Baskets or in the Deposit Box at the front of St Patrick's Cathedral or St Malachy's Church.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on Wed 9th Nov in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to join with us in praying for Vocations.

The Legion of Mary invite parishioners to join them in the Prayer Walk at 9.30am on Saturdays in November. Legion members will pray the Rosary in the Cemetery at 3.30pm on Sundays in November. All are invited to join them in praying for the Holy Souls.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet each Wednesday at 8pm in the Synod Hall of St. Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome.