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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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9th October 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 Colmcille'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

25 September - £4572 and 155 euros

2 October -

Peters Pence Collection - £2030 & €32

The annual Mission Sunday Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 October.

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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Parenting has been described, maybe somewhat cynically, as feeding the hand that bites you. Nothing wounds deeper than ingratitude, particularly in families and among friends. The word "thanks" can mean so much and yet all of us have experienced ingratitude or lack of appreciation at many times in our lives. Today, we are challenged to think about gratitude, appreciation and thankfulness. The first reading from the Book of Kings tells of Naaman the Syrian. We are not given the full story, but just part of the ending, when Naaman has already been healed of his leprosy and wants to thank the prophet Elisha. Elisha refuses the gift because only God can be thanked for such a wonderful miracle.

In the Scriptures and leprosy is often seen as a symbol for sinfulness and in that sense, all of us are lepers in need of healing, but sometimes, we can become lax in our awareness of sin because so much of our modern culture denies that there is any sin. With little reflection, most of us soon realise that all of us are sinners and we haven't responded fully to God's call in our lives.

The Gospel story reminds us of the importance of being grateful for the many healings we have experienced in our lives. When we take time to reflect, we can come to appreciate how God is present in all of our lives. Sometimes, we can go through life in the way that children go through birthday presents. We tear through the wrapping paper of our gifts without taking time to savour and appreciate all we have been given. If we take the time to recall the Lord's goodness, then our hearts will be filled with a sense of gratitude and joy.

So our readings today invite us to take time to reflect on the presence of God in our lives and to be aware of his effect in our lives. We are invited to take time to know the "goodness of the Lord" and to give thanks for his goodness to each one of us.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

October: Month of Prayer for the Missions

October is a special month of prayer for the Missions. World Mission Sunday is being celebrated on Sunday 23 October and the theme for Mission Sunday this year is "You shall be my witnesses". (Acts 1:8) Vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ and for this reason, mission continues to be most urgent in our world. The Church is missionary by nature and was born "to go forth". So our first task this Mission month of October is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to others. Pope Francis is asking every Catholic worldwide to come together in celebration of World Mission Sunday. On this special day, every Church in every parish across the globe will give what they can, no matter how little, towards the World Mission Sunday collection. Your contribution will be used to help spread the faith, hope and love by supporting overseas missionaries, many of whom work in some of the world's most impoverished and remote communities.

Novena Prayer to St Malachy (25 Oct - 2 Nov)

Glorious Saint Malachy, ardent yet gentle shepherd of God's people, we come before you seeking your intercession and protection in this time of trial.

Malachy, angel of peace, who brought those in conflict to be reconciled in the name of Christ, grant lasting peace and reconciliation to our country.

Mighty pillar of the Church, who banished error by the truth of your preaching, obtain for each of us the grace of sincere repentance and renewal, that we may serve the Lord in holiness all our days.

Most fatherly Archbishop of Armagh, enkindle the hearts of bishops and priests that, aided by your patronage and example, they may labour to form a holy people, strong in faith, constant in prayer, abounding in charity, devoted to the Sacraments and loyal to the See of Peter.

O Saint rich in mercy and compassion, look upon all who are suffering or in need and obtain for them support, healing and hope.

St Malachy, ablaze with heavenly fire, be a light to guide us on our pilgrim way to the Kingdom of Heaven. There may we be united with you in singing the praises of God for ever and ever. Amen.

St Malachy Patron of Armagh

Born: Ogle St, Armagh c. 1094

Died: Clairvaux, 2nd November 1148

Canonised by Pope Clement 111 - 1190

Feast Day: 3rd November

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Marie Kerr, Baby Robert Toner, Sadie Randall, Sean Murphy, John Toal, Tony Boylan and Patricia McParland.



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 also to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme but 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 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, as long as you pay Income Tax and sign a declaration form, permitting the parish to claim. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

Parish Baptism Team The Parish Baptism Team has been unable to run the Parish Baptism Programme since the beginning of the pandemic. We are hoping to reintroduce the programme in the coming weeks and anyone who is willing to assist or be part of the Parish Baptism Team is asked to contact the 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 20 Oct Who is God

Thurs 24 Nov Three persons in one God

Thur 15 Dec How is salvation possible

A time to Remember Prayer and 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.

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

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir The Choir would like to welcome new members, especially altos, tenors and basses. Experience of singing in a choir and being able to read music is an advantage but not essential. If you have a good ear and a phone to record lines, you will have no difficulties. The Choir sings at the Sunday 11am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral as well as at the usual liturgical high points of Easter and Christmas and major Diocesan Liturgies. If interested and if you would like more information, please email cmurphy30a@gmail.com

St Malachy's Church Choir St Malachy's Church Choir would welcome new recruits or

anyone who would like to join. If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact Sean Boylan or Armagh Parish Office and leave contact details.

Adoration Thanks to all who have taken on a regular hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament during hours of Exposition 8.30/9am to 5pm weekdays and 9.30am to 5pm on Sundays to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. There are more hours to be covered especially on Saturday afternoon & Sunday. If you can do a regular hour weekly, please contact Kevin 07732220632 or Margaret 07799867714.

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

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, Armagh is currently available for rent. Premises would be suitable for business purposes/storage. Further information from Caroline Caherty at Armagh Parish Office.

Apostolic Workers The annual Mass for our deceased members will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 22 October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Grotto at St Malachy's Church (Correction) Thanks to Adrian McGrail who generously donated the flowers & maintained the Grotto for the summer season - a beautiful addition to the grounds of St Malachy's Church. Thanks also to the couple who gave a generous donation for the winter flowers.

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat on Lough Derg - 14 – 16 October, for anyone aged between 16 and 35. Inspiring talks and workshops, great music, youth activities and Masses. An opportunity to meet new people. Register now at www.youth2000.ie

Vocations Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? How do you share your gratitude? (Luke 17:11-19) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call any priest or The Diocesan Office at 028 37522045

Matt Talbot Prayer Society A life freed from addiction & filled with the Holy Spirit. Matt Talbot was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration & the Rosary. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society prays daily & 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 Monday 7 November. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Weddings in Armagh Parish Congratulations to the many couples who have celebrated their marriage in the Parish over the last number of weeks and best wishes to those 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 that they have booked their Church and 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.

October Family Rosary We encourage people and families to pray the Rosary or even a decade of it during this month of October, for God's protection. We have been reminded in recent times of the importance of the "domestic Church" – the Church of the sitting room and kitchen – the Church that meets every time a family stands or kneels down, or sits down to pray together. We've also been reminded of how important is the vocation of parents, to be the primary teachers and leaders of their children in faith and prayer. During this month of October, let us pray for our own families, our loved ones and all are who are struggling with life at this time. St Teresa of Calcutta once said: "Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree – for without Our Lady we cannot stand".

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 and if you would like to find out more about what you can do to help, contact Mark McMahan at 028 90908030

St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited - VACANCY - Diocesan Finance Manager The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint a highly motivated & talented professional, to undertake the role of Diocesan Finance Manager. The appointment will be on a permanent full-time basis. If interested, please apply by letter enclosing a current CV outlining experience and qualifications to date and stating clearly your suitability for the role. An application pack, including Job Description and Personal Specification, is available from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org Closing date Fri 14 Oct at 5pm

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

Hail Holy Queen Conference is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Sat 15th Oct. Speakers include Fr Vincent Stapleton, Antonia Moffat, Fr Brian McKeivitt, OP and Katrina Leyden. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277