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# St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

## Archdiocese of Armagh

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### 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.

**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

22 January £4346 and €90

29 January £5155 & €147.20

The Irish Bishops Conference Collection is being taken up at all Masses this 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.

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be "salt of the earth". What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life "taste". You might recall someone who brought "taste" to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the "salt" or the "taste" was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our daily lives?

And so Jesus reminds us that we're all called to give a lead, and to show the way forward to the rest of the world. The prophet Isaiah spells out the practicalities of what's involved and he reminds us that we should "share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless and the poor, and clothe those whom we see to be naked and we should never turn from our own kin". The Second Vatican which took place back in the sixties produced a document on the Church and it's called "Lumen Gentium" which means "The Light of the Nations" and the image suggests something attractive that will draw people towards it. The question that's being put before us today is: Do we in our parishes or in our local communities draw people towards us and would people who come to live in our communities today, be impressed by the example that we give in caring for others who are on the edge of society?

The readings clearly challenge us to be a light of unselfishness in the deepening darkness of self centeredness and to be a creator of a Christian community rather than being a consumer. We're all being challenged to be the salt of the earth and to live our lives in such a way "that seeing our good works, people may give praise to our Father in heaven".

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

### 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral

This year is a very special year in the history of our Parish as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. The Cathedral was dedicated by Dr Daniel McGettigan, former Archbishop of Armagh on 24 August 1873 and over twenty thousand people gathered on and around the hill on that historic occasion. We thank God for our Cathedral Church and for the great house of prayer that it is and we look forward to marking this special milestone in the year ahead.

**Mass for the Sick** We begin to mark this special year, a special Mass for all the Sick of our Parish will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11 February at 11am (World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes). We encourage people to join with all who are sick on that day and pray for God's healing in their lives. (No 10am Mass on Saturday 11th) A special Relic of St Peregrine (Patron of those who struggle with cancer) will be there on the day, for all to be blessed with.

### Prayer for the Sick

Father of tenderness and compassion, you sent your Son to share our human nature, to redeem all people, and to heal the sick. Look with love on all who are sick at this time. Support them with your power, give them hope in their suffering and keep them always in your love and care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Michael Ward, Maura Donaghy, Michael Mallon, Pat Girvan, Bernie Gordon, Anne Brannigan, David Sam Barnard, Anna Harney,

### MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Kathleen Corvan (6th) and Sean Daly (10th)



**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.

**Do this in Memory Programme** The next gathering for all P4 Pupils and their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11 February at 6.30pm.

**New Parish Website** Our new and exciting Parish Website has now been launched. Thanks to all who have been involved in the development of the new site. Visit [www.armaghparish.net](http://www.armaghparish.net) to keep up to date with all Parish happenings.

**Confirmation 2023** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish of Armagh on the weekend of Sat 27th/Sun 28th May. There will be two celebrations in St Patrick's Cathedral and the dates and times for each of the Services are as follows.

**Saturday 27th May @ 11am** - Mount St Catherine's Primary School, Our Lady's Primary School, St Malachy's Primary School, Saints & Scholars Primary School & Armstrong Primary School

**Sunday 28th May @ 2pm** - St Patrick's Primary School & Christian Brothers Primary School.

Primary Seven Pupils, parents and a sponsor may attend the Confirmation ceremonies.

**First Friday Holy Hour** will take place in St Malachy's Church on Fri 3 March 8-9pm. (Confessions on Thurs 2 March at 12 noon)

**Ceremonies of Light** The Ceremonies of Light for all P7 pupils & their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on the following dates: Tues 9 May at 7pm Mount St Catherine's PS, Our Lady's PS, St Malachy's PS, Saints & Scholars PS & Armstrong PS. Thurs 11 May at 7pm St Patrick's PS & Christian Brothers PS

**Vocations** Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr Barry Matthews (Vocations Director) or any priest.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries & dedicated sisters & brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men & women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow.  
Amen.

**Palestrina Choir to visit St Patrick's Cathedral** The renowned Palestrina Choir from the Pro Cathedral, Dublin will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh this weekend. The Choir will present a short concert of Sacred Music and Song in the Cathedral on Sunday evening from 4.45pm until 5.20pm

and they will then sing at the 5.30pm Mass. It's a great privilege to have the Choir visit the Cathedral in this 150th year since its Dedication and we encourage people to join in support of the Choir on the evening.

**Matt Talbot Prayer Society** 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 through Matt Talbot's intercession. Mass is 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 6 Feb. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website [www.matttalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matttalbotprayersociety.com).

**St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop** The Cathedral Gift Shop is open each day from 10.30am - 1.30pm and it stocks a wide variety of cards and gifts for special occasions including traditional Irish crafts and gifts and souvenir booklets on the Cathedral.

**Weddings in Armagh Parish** Congratulations to the many couples who celebrated their marriage in the Parish last year and best wishes to those couples who are planning to celebrate their marriage in the Parish in the year ahead. 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.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** New Life in the Spirit Seminars begin in the Synod Hall on Wednesday 8th February at 8pm. People are encouraged to join, to help deepen their faith and to grow in knowledge and love of God. The speaker on Wednesday 8th will be Fr Eamonn Kelly and he will introduce the programme for the following weeks. Deacon Pat Butterly will speak on Wed 15th on "God's Love" and Archbishop Martin will speak on Wed 22nd on "Salvation". We pray for the speakers and all who will take part, that the Lord may touch the hearts of all. God our Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come; through Christ our Lord, Amen

**Let's talk about faith!** Fr Emmanuel is hosting a number of gatherings in the coming weeks, to help people reflect on different aspects of their faith. The evenings include a period of Exposition in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament & some reflection on different themes. Venue: St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. The next gatherings are on Thurs 23 Feb and the theme is "What is the Immaculate Conception" and Thurs 23 March and the theme is "Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation".

#### **Dates of Blessing of Graves 2023**

Knockaconey Cemetery - Fri 9 June 7.30pm  
Tullysaran New Cemetery - Sun 18 June 10am  
Tullysaran Old Cemetery - Fri 16 June 7.30pm  
Armagh Cemetery - Sunday 25 June 12noon

#### **TROCAIRE - Together for a just world**

On Thursday 2 February, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Trocaire. As we give thanks for the work of Trocaire over the last fifty years, we pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of our world working

together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

#### **Trocaire 50th Anniversary Prayer**

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trocaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights. We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trocaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world. We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen.

**Meeting for Ministers of Eucharist** A special meeting for all Ministers of Eucharist in the different Churches in the parish will take place in Mount St Catherine's PS, Armagh on Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm. All Ministers of Eucharist are asked to make a special effort to attend and the meeting will be facilitated by Deacon Philip Carder who ministers in the Parish of Lower Killeavy. A special invitation is extended to all those who were Ministers of the Eucharist to the Sick and Housebound prior to the Covid Pandemic

**Meeting for Ministers of Word** A special meeting for all Ministers of Word (Readers) in the different Churches in the parish will take place in Mount St Catherine's PS, Armagh on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm. All Ministers of Word are asked to make a special effort to attend and the meeting will be facilitated by Deacon Kevin Devine who ministers in the Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Lurgan.

**Westenders Social Dance** with music, raffle and refreshments in Sherry's Field Hall on Wed 15th Feb 2pm-5pm. Music by The Gold Ring Band. £5 entrance fee.

**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. Telephone: 0035342 9331602 (9am - 9pm daily)

**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

**ALONE - Provider of Services to Older People** Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to older people once a week? Alone are seeking volunteers in this area. Full training and support will be provided. If interested or for more information - contact Fiona on 086 1366539 or [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie)

#### **A Prayer for the 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.