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Third Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

Lenten Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Mon - Fri: 7am

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

Priests' Dues - £7755 & €242.80

The Priests Dues 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.

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel on the third Sunday of Lent offers us one of the most powerful stories in the New Testament – the story of the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. At first the woman appears to have no time for him, and his simple request for a drink of water is met with a sharp reply: "Why are you a Jew asking me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" Without losing his composure, Jesus continues the conversation, absorbs the woman's anger and makes the startling statement that he could provide her with living water, which would quench her thirst for all time. As the conversation continues, it becomes obvious that there is a misunderstanding – the woman doesn't appreciate that Jesus is referring to the deep spiritual thirst within the human heart that can only be quenched and satisfied by the living waters of grace. He encourages her to reflect on the significant events of her life and as she begins to unburden her soul, she gets in touch with her inner emptiness, her sense of shame and separation. Slowly she comes to realise that she is thirsting for God, seeking forgiveness and longing for God's presence and peace. Once she's released from her guilt and comes to recognise the gift Jesus has to offer, she rushes back to the town to tell others the good news of what she has experienced.

We can learn many lessons from the Samaritan woman who was no saint by any earthly standards, but she was sincere and honest of heart in telling her story. As we journey through life in our search for happiness and love, we can drink at the wells of power, pleasure and prestige, only to discover that there still remains a great uneasiness. Trying to quench a spiritual thirst with material things is like trying to satisfy a physical thirst with salt and water. The more we drink, the thirstier we become. When we enter into the depths of our hearts, we find that there is a tremendous desire, an inner ache within us that only the love of God can satisfy. It is part of our nature to crave for the unending, the unchanging and the eternal. As St Augustine put it some time ago, "Lord, our hearts are restless and they will find no rest until they rest in you".

Finally, as we celebrate the 150th year of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, I would like to mention a special Triduum of Prayer to St Patrick which will take place in the Cathedral from Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 March. The Triduum will mark the beginning of a number of events/celebrations that will be taking place over the coming months to mark this special year. I would hope that people will see this as an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of life in this Lenten Season, to come together to give thanks for our beautiful Cathedral and for those involved in the building and maintenance of it and the faith that has been expressed within it over the years.

With every blessing
Rev P 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.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh this year, all P6 and P7 Pupils in the different Primary Schools in our parish have been invited to take part in a project focussing on the Cathedral. They can focus on the history of the building or a particular aspect of the building e.g. the stained glass windows, the mosaics, the Baptistry, the Synod Hall, Statues in the Cathedral, Our Lady's Altar, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Some pupils might focus on former Archbishops of Armagh who have served in the Cathedral or Parish Clergy who have ministered in the Cathedral over the years. Some students might engage with older people in the community and focus their work on their memories of the Cathedral.

Mother's Day: 19 March God of grace and love, in thankfulness for all that you have given us through the loving care and hard work of our own mothers, we pray your richest blessings upon all mothers: for those with difficult homes, whose children are more of a problem than a blessing. For those whose children are far away and for those who are lonely. For those who find it hard to make ends meet or go short themselves for the sake of their children. For those who do not know Christ as their Saviour nor how to cast their cares on him. For each one according to her need, hear our prayer and draw all mothers, living and dead, closer to you this day. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Christine Connolly, Paul Griffin, Jan Penning and Anne Riley.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Colette Terris (15th)



Stations of the Cross led by members of the Legion of Mary in St Malachy's Church on each Wednesday of Lent at 7pm.

Lenten Devotions take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on each Sunday in Lent from 4.45-5.15pm. Take a few moments in the presence of the Lord during this special season.

Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran with pupils from the local Primary School on Wed 22nd March & Wed 5th April. All welcome!

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish responds to earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. The earthquakes have had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries. In response to this, a special collection is being taken up at all Masses in the parish this weekend. All funds raised will be channelled through Trocaire to the Caritas Internationalis response in Turkey and Syria to help support the needs of those most severely affected.

Weekly Collections/Gift Aid Thanks to all who continue 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 25p 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 Sat 18th March at 6.30pm.

Vocations Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (Exodus: 3:18, 13-15) 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.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Lenten Afternoon Of Prayer will take place on Sun 26th March at 3pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh & will conclude with Mass at 5.30pm. Please come & support our Seminarians & our Priests. Our **monthly meeting** will be held on Wed 29 March in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All welcome.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group - New Life in the Spirit Seminars People are encouraged to join, to help deepen their faith and to grow in knowledge and love of God. Fr Gerry Campbell will speak on Wed 15th March on "Baptism in the Spirit" and Fr Luke Ohiemi will speak on Wed 22nd on "Growth". All welcome!

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 & reflection on different themes. Venue: St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. The next gathering is on Thurs 23rd March and the theme is "Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation".

Fatima Pilgrimage 2023 Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin from 20 July for 7 nights - £799 per person. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours at 0808 1890468 or 01-2410800 (ROI)

Coffee Morning After the 10am Mass in Tullysaran on St Patrick's Day, there will be a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre and all are welcome. Students from Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk will join and all donations received from the coffee morning will help support the development of the new building at the Seminary in Dundalk.

Triduum of Prayer to St Patrick As we celebrate the 150th year since the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a special Triduum of Prayer to St Patrick will take place in the Cathedral from Tues 14th - Thurs 16th March. Mass on the three mornings in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am and on the three evenings at 7.30pm.

Tues 14th March - A time to look back! with Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Wed 15th March - A time to give thanks! with Fr Peter Burns CSsR

Thurs 16th March - A time to look forward with hope & with joy! with Bishop Michael Ruter.

(People can place petitions at the Shrine of St Patrick during the Triduum)

Prayer to St Patrick

O God, you sent your blessed servant St Patrick to teach and save the people of his time and place. You gave our patron a loving heart like your own. You filled him with great faith and a burning desire to work hard for your kingdom. Please listen when he prays for us, his sons and daughters. Grant to us, through his intercession, a lively faith, a firm hope and a strong will to build your kingdom. We pray this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mass Times for St Patrick's Day

Thurs 16th @ 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral
Fri 17th @ 8am in St Malachy's Church
Fri 17th @ 9.30am & 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral

Friday 17th @ 10am in Tullysaran
Friday 17th @ 11am in Knockaconey

St Patrick's Testimony Pamphlet As part of the St Patrick's Day celebrations, some people will be giving out a modern version of St Patrick's Confession. Many people have never read Patrick's Testimony which he wrote in Latin and included in his Testimony are scripture verses/passages that Patrick quoted.

Mass on RTE Now broadcast on this channel on Sunday 12 March at 2.15pm.


Apostolic Work Spring Sale & Coffee Morning in Mt. St Catherine's P.S. on Sat 1st April 10.30am-1pm. Knitted goods, gifts, cakes, marmalade, lucky dip, books, raffle... etc. Adm: £1.50 adults, 50p children (inc. refreshments). All money goes directly to our missionaries. In 2022 over 80 priests & nuns were helped. To date in 2023 - twenty requests have been answered, mostly for food and water, including nuns in Syria & Turkey - only made possible with your support. Please come & continue to help us.

Let the Oppressed go free! A six foot model of a sculpture by renowned Canadian sculptor Tim Schmalz will be on display in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh from Tues 14th - Sat 18th March. The piece is called 'Let the Oppressed Go Free'. It features St Josephine Bakhita releasing a host of human trafficking victims from the 'underground' thus letting them be

seen and to be free. St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. As a young girl in Sudan, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after in October 2000 by Pope John Paul II. She was the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country. Her feast day, 8th February is a day of prayer for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

Annual 24 hours with the Lord in Armagh Parish will take place on Fri 24th & Sat 25th March in St Malachy's Church, Armagh. From 7am-11pm on Friday & from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church. People are encouraged to take time in the presence of the Lord, to pray for their own personal needs & the needs of our Church & the needs of our world. Groups/organisations within the parish will lead prayers/reflections at different stages during the 24 hours. Confessions will take place on the Sat in St Malachy's Church from 12noon - 2pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Jesus asks "Will you watch one hour with me?" Can

Friday 24th March	Saturday 25th March
7am - Mass	8am - Morning Prayer
7:30am - Morning Prayer	12noon - Rosary
12noon - Rosary	3pm - Way of the Cross
3pm - Way of the Cross	4pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction
4pm - Rosary	
7pm - Evening Prayer	
7:30pm - Mass	
8pm - Holy Hour	

you spare an hour at the same time once a week to spend at Adoration in St Malachy's Church. If you can join the rota of people who watch with Jesus and ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended please contact Margaret 07799867714 or Kevin 07732220632. **Adorers needed to cover weekdays from 5pm-6pm.**

Koinonia John the Baptist Community On Tues 28th March members of the Community will speak on their work & lead a time of prayer at 7:30pm in the Synod Hall at St Patrick's Cathedral. This is a community of people who give great witness to God's transforming love in their lives. Their mission is to be at the service of the Church for New Evangelisation. We look forward to welcoming the community to join with us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Family Bingo in aid of Simba on Sunday 19th March in O'Neill's GFC, Port Mor Sports Complex, 4pm-6pm. £5 book - £1 flyover. Prizes to be won and raffle. Simba provide memory boxes to bereaved parents to help gather timeless and precious memories of their child. All donations welcome.

Armagh Book Launch of "The Spiritual Journey of St Patrick" A new book on the life & work of St Patrick by the late Fr Aidan Larkin, past pupil of St. Patrick's College, Armagh will have an Armagh launch at The Market Place Theatre at 5.15pm on Thurs 16th March as part of the St Patrick's Festival 2023.