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# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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## 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 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.

**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

19 Feb - £4415 & €154

26 Feb - £5025 & €129

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.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays in Lent always give us a glimpse of two of life's extremes, good and evil. We move from the wilderness with its temptations to the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. I'm sure it's no accident that good and evil, temptation and transfiguration are juxtaposed in this way in the early days of Lent.

On Mount Tabor, the sky was clear. Jesus was praying. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes dazzled. On one side of him was Moses – the great law giver. On the other side was Elijah – one of the most outstanding prophets. And as if that wasn't enough, there was the voice of the Father. No wonder Peter exclaimed, "It is wonderful for us to be here". But there came another day and another hill. This time the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His clothes did not dazzle – they had been taken from him. For companions he had two thieves. There was no voice from heaven; only the scoffers were heard to mock and jeer him. The disciples were terrified and disappointed and didn't want to be there. However the one thing in common between the two events was that Jesus once again was praying. What sustained him in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with the Father.

This special relationship is now open to each of us. It will sustain us through all our dark moments until the glory of Easter shines fully on us. As we continue our Lenten journey, it's important that we keep the goal of our journey before us. The gospel of the transfiguration is read on this Lenten Sunday each year, to remind us to hold firm to a vision of glory, on dark and difficult days. Easter and its joy will follow the season of penance, just as his resurrection followed the passion and death of Jesus. At the same time, we are challenged to build a better world where we envisage a transfigured way of living for all God's people.

"Eternal God, give us a vision of your world as love would make it, a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry; a world where benefits are shared so that everyone can enjoy them; a world where people of different cultures live with tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice and justice is fired with love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen"

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 Primary 6 and Primary 7 Pupils in the different Primary Schools in our parish have been invited to take part in a project over the coming weeks and their research/projects will be focused on the Cathedral.

Pupil in both year groups have been invited to research some aspect of the Cathedral. They can focus on the history of the building or a particular aspect of the building eg the stained glass windows, the mosaics, the Baptistery, 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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Paul Griffin, Jan Penning,  
Anne Riley & Colette Terris

### MONTHS MIND

We pray for: John Campbell (4th) and Harry Murray (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.

**Stations of the Cross** Members of the Legion of Mary are leading the Stations of the Cross in St Malachy's Church on each Wednesday of Lent at 7pm.

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

**Mass in Tullysaran** Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran with pupils from the local Primary School on Wed 8th & Wed 22nd March & Wed 5th April. All are welcome to join!

**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 will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on the weekend of Sat 11/Sun 12 March. 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.

**Do this in Memory Programme** The next gathering for all P4 Pupils & their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 18 March at 6.30pm.

**New Parish Website** Our new 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.

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

**Vocations** Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? What is He revealing to you? Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36). 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 and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow.  
Amen.

**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 at 7.30pm for those struggling with an addiction. The next celebration will be on Mon 6 March. To enrol a name with the Society visit [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.

**Rally for Life** in Belfast on Sat 11 March @ 2pm. Contact Precious Life 028 90 278484

**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. Colin McGurnaghan will speak on Wed 8th March on "Receiving God's Gifts" & Fr Gerry Campbell will speak on Wed 15th March on "Baptism in the Spirit". 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 and some reflection on different themes. Venue -- St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. The next gathering is on Thursday 23 March and the theme is "Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation".

**Fatima Pilgrimage** 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)

**Mass Times for St Patrick's Day in Armagh Parish**

Thurs 16th @ 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral  
Friday 17th @ 8am in St Malachy's Church  
Friday 17th @ 9.30am & 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral  
Friday 17th @ 10am in Tullysaran  
Friday 17th @ 11am in Knockaconey

**Coffee Morning** After the 10am Mass in Tullysaran on St Patrick's Day, there will be a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre. 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. All welcome!

#### **Prayer to St Patrick**

May the strength of God pilot us  
May the power of God preserve us  
May the wisdom of God instruct us  
May the hand of God protect us  
May the way of God direct us  
May the shield of God defend us  
May the host of God guard us against all evil  
and the temptations of our world. Amen.

#### **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 SAINT 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 & on the three evenings at 7.30pm

**Tues 14th @ 7.30pm** - A time to look back! with Archbishop Eamon Martin. **Wed 15th @ 7.30pm** - A time to give thanks! with Fr Peter Burns. **Thurs 16th @ 7.30pm** A time to look forward with hope & with joy! with Bishop Michael Router.

#### **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.

**Sisters of St Elizabeth Convent** was founded in 1999 on the outskirts of Minsk. They provide spiritual & social help to the sick & to those who are suffering. They work closely with young orphans & with those who are socially disadvantaged. To help support their work they produce different arts & crafts. There will be a display of their crafts after Masses in St Patrick's Cathedral & St. Malachy's Church on Thurs 9th & Fri 10th March. Everyone will have an opportunity to view or purchase some of their crafts, to help support the Sisters in the good work that they do.

**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 the Friday & 8am-4pm on the 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 and 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 Saturday in St Malachy's Church from 12noon-2pm.

**Koinonia John the Baptist Community** On Tues 28th March some 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 and they do this through promoting their houses of prayer throughout the world & by offering Biblical courses & various evangelisation outreach programmes. The community was first founded in 1979 by an Argentinian priest & consists of single & married people, religious brothers & sisters and priests. The community has been active in Down and Connor Diocese as a lay community for the last 22 years & for the last 10 years a consecrated community has been established near Ballymena in Co Antrim. The community is home to five consecrated members. We look forward to welcoming the community to join with us in late March for what promises to be a very special evening.

**The Legion of Mary** are seeking new members for their adult & junior praesidia (branches). The legion is a worldwide Lay organisation that has as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. With Mary for Jesus sums up its spirituality. The members attend a weekly meeting where the Rosary and other short prayers are included & participate in the life of the parish by doing a weekly work of service such as visiting people in care homes, praying a public rosary, running a junior praesidium and many other little works of service within the parish. There will be members of the Legion of Mary available after the Masses on 11/12th March.

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