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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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23rd April 2023

Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am
Saturday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Mon - 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

2nd April £5650 and €95
Good Friday - £3215 & €31.70
Trocaire - £11,703 & €111.49
9th April - £6595.00 & €73.86
16th April - £4885.00 & €133.70

The annual collection for the Education of Priests is being taken up this weekend. The Priests Dues collection is being taken up on Sat 7/Sun 8 May.

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 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.

Third Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Today we accompany two of the disciples on their way to Emmaus and eavesdrop on their conversation with a stranger who joins them en route. They're leaving Jerusalem where everything went wrong and all of their dreams were shattered. It's understandable that they want to get away from the place of failure and disappointment. Feeling lost and disillusioned, their faces are downcast, their hearts are heavy and sad. While we don't have much detail about the two individuals in question, this story is regarded as a masterpiece in terms of conversation and conversion, moving as it does from utter despondency to total enthusiasm. When they eventually recognise the stranger as the Risen Lord, the two disciples wonder to themselves: "Did not our hearts burn within us?" And in the end, we find them on their way back to Jerusalem filled with fresh hope.

There are many layers of meaning and countless depths of significance contained in this particular story which has bemused theologians and scripture scholars for generations. What happened on the road to Emmaus could also be linked to our celebration of the Eucharist; there is interplay between the two events with certain elements of the Gospel story reflected in various components of the Mass.

Firstly, there is the encounter with the Lord in the guise of a stranger. Every gathering of the community for Mass is an encounter with the Lord. The community is already the Body of Christ. The Lord is present when two or three gather in his name.

In the Penitential Rite, the gathered community acknowledges its need for God's mercy and healing, much like the two disciples expressing their disillusionment and sense of hopelessness as they reflect on recent events.

There is the Liturgy of the Word as Jesus breaks open the Scriptures, explains its full meaning with regard to himself and leaves their hearts on fire with enthusiasm. There is also the remembering of the sacrificial death of Jesus which is at the heart of every Eucharist.

There is the breaking of the bread by which the community recognises the living presence of the Lord in each one and the unity of that binds them together as the Body of Christ.

Finally there is there is the desired conclusion of every Eucharist – the urge to go out and share the experience of knowing and loving Jesus as Lord and inviting others to share that experience.

"Lord, stay with us on our journey. Touch our lives and make our hearts burn within us so that we may recognise you in your Word and in the Breaking of Bread."

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 24th 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 coming weeks.

Wed 3rd May - An invitation to all involved in different ministries in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh - 7pm. Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed). Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Fri 12th May - An invitation to all the Religious of the Archdiocese of Armagh- 12noon Middyay Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed). Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Thurs 25th May - An invitation to all Mothers & Grandmothers in the Archdiocese of Armagh. 7pm Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (not live streamed) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall. (All Mothers & Grandmothers are asked to bring a piece of cloth, 8 inches by 8 inches, which symbolise their many crosses in life. These will be pieced together to create a special Diocesan Tapestry, which will acknowledge their pain & suffering of the past but also their hopes for the future!)

"Hike the Reek" – an invitation to the people of our Parish and the people of our diocese to join in climbing Croagh Patrick, to raise funds to help support the ongoing restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral. Sponsor Cards available through Armagh Parish Office. It's hoped that many people will commit to this fundraising initiative and join in what promises to be a very special Parish and Diocesan Day! Raise £150 sponsorship in this 150th year, to help preserve the Cathedral for the future!!!

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Stephen Crilly, Columbus Mackey, Malachy Hart, Deirdre Ward, Martin Harney, Martin Hughes, Sean Brannigan, Mary Brady, Aileen Lavery, Marie Leonard, May Devlin, Kathleen Carlisle, Daniel Kirk and Noel Farry.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Sr. Nora Smyth, RSCJ (26th).



Matt Talbot Mass Matt 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 for those struggling with an addiction. The next Mass is scheduled for Mon 1st May at 7.30pm. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

First Friday Friday 5 May is the first Friday of the month. There will be a Holy Hour in St Malachy's Church from 8 – 9pm. Confessions in St Malachy's on Thursday 4 May at 12noon.

10th anniversary of Episcopal Ordination On Friday 21st April, Archbishop Martin celebrated the 10th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. We wish him continued blessings in his ministry as Archbishop of Armagh.

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, 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 & 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 & their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 29 April at 6.30pm.

Vocations Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" How do you show your love for Jesus in the way you live? (John 21:1-19) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr Barry Matthews (Vocations Director) or any priest.

Sun 30th April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations & it marks the beginning of a special Year of Prayer in Ireland for Vocations to Priesthood. The theme for the year is "Take the Risk for Christ!" We pray that more men will be willing to take the risk for Christ by giving of their lives for service, as priests in the Church of God.

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.

St Patrick's 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. Please note new candles & pictures to mark the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral are now on sale.

Annual Clergy Retreat We remember in prayer the clergy of our diocese who have gone on retreat this week to SMA House,

Dromantine. May it be a time of renewal and rest for all of them.

Ordination to Priesthood We remember in prayer Carlos Estebanrojo from Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk who is to be ordained priest in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 7th May at 3pm for service in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We pray that God may bless him in his future ministry.

Months Mind Mass for Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wed 26 April at 1pm.

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)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Sat 3rd June. A bus will be leaving the main Cathedral Gates at 7:30am. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking through the Parish Office.

Apostolic Work would like to thank all who supported & contributed to the success of the Easter Sale on 1st April. Thank you to the many people who supplied & produced items for sale & to those who transported the goods. We are very grateful to the Mrs AnnMarie McLaughlin and her staff, Mt St. Catherine's P.S. and to the canteen staff for the use of their premises. They accommodated us in every way & their assistance was invaluable. Our thanks also to the Sacred Heart Ethos Group from St. Catherine's College and to the 1st Armagh Scouts who worked tirelessly and were a wonderful help. The money raised from donations and goods enables us to send immediate help to our Missionaries in desperate situations, mainly seeking financial help for starving people. Prize winners: M. O'Maolain, N. Evans, Sr Mary Roe, M. Kelly, J. Mackey, P. McCann, H. McAlorum, R. Fegan, A.M. Baxter, C Traynor, M. Cullen, P. Baxter, D. O'Connor, E. Agnew & Jamie McCague.

Armagh Pioneer Centre hopes to arrange a presentation Mass in June & would like to invite anyone due to receive a 10, 25, 50 or 60 year pin this year to call Brian Corr-37524853/Stella Mallon-38891002 to arrange this.

Mt. St Catherine's PTA Can you please help Mt St Catherine's PTA? Please donate or come to find a bargain/treasure! We are having a Pre - Loved Sale in school on Wed 3rd May 6-8pm. We need your loved but no- longer-needed: Furniture, Shoes, bags, Bric a brac, Books, toys, Jewellery, Furnishings, Kitchenware & good condition clothes. All funds to help buy interactive white boards for classrooms. Items can be given to a member of staff or dropped into school! Thank you very much from all in Mt St Catherine's PS.

Family Healing Mass at Benburb Priory Monday 24th April 2023 at 8pm. All welcome.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcomes you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, for prayer, praise, and fellowship. Rosary at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer in conjunction with Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries invite you to a free retreat day on Sun 30th April 9-5pm including Holy Mass, Adoration, Word of God, healing

prayers. Speakers: Colin McGurnaghan & Sebastian Sales from Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries.

The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady in Dalton at 8pm on Monday evenings during May starting Monday 1st May.

Foster Care Services and Support There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team on 0800 0720137 – remember that every child is just one caring adult away from success.

Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive celebrating the centenary of the Cardinal's birth. Booking essential at the Library... Tel 028 37522981. 8th May – Professor & President: Tomas O'Fiaich in Maynooth in the archives 1953 – 1977 – Prof Vincent Comerford (NUI Maynooth).

New Parish Envelopes for the new financial year have been delivered. Thanks to all who helped with the distribution of the envelopes. Anyone who has a new address or anyone who has moved home recently should contact the Parish Office with new details. Anyone who hasn't been receiving envelopes in the past & who wishes to receive a box of envelopes this year should also contact the Parish Office.

Caná – 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

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 - Sun 25 June 12noon

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.

Confirmation 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: 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. P7 Pupils, parents & a sponsor may attend.

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.

Dates of First Holy Communion 2023

CBS Primary School	Sat 13 May @ 10am	St Malachy's Church
CBS Bunscoil Primary School	Sat 13 May @ 12noon	St Malachy's Church
Saints & Scholars Primary School	Sat 13 May @ 2pm	St Malachy's Church
St Patrick's Primary School	Sat 6 May @ 11am	St Patrick's Cathedral
St Malachy's Primary School	Sat 29 April @ 10am	St Malachy's Church
Mt St Catherine's Primary School	Sat 6 May @ 2pm	St Patrick's Cathedral
Our Lady's Primary School	Sat 20 May @ 11am	Church of The Immaculate Conception