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2nd April 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 Colmille'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

26 March £5095 and 81 euros

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.

PALM SUNDAY

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

We are constantly bombarded with images of violence and brutality that are part and parcel of our daily news diet. The danger is that we are no longer horrified by the horrific and we are becoming immune to the sordid. Something similar could happen to our religious sensibilities. The passion of Jesus had been retold so often and re-enacted so frequently that familiarity could blind us to the wonder that the One who suffers is indeed the Son of God. Holy Week is a reminder of this reality.

Holy Week is a week to be savoured. Every life is mirrored in the people and the events of this last week in the life of Jesus: the adulation of Palm Sunday, the leave-taking of Holy Thursday, the private Gethsemanes of anguish and fear, moments of Judas betrayals, Peters denials, the humiliations before Pilate and Herod, the abandonment of Good Friday, the clamour of the crowd demanding execution. And finally there is the resignation and letting go: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

The pattern and the events of Holy Week have been repeated so often in the course of world history and in the experiences of our own individual lives. This week gives us an opportunity to come in to contact with the power of the Passion and to be transformed from competitiveness to compassion, from fickleness to fidelity, from anxiety about the future to awe about the present, with its security of God's unconditional love.

The Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket, a simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian, no matter where I may be.

This cross is not magic, nor is it a good luck charm,
It isn't meant to protect me, from every physical harm.

It's not for identification, for all the world to see,
It's simply an understanding between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket, to bring out a coin or a key.
The cross is there to remind me of the price he has paid for me.
It reminds me too to be thankful for the blessings I enjoy each day.

And to strive to serve him better, in all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder of the peace and the comfort I share.

With all who know my Master and give themselves to his care.

With every blessing for a Holy Week

Rev P McAnenly, Adm.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh (1873 – 2023)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, we give thanks for the years of faith, hope and love that has been expressed within it.

Renew within our Cathedral your spirit of generosity, as we seek to follow in your footsteps and as we strive to do your will.

Teach us to love as you love and to listen as you listen.

Enlighten our minds and hearts so that we may see your

plan and as we continue to journey in faith, following

in the footsteps of Patrick, your Apostle.

Renew our Cathedral Church so that it may be a place of grace for all,

a place of growth for the young,

a place of refreshment for the old,

a place of renewal for families,

a place of healing for the broken,

a place of joy for the sorrowful,

a place of forgiveness for the sinner,

a place of strength for the virtuous

and a place of welcome for those who have been away.

We make our prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

in union with the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dana to perform "Light the Fire" in St Patrick's Cathedral

We look forward to welcoming Dana as she presents the new Song in honour of St Patrick, at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Daniel Kirk, Noel Farry, Seam Corr, Patsy McKeown, Sr. Nora Smyth, RSCJ, Gregory Knipe, Mary Dillon, PJ Nugent, Gerard Gribben and Anne Dougan

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Neillie Gribben (5th) and Christine Connolly (5th)



Lenten Devotions The last of the Lenten Devotions take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Palm Sunday from 4.45pm – 5.15pm. Take a few moments in the presence of the Lord at the beginning of this Holy Week.

Stations of the Cross in Tullysaran The Stations of the Cross will be led in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran with pupils from the local Primary School on Wed 5 April at 10am. All are welcome to join!

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday 16 April in St Patrick's Cathedral
3.00pm The Chaplet
3.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4.30pm Time for personal veneration of Divine Mercy Image
4.45pm Benediction
5.30pm Celebration of Mass

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 coming weeks. 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 are taking part in a project during these weeks and their research/projects will be focused on the Cathedral.

"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!

25th Anniversary of Good Friday Agreement Archbishop Martin & Archbishop McDowell will lead a period of prayer outside the Market Place Theatre on Holy Saturday at 12noon, to mark this milestone and to pray for continued peace on our land. All are welcome to join!

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.

Confessions/Reconciliation for Easter Holy Week Penance Service in St Malachy's Church on Mon 3 April at 7.30pm. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions. St Patrick's Cathedral: Mon 3 – Wed 5 April after 10am Mass

Mass for the Disappeared Archbishop Martin will celebrate the annual Mass for the Disappeared in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 2 April at 3pm. We continue to remember the Disappeared & their families in prayer at this time. All are welcome to join on the day.

Vocations Are you willing to surrender your life to God? You are promised eternal life. (Luke 22: 14-23: d1-49) 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 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 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral are now on sale.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group New Life in the Spirit Seminars. Bernadette Fox will offer a Summary of the Seminars on Wed 5 April. We pray for all the speakers over the last few weeks and all who have taken 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

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 – Saturday 3 June

Holy Week in Armagh Parish

Palm Sunday: Palms are being blessed at all Masses

Masses for Holy Week

St Malachy's Church (Mon – Wed @ 7am)
St Patrick's Cathedral (Mon – Wed @ 10am)

Chrism Mass The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 5 April at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass which the Archbishop celebrates with his priests in the presence of the people and at which he blesses the Holy Oils, manifests the communion of the priests and people with their bishop.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral
7.30pm Tullysaran and Knockaconey.
Altars of Repose close at 10pm with Night Prayer

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, St Malachy's & Tullysaran
7.30pm Knockaconey

Stations of the Cross

7.30pm St Malachy's & Tullysaran
Prayer around the Cross
9pm St Malachy's

Holy Saturday

St Patrick's Cathedral
10am Morning Prayer
9pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

St Malachy's 8am & 9.30am
St Patrick's Cathedral 11am & 12.30pm
Tullysaran 10am
Knockaconey 10am
Please note NO 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday: Outdoor Way of the Cross

The starting point will be the grounds of the Sacred Heart Convent, Convent Rd at 11am and we will proceed from there through the streets of Armagh to the Calvary Grotto in the grounds of St Malachy's Church. There will be brief reflections, prayers and hymns along the way to commemorate each of the Stations of the Cross.

The Good Friday collection will help support Christians living in the Holy Land.

Trocaire Boxes should be returned to any of the Churches in the parish during the Easter Triduum. It would be appreciated if loose coins could be changed into notes. Please do not leave boxes unattended in any of the Churches at any time. Thanks to all who have supported Trocaire's Lenten Campaign.

Easter Week (Mon 10 – Sat 15 April)

Mass Monday – Saturday at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm in St Malachy's Church. There will be a Prayer Service on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in St Malachy's at 7.30pm. Please note there will be NO early morning Mass during Easter Week. There will be NO Confessions in St Malachy's Church on Saturday 15th.

The Priests of the Parish wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Easter. May the glory and brightness of Easter fill your hearts with hope and may the Risen Lord surprise you with joy!

Parish Office The Office will be closed on Easter Monday & Tuesday and will reopen on Wednesday 12 April.

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 – Lecture Series

to celebrate the centenary of the Cardinal's birth. Booking essential at the Library... Tel 028 37522981. 5 April – Tomas O'Fiaich, history and development of John Hume's political ideas – Dr Tommy Dolan (University of York) 8 May – Professor & President: Tomas O'Fiaich in Maynooth in the archives 1953 – 1977 – Prof Vincent Comerford (NUI Maynooth)

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 and who wishes to receive a box of envelopes this year should also contact the Parish Office.

Taize Prayer Service St Catherine's College invites you to join for a special Taize Prayer Service in St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm.

The Junior Legion of Mary is holding an Easter Family "Play and Pray day"

All families with children interested in joining the Junior Legion are invited to join us on April 12th (10-5) in Tullysaran for Holy Mass, a very special Q&A time with Cardinal Brady, lunch and fun activities. To register interest and more information contact Denise on 07856172206.

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.