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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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7th May 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

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 & 3pm in Church of St. Colmille, Knockaconey & Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran. All Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office.

Funerals are celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am (Mon-Sat) Please note there are no Sunday funerals.

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

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.

Weekly Parish Collection

23 April - £4445 and €61
30 April - £4780.00 & €74.60
Education of Priests - £2460 & €38.
Trocaire -: £13,257 & €111.49

The Priests Dues Collection is being taken up at all Masses this weekend.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us probably manage to get through the day without being too bothered by deep questions about the purpose of life and what, if anything lies beyond death. It can take all our time and energy coping with what each day brings and so, we're usually quite happy to leave the philosophical questions to others. There are times however when we're stopped in our tracks because something happens that throws our routine into question. The sudden death of someone close to us can leave us stunned beyond words. Questions arise which are our questions and things we took for granted look different now from before and we realise that life is fragile and death is unpredictable.

An experience of profound loss always makes us question our way in life and in today's Gospel, John shows that it's no different for the disciples. Jesus gives his final discourse before leaving his close followers for the last time. He counsels them not to be afraid, for he is going to prepare a place for them and he will return to take them with him. And it's Thomas who voices their problem: what direction are they going to take in his absence and what will be their way when Jesus leaves them?

Thomas was frustrated by the answer Jesus gave him and it's a frustration that could be shared by any of us. Instead of clear-cur guidelines on how best to come to God, Jesus told him (and us, in turn) that the secret is to get to know Jesus personally, to live like him and so, to grow in a deepening relationship with him. This is the way and the only way to come to our Father in heaven. The point is that nothing has changed and very often, we look for security in religious regulations, thinking that once these are fulfilled, salvation is guaranteed. But Jesus challenges us to think differently! Following him means being ready to go the extra mile, being generous in prayer and good works and being willing to let God surprise us with his endless love. It's in Jesus that we realise that "he is the image of God", in him we see the fullness of the Father's love revealed, the truth about God. He is truly the way, the truth and the life and He is the answer to the many questions that disturb us.

As we look towards the week ahead, let's be mindful that when we live according to Jesus' values and imitate his example, we can be confident that we will never go astray. When we seek his guidance, we can be certain that he will protect us and guide us on our journeys. Because he has gone before us, even through the valley of death, none of us has reason to fear.

With every blessing
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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Carol Brady, Daisy McClelland, Mary Grimley, Stephen Crilly, Columbus Mackey, Malachy Hart and Deirdre Ward

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Marie Leonard (7th), Aileen Lavery (8th), Martin Harney (12th), Mary Brady (12th), Martin Hughes (13th) and Sean Brannigan (13th).



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.

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

Thursday 25 May An invitation to all Mothers and 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 and suffering of the past but also their hopes for the future!)

Sunday 11 – Tuesday 13 June A first class relic of Blessed Carlo will visit the Cathedral. Blessed Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis in Assisi in October 2020. His friends remember him as a young dreamer, service-oriented and full of charisma. He died in 2006, at only 15 years of age, after a battle with leukaemia. His life may have been short but it made a huge impact. Recently, in the process for the teenager's beatification, his tomb became a real pilgrimage site.

Sunday 11 June	Monday 12 June
11am Mass	8am Mass
12.30pm Mass	10am Mass
5.30pm Mass	12noon Midday Prayer
7pm Rosary	3pm Rosary
9pm Night Prayer	6pm Evening Prayer
	7.30pm Mass
	9pm Night Prayer

Tuesday 13 June
8am Mass
10am Mass (Relic departs immediately after Mass)

“Hike the Reek” 17th June – an invitation to the people of our Parish & 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 & 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! A Bus will leave the main gates of St Patrick's Cathedral on the day at 7am. Those travelling are asked to bring a packed lunch. £15 per person. Booking & Payment at Parish Office.

Visiting Choirs to St Patrick's Cathedral in this 150th Year We look forward to welcoming St John's Church Choir, Moy to sing at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 13 May and St Joseph's Church Choir, Dundalk to sing at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 3 June.

“Sing a new Song” A special celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Tuesday 16 May at 11.30am. The celebration “Sing a new Song” is the culmination of eight weeks of a singing pilot with Primary Five Pupils in a number of Primary Schools in the Archdiocese of

Armagh and the Diocese of Dromore. It has been funded by the Hamish Ogston Foundation and over these last weeks Orla Nugent & Sara Jane Kelly have been teaching the pieces of music to the pupils from the different schools, who will be involved at what promises to be a very special occasion. This event is not open to the public but people may wish to join via St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam.

Matt Talbot Mass Matt was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration and the Rosary. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society prays daily and specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions The next Mass will be celebrated on Mon 5 June at 7.30pm in St Malachy's Church. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Visit to the Grave of Primate Dixon Archbishop Martin led a special Prayer Service recently at the newly restored grave of Primate Dixon which is in the Cemetery of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Windmill Hill, Armagh. On Thursday 25 May at 10.50am (Feast of Madeline Sophie), people are invited to visit the grave and join for a short prayer service, for the former Primate and for the Religious who rest in the cemetery. Those attending are asked to meet outside Siena Convent at 10.45am.

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 10 June at 6.30pm. (Feast of Corpus Christi).

Vocations God has chosen to dwell with us. How can you best share your gifts to reveal his presence? (Revelations 21:1-5) 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.

Ordination to Priesthood We remember in prayer Carlos Estebanrojo from Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk who is being 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.

Fatima Pilgrimage Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin from 20th July for 7 nights - £799 per person. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours at 0808 1890468.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday 3 June. A bus will leave the main Cathedral Gates on the day at 7.30am. Price £20. Bring a packed lunch. Booking at Armagh Parish Office.

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

The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady in Dalton at 8.10pm on Monday evenings during May.

LOST A Miraculous Medal was lost in St Malachy's in the section in front of Our Lady's Altar. It has great sentimental value. If it's found can you please contact the Parish Office or the sacristan.

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate to visit Armagh Three PVMI Sisters are to visit our parish for two months during the summer. Last year they visited the neighbouring parish of Keady and during the time when they are here, they will be involved in home visitation within the parish. Sr Margery Therese, Sr Theresa Marie and Sr Alina Marie will come to the parish on May 31 (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and they will be with us until the beginning of August. We look forward to welcoming them in the coming weeks.

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

Students preparing for Exams We remember in prayer the many students are preparing for exams at present. May the Holy Spirit guide & direct all of them in their work & efforts in the coming weeks.

Prayer for Students

Dear Lord, help me to approach my exams with a clear head and a calm mind. Give me your strength and your peace, and let me do justice to all that I have learned. Thank you Lord for all my gifts and talents. Amen.

Month of May In this month of Mary, we ask her to intercede for all of us and our families!

Take my hand O blessed mother, hold me firmly lest I fall. I am nervous when I'm walking, and to thee I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs. Let me know you are beside me, listen to my fervent prayers. Bring me to my destination, safely, every single day. Help me with each undertaking, as the hours go on their way. And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone, Take my hand O blessed Mother, once again and lead me home.

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.

Lisanally Special School First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 20th May in St. Malachys Church at 1pm. Confirmation will be celebrated on 20th May in St. Malachy's Church at 3:30pm.

Dates of First Holy Communion 2023

CBS Bunsoil Primary School	Sat 13 May @ 10am	St Malachy's Church
CBS 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