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11th June 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 Colmille'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

4th June - £4530 & €147

The Knights of St Columbanus will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish on Sat 17/Sun 18 June.

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.

NEW candles & pictures to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral are now on sale. Also a lovely book on Blessed Carlo Acutis is also on sale in the Gift Shop.

The Body and Blood of Christ

Reflection

Dear Friends,

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi invites us to take time to think of the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. It is first and foremost a celebration during which God nourishes us in a wondrous way with his own life. What remains of the consecrated bread is reserved in the tabernacle for the communion of the sick. Many also find consolation in the silent presence of the Lord. Just as Jesus welcomed the crowds who came in search of him, St Alphonsus Ligouri, in a prayer to the Blessed Sacrament, speaks of him as "awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit him." Perhaps during this week, you might make a call to the God who welcomes.

This special feast reminds us of our responsibility to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the divine banquet - especially the poor and the hungry and Jesus says to us: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world".

Having received Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we are expected to pass it on - to play our part in feeding the hungry and working for justice. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we gather to give thanks. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek Eucharistia, which means to give thanks. That's what we do at every Mass, literally. We gather as one family to thank God for all that God has given us - the gift of life, the wonderful earth that we live in, our family, our talents, the salvation we have received through our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are so many things we need to thank God for.

And we show our thanks to God by loving God and each other to the best of our ability. It means trying always to forgive, it means seeing all people as our brothers and sisters; it means being concerned for the poor and for justice; it means being people who pray. We show our thanks by going from Church and into our communities to live a life of love and service.

In recent weeks, there have been a number of First Communion celebrations in the parish. Again I congratulate all the young girls and boys from the different schools who received Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life for the first time. I congratulate their parents, their teachers and all within our schools who supported the young people to this important stage in their lives. As we all know, ones First Communion is a special occasion in ones life but so too is ones second or third Communion. In other words, every Communion that we celebrate is an important moment on our faith journey and every Mass that we attend is a special celebration and it's Jesus Christ whom we meet again and again each time that we receive him in Holy Communion.

To celebrate this feast of Corpus Christi, we will have the Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis in St Patrick's Cathedral from Sunday 11 - Tuesday 13 June. As a young boy, Carlo had great devotion to the Eucharist and he often said: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven". I encourage people to make a special effort to venerate the Relics whilst they are here and offer a prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist.

On this special feast, let's reflect once more on those words: "Lord, you nourish me with the Bread of Life. Help me to share that love with those who need it most. Amen."

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday 16 June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A Picture or Statue of the Sacred Heart has been placed in many of our homes and again and again, we pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for protection of our homes and families. On this special Feast, let us offer the following prayer:

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love for the men and women who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, you fed the hungry, you forgave sinners, you cried over Jerusalem. Above all, you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open our hearts to hear your word, to accept your love, and to respond to your call. In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during this novena (make your request silently), provided that it will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of your kingdom of justice, peace and love here on earth. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.

Prayer to St Anthony of Padua - Feast 13 June

O Holy St Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms. The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Eileen Faughnan, Fr Owen O'Donnell, Kathleen Moore, Brian McCarry, Mary Dougan, Shane Wright, Robert Phelan & Pat O'Leary.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Eddie Lappin (14th)



Exhibition to mark 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral An exhibition is taking place at present and thanks to all the Primary Seven Pupils in the different schools in our parish for all their research and hard work. People are encouraged to visit the Cathedral during these weeks and see the fruits of the childrens work!

Saturday 24th June An invitation to all the people of the Archdiocese of Armagh and beyond. 12noon - Midday Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral. Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Sun 11th – Tues 13th 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

11am Mass
12.30pm Mass
5.30pm Mass
7pm Rosary
9pm Night Prayer

Monday 12 June

8am Mass
10am Mass
12noon Midday Prayer
3pm Rosary
6pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Mass
9pm Night Prayer

Tuesday 13 June

8am Mass
10am Mass

(Relic departs immediately after Mass)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN ST MALACHY'S CHURCH AT 7.30pm on Mon 12th or at 8am on Tues 13th.

"Hike the Reek" an invitation to the people of our Parish & 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 travel on the day, leaving the main Cathedral Gates at 7am. Booking at Parish Office – Price £15. Those travelling on the bus should bring a packed lunch.

Visiting Choir to St Patrick's Cathedral in this 150th Year. We look forward to St St John's Church Choir, Moy, singing at the 7.30pm Mass on Monday 12 June.

Matt Talbot Mass next Mass is Mon 3rd July at 7.30pm. If you would like to enrol a name in the Matt Talbot Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Weekly Collections/Gift Aid Thanks to all who continue to support their parish financially through these 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.

Vocations – Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17) 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

40th anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

Congratulations to Fr Desmond Corrigan, a native son of Armagh, who celebrates the 40th anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood this month. We wish Fr Desmond continued blessings for the future!

Global Rosary Relay for Priests On Fri 16th June, The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Day of Sanctification of Priests, worldpriest.com are organising their global Rosary Relay for Priests. Pilgrims will be gathering throughout the world to pray for all priests. The 8am Mass in St Malachy's Church will be offered on that day for our priests & the Rosary will be prayed at 8.30am. People are invited to join to thank God for priests & to pray that they may continue to be blessed in the good work that they do.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership - Outing to Belfast on Tuesday 20 June

will include a visit to The First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, Belfast Synagogue, Clonard Monastery & The Botanic Gardens. A coach will leave St Patrick's RC Cathedral Car Park (Moy Rd entrance) at 10.15am & will return at approx. 5.30pm. Travellers may wish to bring a packed lunch or they may wish to avail of local facilities. This promises to be a very enjoyable day. Booking at Armagh Parish Office. Full payment of £20 must be made when booking.

Dromantine Sunday – Sun 11 June from 1pm – 5.30pm. Entertainment for all the family. Food and Refreshments available.

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)

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sat 24 June. Bus leaving St. Malachy's Church at 7am returning at 8pm approx. Fare £30. Please bring a packet lunch. Booking 07752409636/02837526151

Rally for Life Ireland's Annual March for the Human Right to Life – Sat 1st July in Dublin. Join for this special pro-life event!

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate arrive in Armagh

Three PVMI Sisters are visiting our parish for two months this summer. They have already begun some home visitation within the parish. Sr Margery Therese, Sr Theresa Marie and Sr Alina Marie are living in the Gate Lodge, at the entrance to St Catherine's College on Convent Road. People are welcome to leave a little gift or some food items with the Sisters in the coming weeks, to help support them during their stay. We thank the Sisters for coming and we are very pleased to have them among us this summer.

Dates of Blessing of Graves 2023

Tullysaran New Cemetery - Sun 18 June 10am (NO 7.30pm Mass on Sat 17th)
Tullysaran Old Cemetery - Fri 16 June 7.30pm
Armagh Cemetery - Sunday 25 June 12noon

Annual Blessing of Graves in Armagh On Sun 25th June, we celebrate the annual blessing of graves in Armagh. It's a special weekend for all who have loved ones who

have been laid to rest in our city cemetery. For those attending the blessing of graves in Armagh, I ask you to cooperate with the stewards and with the PSNI who will be present on the day. I encourage all to be prayerful and respectful during the celebration of the Mass as we remember all our loved ones who have gone to their place of rest. The proceeds of the Cemetery Sunday collection which will be taken up at the entrances to the cemetery by the Knights of St Columbanus will go towards the upkeep of our parish cemeteries throughout the year. The Order of Malta will also be present on the day and we thank their members for volunteering on the day to support and help those in need and those who are unwell. The Order of Malta tent will be placed at the bottom end of the graveyard on the day. Having met some of their members recently, they have asked me to encourage people to bring water to drink if it's warm or sunny on the day. We hope and pray that the Lord will bless us with fine weather on the day and as well as it being a lovely opportunity to remember our departed loved ones, I think it's a wonderful community celebration and a great opportunity for families and friends to reconnect each year.

Our Heritage – Our Cathedral Fundraising Campaign

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched a special Fundraising Campaign to support the ongoing maintenance & enhancement of the magnificent St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. This is an important year in the history of the Cathedral as it marks 150 years since the original dedication by Archbishop McGettigan on 24th August 1873. Considerable resources are needed to maintain the character & preserve the heritage of the Cathedral so therefore, the fundraising campaign has now been launched throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh & beyond. People are being invited to become a regular donor as a "Friend of St Patrick's Cathedral" or to make a one off contribution to mark this 150th year. St Patrick's Cathedral was completed at a time of deprivation & famine & involved great hardships & sacrifices by succeeding generations. The last major renovation to the Cathedral took place more than twenty years ago, but in such a sizeable building, exposed to the elements, there are ongoing & essential maintenance requirements. Examples of immediate priorities include: renovations to the eye catching Cathedral steps and entrance precinct, addressing rainwater ingress at eaves levels, repairs and replacement of lightning conductors; and the refurbishment of the historic Cathedral organ.

Recently, the Archbishop said "Looking ahead, we aim to secure a regular support and enhancement income of at least £200,000 per annum for this unique building. We are conscious that this is a challenging time for fundraising, but as we emerge from the Covid pandemic, we move forward convinced that the people of today and tomorrow need more than ever the light of faith and hope". He went on to say "Join us as we preserve the treasured landmark and sacred space of St Patrick's Cathedral, for generations to come and help us to ensure that our Cathedral remains a living centre of prayer, tranquillity, and renewal for the next 150 years and beyond".

Further information about the Fundraising Campaign is available from Armagh Parish Office (028/048 37522813) or by emailing Caroline at armaghparishfinance@gmail.com.

The Missionaries of Charity invite you to a procession in honour of 'The Immaculate Heart of Mary' on Saturday 24th June. The procession will begin at St. Patrick's Cathedral after 10am Mass and will go to St. Malachy's Church.