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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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18th 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 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

11 June - £6430 & €148.25

The Knights of St Columbanus are taking up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish this weekend. The Priests Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Sat 1/Sun 2 July.

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.

11th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday 25 June, we celebrate the annual blessing of graves in Armagh at 12 noon and therefore, it's a special weekend for all who have loved ones who have been laid to rest in our city cemetery. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition and parishioners are to be complimented on the way in which they attend their family plots at this time of year. Again, I encourage all parishioners to continue to maintain the different graveyards in our parish after the blessings and dispose of dead flowers etc in a proper way, by taking them home or putting them in the skip.

It's very encouraging to see people visiting the graveyards and praying for their deceased relatives and friends throughout the year. For some, the graveyard can be a lonely place, for others, it can be a sacred place for quiet reflection.

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 to assist people who are making their way to and from the Cemetery. These arrangements are as a result of the parishes legal responsibility to adhere to the norms and obligations, relating to public assembly, insurance restrictions and the priority of providing freedom of movement for the emergency services to the Cemetery. The Parish Pastoral Council is conscious of the inconvenience caused for the elderly and disabled but believes these arrangements are absolutely necessary on the day.

The entrance to Daires Willows will be closed to non - residential traffic from early morning until the end of the Mass. After the congregation has dispersed, all restrictions will be removed and normal vehicular access to family graves may resume. Since the cemetery will not be accessible by car on the morning of Cemetery Sunday, parishioners who in the past have driven to the Cemetery in advance of Sunday Noon Mass to bring wreaths to family graves, will need to do this on the Saturday. Stewards will be available to assist the police at the Moy Rd entrance for the elderly and the disabled. Stewards will also be present at the entrance to Daires Willows on the Cathedral Road.

The Principal of St Patrick's Grammar School, has again generously made available the all weather pitch, off the Moy Road, as parking for the elderly and disabled (access straight across from the Spires Shopping Centre). This facility for approximately 80 cars is beside a pedestrian entrance to the cemetery and is accessible to wheelchairs. Amplification will be provided on the day. General parking will be permitted on the hard shoulders of Moy Road where parishioners are requested to park in their homeward direction for easier exit.

Approximately 400 parking spaces are available in the grounds of the Cathedral which has pedestrian access to the cemetery. Further car parking is available in the Lonsdale Car Park. ABC Council has kindly offered the Shambles' Car Park for parking and also Sherry's Fields as an alternative, which has parking places for approximately 40 cars. Parking will be restricted on Cathedral Road, although some spaces, where the flow of traffic is uninterrupted, may be permitted.

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.

Please note for the distribution of Holy Communion on the day, Eucharistic Ministers will not be moving through crowds of people. There will be 16 identified points within the cemetery where people will be able to go to receive Holy Communion and these distribution points will be made clear at the beginning of the Mass on the day. Priests will not be moving through the cemetery on the day blessing graves. For those who wish to bless their family plot, please bring a small bottle of Holy Water on the day.

We hope and pray that the Lord will bless us with fine weather next Sunday and as well as it being a lovely opportunity to gather 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. As we remember all our dead we pray:

Risen Lord, because of your infinite love, you were obedient even to death on a cross and so bring to life all who are sleeping in peace. Keep all the dead in your care, those we have loved and those no one remembers. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED

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



MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Pat O'Leary (21st)

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 children's work.

Dates for the diary! As we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, an outdoor festival for families will take place in The Shambles Yard in Armagh on **Thursday 24th August**, from 5 -7pm. It will include music and a wide range of entertainment for families throughout the diocese and beyond. Afterwards, a special Liturgy/Prayer Service will take place at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral and representatives from different groups and parishes across the diocese will be involved. On the morning of **Sunday 27th August** at 11am, Cardinal Timothy Dolan (Archbishop of New York) will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral. During the Mass, we will give praise and thanks for the faith and worship that has been expressed within the Cathedral since it was dedicated 150 years ago. All are invited to these special events, as we mark this significant milestone in the history of our Cathedral.

Saturday 24 June –St Patrick's Cathedral 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.

Mass on RTE Now Mass will be broadcast on RTE Now from St Malachy's Church, Armagh on Sunday. 18 June at 2.15pm.

Procession in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary The Missionaries of Charity invite all to join in the Procession on Saturday 24th June. It will begin at St Patrick's Cathedral after the 10am Mass and it will go to St Malachy's Church through the town centre.

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 through Matt Talbot's intercession. The next Mass is scheduled for Monday 3 July at 7.30pm. If you would like to enrol a name please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Vocations – Love abounds when forgiveness is experienced. Forgiveness frees one to follow Jesus. Rededicate your life to Jesus. (Luke 7:36-8:3) 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!

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership - Outing to Belfast on Tuesday 20 June This year's outing is to Belfast and it will include a visit to The First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, Belfast Synagogue, Clonard Monastery and The Botanic Gardens. A coach will leave St

Patrick's RC Cathedral Car Park (Moy Rd entrance) at 10.15am and will return at approximately 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 and there are limited places. Booking at Armagh Parish Office and full payment of £20 must be made when booking. (37522813)

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 1 July in Dublin. Join for this special pro-life event!

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate arrive in Armagh Three PVM 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.

Our Heritage – Our Cathedral Fundraising Campaign

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched a special Fundraising Campaign, to support the ongoing maintenance and 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 and preserve the heritage of the Cathedral so therefore, the fundraising campaign has now been launched throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh and 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 and famine and involved great hardships and sacrifices by succeeding generations. The last major renovation to the Cathedral took place more than twenty years but in such a sizeable building, exposed to the elements, there are ongoing and 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.

Apostolic Work Ireland This is a very special year in Apostolic Work as 100 years ago Apostolic Work was founded in Belfast—Down & Connor Diocese. Here in Armagh Archdiocese it is 84 years old. So we celebrate! Over the years it has, through financial and material help, enabled many of our Irish Missionaries to provide food, water, medicine, education, church buildings, hospitals...etc. All this made possible by your generosity. A special Mass was celebrated in St. Malachy's Church, Belfast on Sat 17th June to commemorate the occasion.

Found A ring was found in the missions collection box in St. Malachy's Church. If you think this might be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer for Father's Day 18 June 2023

Blessed are you, God of all life. You have given to us the gift of the father of our family. Today, we honour him and we thank God, Our Father, for the many things that are ours because of him. His love for us is a sign of your great love for all people. Bless him today with your strength and power so that he can continue to show love in our family. May we as a family help him in his duties as a parent by showing respect, obedience and deep affection. Bless him Lord with happiness and good health, with peace and joy. We pray this as always through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Weddings in Armagh Parish Best wishes to those couples who are planning to celebrate their marriage in the Parish in the coming months. Couples planning to get married in the Parish later this year or next year, should ensure that they have booked their Church and made contact with their priest to be celebrant on the day. Couples should also ensure that they have booked a Pre Marriage Course with Accord. All enquiries in relation to weddings can be made at Armagh Parish Office.

Prayer in honour of St Oliver Plunkett – Feast Day 1 July

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the faith and courage of St Oliver Plunkett and all the Martyrs of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. In their time and place, they gave heroic witness to your mercy and love, even in the face of hostility and hatred. St Oliver Plunkett was a man of peace and worked tirelessly to promote justice and peace wherever the road of life brought him. We ask you to give us something of Saint Oliver Plunkett's faith and courage. In particular, moved by his example of prayerful trust in your mercy, we ask you through his intercession for this special intention..... Help us to give witness to you in our homes, schools and places of work and play now and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for us. All Holy Martyrs of yesterday, today and tomorrow, Pray for us.

Summer Fun Prize Bingo! Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm. Mt. St. Catherine's PS. £5 full book, £3 half book & £1 flyer. Raffle & tea. Great Prizes! All Welcome!

Anam Cara is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 28th June at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.