

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

21 May £4850 & €70

28 May £3941 & €166.71

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 MOST HOLY TRINITY

Reflection

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, God is described as one who is very close, as one who loved the world so deeply that he was willing to give everything to it. We wonder why would someone love in such a way? In St John's Gospel we're told that God's love is ongoing in each of our lives. This giving from the Father is so that we might be free from our own brokenness, that we might know how infinitely loved we are and so live a life that is full and everlasting. Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the impossible, on the mysterious. We can know something of what it means to experience God's love in our lives; to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to feel God's Spirit dwelling within ourselves. We can experience that same Spirit in each person that we meet, that Spirit of God indwelling in all of creation. The Trinity speaks to us of relationship, community, of fully giving and receiving.

I remember reading once that a mystery is something that cannot be explained and it's something that we can't fully understand. Many of the most valuable things in life cannot be explained completely, but they can be experienced and appreciated. Today's feast of the Holy Trinity is about appreciating and savouring the intimate love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit rather than trying to understand it. Such savouring cannot be rushed or manipulated... it is a gift of God. In prayerful solitude, we remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God; we quieten our minds and hearts to make space for God; we simply listen in stillness and peace. Nothing extraordinary may happen but what a loss it would be if we didn't take time to attune our spirit to God's Spirit. As we celebrate this special feast we pray....
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

To conclude, the feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that the God of mystery and majesty reveals himself to us as Trinity of persons, yet one God. This little reflection from a woman's perspective makes the point well: "I am a daughter and a wife and a mother. Three things, yet I am one totality. To my parents, I would always be their child, to my husband, a companion and mate. To my children, the one who gave them birth and nurtured them till they reached adult state. I seem to each of them a different person. They each know a different kind of "me". But I am one, within myself a trinity, and each of them finds unity in me".

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Students preparing for Exams

We remember in prayer the many students in our parish who are preparing for exams at present. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct all of them in their work and 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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Brian McCarry, Mary Dougan, Shane Wright, Robert Phelan, Pat O'Leary and Eddie Lappin



150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral This year is very special 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. Over twenty thousand people gathered on & around the hill on that historic occasion. We thank God for our Cathedral Church & for the great house of prayer that it is. We give thanks for being able to celebrate the Mother Church of our diocese during these weeks. An exhibition on the Cathedral is taking place at present. thanks to all the pupils in the schools in our parish for all their research & hard work. People are encouraged to visit the Cathedral & see the fruits of the children's work!

Saturday 10 & Saturday 24 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 11 – Tues 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

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)

Monsignor Anthony Siqueiredo will give a short talk on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis after 5:30pm Mass on Sun 11th June & after 10am Mass on Mon 12th.

“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 & 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 St Joseph's Church Choir, Dundalk singing at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 10 June & St John's Church Choir, Moy, singing at the 7.30pm Mass on Monday 12 June.

Matt Talbot Mass Matt was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration and the Rosary. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society prays daily & specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions through Matt Talbot's intercession. The next Mass is 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

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 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.

Do this in Memory Programme The next gathering for all P4 pupils & their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 10 June at 6.30pm (Feast of Corpus Christi).

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Congratulations to all the young people in our Parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last few weeks. Thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this special milestone in their lives. May they always be aware of the nearness of God as they grow older and as they progress in their lives.

May you always feel as close to Jesus, as you do today. May you always count on him, to gently guide you on your way.

May you always trust in God, to answer every single prayer. May you always feel him blessing you, with tender, loving care

Congratulations also to all the young people in our Parish who celebrated their Confirmation recently. We wish them well as they prepare to leave Primary School in the coming weeks. Thanks to all who helped prepare the children for the Sacrament. May the Spirit of God guide and direct all our young as they journey through life.

Vocations – The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Is God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation? (Romans 5:1-5) 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 Diaconate Congratulations to Brian McNally from Cookstown, who is to be ordained deacon in Rome in mid June. We wish Brian all the best, as he continues his journey towards Priesthood!

Global Rosary Relay for Priests On Friday 16 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 and the 8am Mass in St Malachy's Church will be offered on that day for our priests and the Rosary will be prayed at 8.30am. People are invited to join, to thank God for priests and to pray that they may continue to be blessed in the good work that they do.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership Outing will take place on Tuesday 20th 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 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. The cost is £20 & must be paid at time of booking. Bookings through Armagh Parish Office.

Best Wishes to Brenda O'Hare Best Wishes to one of our parishioners, Brenda O'Hare who took up the position last week of Finance Manager for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Brenda worked for many years for FPM Accounting & we wish her well in her new role!

Dromantine Sunday Sun 11TH 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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on Wed 7th June in St. Vincent De Paul Centre immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please come along & join with us as we embark on the year designated to promote Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

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. 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 arrived on May 31 (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and they will be with us until the beginning of August. During their stay, they will be 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 look forward to having them among us this summer.

Dates of Blessing of Graves 2023

Knockaconey Cemetery - Fri 9 June 7.30pm
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

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.

St Peregrine Mass on 5th June at 8pm in the Servite Priory, Benburb. All welcome.