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# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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2nd July 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

18th June - £6135 & €181

25th June - £9005 & €133 (Cemetery Sunday)

The Priests Dues Collection is being taken up at all Masses in the Parish 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.

**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.

## 13th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

Life is busy. Whether we are in school, college, working, or juggling family life with all sorts of other commitments, there is sometimes little time to pause and take stock of things. It can be hard to find time to reflect on how our faith is faring. When we do get a few minutes to assess things, do we find ourselves wanting? Many of us have the idea that we would like to live better lives, to be more caring, to help those in need. We would like to live up to what Jesus asks of us, if only we had the time to do more. This desire to do better is an important element of our Christian journey. But often we imagine that this will require some sort of grand gesture or dramatic change of direction.

If we are paralysed or overwhelmed by what we can't do, Jesus has some good news for us today. A cup of water isn't much, and offering hospitality to a stranger might not seem like a big deal, but that is where Jesus starts. Instructing his twelve disciples, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers them a cup of cold water will be rewarded. What's more, he adds that anyone who welcomes them in fact welcomes Jesus, the one who sent them. Small acts of kindness and hospitality have significance beyond what we might expect. No matter how busy we are, there are opportunities every day to offer a cup of water here, or a helping hand there. All these small things play their part in building up God's kingdom.

As schools close and the summer holidays begin, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break wherever you go or whatever you do. I'm conscious that many people will be going off travelling or on holiday in the coming days or weeks and so I offer the following prayer.

## Prayer for the holiday

Dear Lord, how we have waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here. Thank you Lord for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so that they may better serve you. Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way. Help us not to worry about having the PERFECT holiday but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. We are grateful for the joys that await us whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude. Watch over us and protect us as we travel and bring us safely home again refreshed and renewed. Amen.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 8am MASS in the weeks beginning Sunday 9th, 16th and 23rd July.**

## 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:* Damien Jordan, Seamus Cullen, Ernie Fagan, Martin Conlon, Bridie O'Neill, Jacqueline McKenna, Mickey McKeever, Barry McCluskey & Kathleen Gillespie.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Kathleen Moore (5th) and Eileen Faughnan (6th)



**First Friday** Friday 7th July is the first Friday of the month. There will be a Holy Hour in St Malachy's Church on the Friday evening from 8-9pm. Confessions on Thurs 6th July at 12noon.

**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 P7 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.

**The 150th anniversary of the Opening and Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral** A lovely resource/booklet which has been written by Jack O'Hare, to mark this special year, is now on sale in St Patrick's Cathedral Gift shop.

**Diocesan Choir Practice** A Choir Practice will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm. Representatives from Church choirs across the Archdiocese of Armagh are asked to join on the evening, to prepare for the special Diocesan celebration, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral in late August.

**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 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](http://www.matttalbotprayersociety.com)

**Vocations** – Will you choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes? To say "yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust. (Luke 9:51-62) 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.

**Hike the Reek 2023** Well done to the many people from our parish who "Hiked the Reek" on Saturday 17 June. It was a wonderful day for all who took part and it's certainly a day that will be remembered for a long time to come. Thanks to all who offered sponsorship to help support St Patrick's Cathedral for years to come.

**Procession in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** Thanks to all who took part in the procession last Saturday. It was a lovely celebration and it was great to see the many people who joined for the occasion.

### **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. 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.

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".

In recent weeks, we have had the first phase of fundraising within our parish and in the coming weeks, it's hoped that the fundraising will be extended more widely and everyone will have an opportunity to contribute. Archbishop Martin said at the launch: "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](mailto:armaghparishfinance@gmail.com)

**Mass in Mullacreevie** Archbishop Martin will celebrate an outdoor Mass in Mullacreevie (beside the Community House) on Tues 4th July at 6pm. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

**Mass in Cregagh Gardens** The annual Mass will be celebrated in Cregagh Gardens on Thursday 6 July at 8pm. All residents and extended family members are invited to join on the evening.

**Cemetery Sunday** We were truly blessed on Sunday 25 June as the sun shone brightly for the annual Cemetery Sunday in Armagh. Thanks to all who were involved in planning for the event & thanks also to the many people who helped out on the day. It's an important day in our parish calendar as people gather in such large numbers, to remember departed family members and friends.

**Found** A pair of glasses and a pashmina have been found in St. Patrick's Cemetery following on from the Blessing of the Graves. If either of these belong to you, please contact the Parish Office 37522813.

**Rev Brian McNally to visit Armagh Parish** Rev Brian who was ordained Deacon in Rome two weeks ago, will be based in our parish from Sunday 16 July until Sunday 27 August. We look forward to welcoming him among us.

**Armagh St Patrick's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** are organising a bus trip to Ballycastle on Tuesday 1st August. The cost is £15 per person and includes refreshments and dinner. All enquiries should be made in the first instance to Bridget in Vincent's shop Armagh.

**Knock Shrine** Monday 7th August Sr. Breige McKenna. Day of Prayer of Intercession for Priests. Coach going. For info & booking

contact Gabrielle 07933 521105 or Catherina 07899 810181.

**New Era for Benburb Priory** Supporters of Benburb Priory will be aware that due to limited numbers of available friars, the Servite Order will no longer be physically represented at Benburb on a daily or weekly basis. However, the Order, supported by the Priory Management Board, local clergy & volunteers, has committed to a new era for the Priory which maintains its spiritual and pastoral activities as its bedrock, while also functioning as a community hub supporting cultural events, social development, and local enterprise. Further info including the most recent Benburb Priory Newsletter can be found on [www.facebook.com/BenburbPriory/](http://www.facebook.com/BenburbPriory/)

**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.

**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)

**Prayer for Summer** Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during these wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our homes, places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only of ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer before a holiday or journey** All powerful God, when Abraham left his own land and departed from his own people, you kept him safe all through his journey. Protect us, who also are your servants. Walk by our side to help us, be our companion and strength on the road and our refuge in every need. Lead us, O Lord so that we will reach our destination in safety and happily return to our homes. And may almighty God bless us and hear our prayers for a safe journey. Amen.

**Cana – Retreat for Couples** Rediscover the meaning and fun in your marriage, in your family life and in your commitment to each other. Take time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples. Contact Brian and Lisa at 041 6851563.

**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.

**Prayer by Telephone** The Sisters of Mercy in "Bethany" Dundalk welcome any one who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All enquiries are confidential....Tel 0035342 9331602 (9am – 9pm daily)