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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish



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17th September 2023

Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Tues - 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. Colmcille, 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

Parish Records 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 to help us keep our records up to date!

Weekly Parish Collection

Priests' Dues: £7910 & €128.30

10th Sept: £4290.00 & €249.82

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.

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflection

Friends, we live in a world where we are surrounded by technology which is supposed to aid communication and in many ways we communicate with one another worse than we ever did. More and more people find themselves isolated and lonely in a world more populated than ever before. People often don't know their neighbours and live in isolation to the world.

Today's Gospel speaks about forgiveness and the importance of forgiveness in our world. We know we live in a world divided - where bitterness and hatred often reigns and where "getting even" is deemed more important than forgiveness.

Forgiveness is difficult, to forgive ourselves or to forgive others is a challenge and takes courage! To be a Christian, a follower of Jesus takes courage and daily determination but the rewards are eternal.

Pope Francis spoke to engaged couples one time and reflected on the phrases "Please, Thank You & I'm Sorry" these simple words are revolutionary - these simple words can change the world. These are not terms for couples but they are phrases to be used in everyday relationship with family and friends. As we say sorry to each other we are also conscious of the need to say sorry to God and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament of healing where we as Catholics come face to face with the merciful Jesus. Let us show that same mercy to ourselves and others this week.

Today I am conscious of the role I have now taken on here in the parish as Administrator. I pledge to serve together with our Parish team to the best of my ability. The role of our clergy team is to act as stewards and guides to the faith community - we will act as mediators through the sacraments and as facilitators on your faith journey - but ultimately we are servants - in service of God and at your service. Your relationship with God is at heart and we are here to help you to grow closer to God.

I am human - we are human. We will make mistakes however like any relationship communication is important. I am hoping that you will help us to grow and develop our parish through your support and encouragement but also through your feedback - let us know what we are doing well and let us know how we can improve our facilitation of your relationship with God. My door is always open to hearing ideas and suggestions from you.

A major priority of mine which echoes Archbishop Eamon's plan for our Parish is to reach out more to encourage those who are not here to return to the faith community, I want to encourage our young people to come to Mass and to ensure our liturgies are filled with the Joy and hope of the Gospel message.

Please God we will get the grace to follow God's plan and the courage to be missionary disciples on the path to eternal peace.

With every blessing,
Fr Barry Matthews, Adm.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Eileen Finn, Frankie Dickinson, Eileen Withers, Darren McKeown, Jim Quinn & John Paul Toal,

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Kevin Keenan (17th), Margaret Rafferty (22nd) & Gerard Campbell (23rd)



The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral

During this the 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral we have become more aware of the deep love with which our Cathedral is held and the important place it holds in the hearts of families both here in our Parish, our Diocese and beyond. Many people have signed up to become friends of St Patrick's Cathedral by pledging to financially support the on-going maintenance and planned upgrading of the communications technology within the Cathedral. Anyone willing to become a "Friend of St Patrick's Cathedral" are invited to speak with Fr Barry or to contact Caroline in the Parish Office.

Spire of Faith & Hope Celebrating 150 years of St Patrick's Cathedral An evening of Music with Eilis Fox, featuring St Patrick's Cathedral Choir & Catherine Grimley Hughes. Fri 29th Sept at 7.30pm. **Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Armagh Parish Office.**

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" Mass The 1st "Do this in Memory" Mass for this year takes place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 7th October for P4 aged children and their families. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



The Dedication of St. Patrick's Cathedral Copies of a brief history on the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, by Jack O'Hare are now on sale in Cathedral Shop.

Pre-Sacramental Talk Parents of Children preparing for 1st Confession, 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation are encouraged to attend a talk by Dr Orla Walsh in preparation for these special moments in your child's life. Dr Orla will speak in St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday September 25th at 7:00pm for parents of both P4 and P7 aged children. This is an important moment for families to begin preparing for these most sacred events.

Global Synod On Sat 30th Sept Archbishop Eamon will celebrate the 6:30pm Mass to mark the beginning of the Global Synod which begins in Rome in October. During the Mass 5 parishioners will receive the "St Patrick's Medal" for service to the Parish and in particular the Cathedral in this special year.

JPII Awards We congratulate the students from our parish who received the St John Paul II Award and Muiredach Cross Award. We thank those who encouraged them in their achievement. Any young person wishing to become involved in parish ministry ie. Reader of the Word or Eucharistic Minister is asked to leave their name in the Parish Office or speak to Fr Barry

Visitation Anyone wishing to receive a visit from a Priest or have a house blessing are invited to leave their name, address, postcode and phone number in the parish office. Anyone who is aware of a family member, friend or neighbour who is housebound are invited to let the Parish office know in order that we can update our records and ensure those most in need are attended to. Family Members are reminded to ensure that their loved ones in Hospital are seen by the Hospital Chaplain on duty and that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Southern Area Hospice A Church door collection for the Southern Area Hospice will be held at all Masses on 14th & 15th October 2023. If you can help with this collection by volunteering 10 minutes of your time, please contact Hospice Fundraising Department on 028 3026 7711.

Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 29th of September to the 1st of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16 -35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 27th Sept 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: info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120

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 Mon 2nd Oct at 7.30pm. If you would like to

enrol a name in the Society please visit the website www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

The Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will be on Sun 24th Sept. The bus will leave at 7am from St Malachys Church. For enquiries phone Denise 07856172206 or Margaret 07799 867714

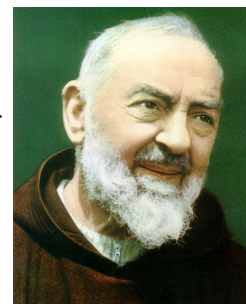
Mary's Meals Charity Dance in The Ryandale Hotel, Moy on Thurs 5th October. 8.30-11.30pm. Music by Seamus and Bernard. Adm. £10. Tickets from any MM member or at the Ryandale door on the night.

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year
Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen.

Prayer to Saint Pio

Feast Day: 23rd September

O God,
You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,
Capuchin priest,
the great privilege of participating
in a unique way in the
passion of Your Son,
grant me
through his intercession
the grace of (your intention)
which I ardently desire;
and above all grant me the grace of
living in conformity
with the death of Jesus,
to arrive at the glory
of the resurrection.
Glory be to the Father... (three times)
Amen.



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.

