

Contact Numbers  
Parish Office - 37522813  
Parochial House - 37522802  
Emergencies - 07596899031  
St. Malachy's - 37510516  
Cathedral - 37522638  
SVP Help Line - 07733482604

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

www.armaghparish.net

Email: armaghparishoffice@gmail.com



15th October 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

1st October: £5,496 & €142.20

8th October: to £4,936 & €217.65

## 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.

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

Dear Friends

We all have a special place where we like to spend time - many of us have a place where we go to be refreshed and nourished, where we feel at home, where we feel welcome.

Today's Gospel tells a story of how even when invited sometimes people refuse to accept the invitation. We each know someone close to us who have turned away from the practice of the faith - even sometimes we may feel distant from God on our own journey however today let us remember that even in those moments when we turn from God, He is always near to us.

My aunt Mamie (RIP) was a great influence in my life when I was growing up - she used to say that if she was ever sick and missed Mass - her week would not be the same. As a child I couldn't understand fully what she meant but now as I am older, I do, I realise that gathering together as a community - a family of faith, around God's altar we are truly at home.

This Mission Month, I'm thinking of my aunt Mamie. I'm thinking about how she was a missionary to me by her witness and by the simplicity of her example. In conversation, I was reminded of God's love - we visited the Church and Cemetery together - we prayed together. As my God-mother Mamie reminded me often of the importance of relying on God's care and interceding for my protection and providence. Mamie, together with my parents, reminded me that relationship with God is important.

As we approach Mission Sunday - let's ask ourselves how we can witness to our family members to the ways of faith. Let us again ask how we can be witnesses to God's love in the communities in which we live, work and socialise.

Maybe this month is a time when we reach out - to those whom we care about and invite them to the home from home where we are nourished around God's altar. The Church is a place of welcome for all - unfortunately many people put obstacles in the way of their relationship with God, but like the king in today's gospel, God extends His invitation to all - what we need to do is respond with our hearts. This week - let someone know that God loves them - invite someone to their "Church Home".

Over these last week's I have noticed new families in our Parish - any new families who would like to get more involved in the Parish community are invited to leave their names in the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests / Deacons

*Fr Barry Matthews Adm,*

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Patrick McGahon, Gemma Hughes, George Loughran, Patrick McKee, Peter Quinn, Paul Brennan, Briege White, Joseph McKeown, & Geraldine Malone.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for: All our beloved dead*



### 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.

**"Do This in Memory" Mass** - Thanks to the many families who attended the 1st Do This in Memory Mass. The next Mass will take place on Saturday 4th November.

**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.

**JPII Awards** 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 this weekend.

### 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.

A Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon, in St Catherine's Church Ballapousta, Ardee, on Sunday 22nd October at 3pm, preceded by a Holy Hour at 2pm. This Mass is arranged by the St Joseph's Young Priest Society as part of their programme of Prayer for the year of prayer for Diocesan Vocations.

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Missionaries of Charity House.



**Apostolic Workers** will hold their annual Remembrance Mass next Saturday October 21st, the eve of Mission Sunday at 6:30pm in the Cathedral. At this same Mass it is a time to give thanks for 100 years of Apostolic Work, which began in Belfast in 1923. Anyone wishing to get involved with Apostolic Work are asked to contact any member or leave your details in the parish office.

**October - the month of the Rosary** We encourage families to make a special effort to pray a 'Hail Mary' each day together during the month of October. Maybe you might say a decade or a rosary or just one 'Hail Mary' but please do begin this practice as a family.

**Pause for Hope** A special afternoon of prayer will take place this afternoon at 3:30pm in the Cathedral to pray with and for those affected by Cancer. Patients, family members and loved ones are invited to join with medical professionals in praying for peace in the midst of this disease. Survivors are welcome to join in thanksgiving.

**Trocaire NI** is looking for people to join their team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world. You can take action & make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change - training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more please email Mark McMahon at [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.

**Bingo in aid of Lourdes Committee** - will take place in the Pearse Og's on Sunday 29th October. 3pm—5pm.

### Conference—The Primacy of Peace

A free one day conference takes place in the Marketplace Theatre, hosted by the O'Fiaich Library and the Robinson Library exploring the historical and contemporary influence of Cardinal O'Fiaich & Archbishop Eames in the development of the Peace Process. Booking is essential via the Marketplace Theatre—details from the O'Fiaich Library 02837522981

**Global Synod** The Global Synod continues in Rome where bishops and lay people gather to discuss the findings of the process which began in 2021 with local gathering around the world to discuss the issues facing the church. We are encouraged to pray that God's Holy Spirit will enliven the hearts of all who make up the Church - the body of Christ to see clearly God's plan for His people.

### Mission Sunday—October 22nd

Second Collection for the promotion of the faith

### Synod Gathering—Mt St Catherines

A gathering has been arranged for Monday October 23rd at 7pm to discuss the ongoing Synod. Join Bishop Michael and the Synod Core Team for this opportunity to hear details of the Synod and discuss ways to become more involved.

### St Patrick's Prayer Guild Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards—

Our new range of Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are now available in the Cathedral Shop and in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church after Masses. The 10am Mass in the Cathedral will be dedicated to St Patrick's intercession and the intentions for these Mass Cards/Bouquets will all be included in this weekly Mass.

**Adoration** — Continues each day in St Malachy's Church. Parishioners are encouraged to drop in, light a candle and offer a prayer. We encourage families to take a little time out to visit.

**Matt Talbot Mass** Matt was freed from addiction through Mass, Adoration & 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 scheduled for Mon 6th Nov at 7.30pm in St Malachy's Church. If you would like to enrol a name in the Society please visit the website [www.matttalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matttalbotprayersociety.com).

The Archdiocese of Armagh Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart Annual Mass in honour of Matt Talbot will take place Sun 22nd Oct in Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermott St, Dublin at 2pm. Fr Barry's book on the 'Stations of Addiction' is now available to buy in the Parish shop.

**Volunteers** — Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer in any of our Parish ministries are invited to leave their names in the Parish Office or contact any of the Priests or Deacons.

**Welcome** — We welcome those who may have moved to Armagh Parish in recent times—we are delighted to have seen new faces. Please if you would like to get involved in the Parish do let us know.

