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# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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1st 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

17th September: £5451 & €266.50  
24th September: to £5127 & €122.37  
Peter's Pence: £2031.00 & €34.70

### 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.

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

Dear Parishioner

I'm so conscious of the words of St Thérèse of Lisieux today when she said that "the Rosary is a long chain that links heaven to earth - at one end is our hands and at the other, the hands of God".

This month we celebrate 'Mission' and we are reminded that the mission of the Church and by extension, our mission, is to spread the good news to all. In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the two sons, the first is reluctant but still humbly does the will of the father while the second is all talk but actually doesn't put his words into action. Today as we think of missionaries who left these shores to travel to many countries of the world sharing the 'Good News' we are encouraged to ask ourselves whether we are living up to our mission.

At the moment of our baptism and again each time we come to Mass we are sent as disciples to bring the joy and hope of the Gospel to the community, to our families and friends, to our homes and our hearts. This is a big challenge when we live in a world where secular ideas surround us and where so many face persecution for their faith, but it is possible.

We can all witness as missionaries to the message of faith, hope and love by our little acts of kindness. Indeed even simple words and phrases like 'God bless', 'thank God' or 'please God' can impact those who we speak with.

Like so many missionaries the Rosary acts as a great tool to bring people closer to God - as Our Lady points towards her Son in the meditations on the mysteries. October, being the month of the Rosary, is a lovely opportunity to renew our practice of praying the Rosary, as a faith community, as a family or united with the global church in personal prayer. Growing up in Dundalk I remember how we had a great devotion to the Rosary and it is a prayer that I have prayed during many of the most challenging moments of my life - I thank God for those who handed on the faith to me as I am sure we all do.

Maybe October is a month where we could pass on a 'Rosary beads' to someone we care about - maybe we could let them know that we care enough about them to bless them with the blessings we receive from our faith. This is 'Mission' - passing on to our loved ones the faith which is precious to us. To do so with confidence knowing that it is precious - oftentimes we only know how precious when we are at the most difficult moments in life - these are the moments God carries us.

Next Week - from Thursday to Saturday (October 5th to 7th) we will celebrate a Triduum of Prayer in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will collectively pray for the intentions of our parish and pray for a renewal of faith, hope and love. Fr Colm Mannion OP will lead our triduum and I encourage you to spread the word and invite those who you care about to take part - on Saturday we will have the "Mass of Anointing of the Sick" at 10am in the Cathedral. Maybe our 'mission' this week is to invite someone to take part in the 3 days of prayer. You might be surprised by the little miracles that can happen from a simple invitation!

With every blessing,  
Fr Barry Matthews, Adm.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Joseph McKeown, Geraldine Malone, Eileen Finn, Frankie Dickinson & Peter Conway.

### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Darren McKeown (1st) & Eileen Withers (7th)



**Feast Day** Today (Sunday) is the Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, Patroness of Missionaries. We pray that we may all be missionaries in our homes and communities spreading the Good News of God's love. Roses will be blessed at the 9:30am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses.

### **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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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 2nd Oct 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.

**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.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** next meeting on Wed 4th Oct in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. All are welcome to come along and join us in praying for Vocations.

### **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.



**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.

**St Patrick's Medal** Congratulations to the recipients of the St Patrick's Medal - Maura Kelly, Pearse Dynes, Noreen Evans, Kieran Kelly & Colm Murphy, each recipient received the medal in recognition of their contribution to the parish in this 150th year since its dedication and represent the many volunteers that support our faith community throughout the years.

**Triduum of Prayer in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary** - beginning on Thursday 5th Oct, we will have 3 days of prayer asking God's blessing and placing our needs and intentions through the intercession of Our Lady. Fr Colm Mannion will lead us in prayer and on Saturday next at 10am we will celebrate a special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome. Do invite someone to join for these special days!

**The "Do This in Memory" programme** begins on Saturday October 7th at 6:30pm in the Cathedral, all P4 children and their families are encouraged to attend these Masses in preparation for the Sacraments. Parents willing to be involved in organising the Masses are invited to contact the Parish office.

**Apostolic Workers** will hold their annual Remembrance Mass on Saturday October 21st at 6:30pm in the Cathedral.

**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 on October 15th 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.

**Ordination to Diaconate** Sunday 8th Oct will see the Ordination to Diaconate of Davis Haberkorn & Francesco Campiello for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Both candidates are from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk. We pray for them that God who has begun the good work in them will bring it to completion.

**Inclusive Ability Trust** will hold a Coffee Morning in Sherry's Field from 10am to 1pm today (Sunday) to support their work with children with additional needs.

**Global Synod** The Global Synod begins this weekend 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. This is a moment where 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.

**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.