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# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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29th 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

15th Oct: £5365 & €174.96

22nd Oct: £5215 & €140.60

Mission Sunday: £2765 & €35

## 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.

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

Friends,

The film/drama 'Aspects of Love' included a song which some day I will include in the soundtrack of my life. The song made popular by Michael Ball's rendition speaks very much to today's Gospel reading

*Love Changes Everything, hands and faces - earth and sky.*

*Love Changes everything, how we live and how we die.*

In these words we hear the commandments that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel reading when he is asked what are the most important of the commandments. Jesus clearly reminds us that our love for God will nourish and energise us firstly towards living a better life and secondly in our quest to live a Christian life where we recognise the dignity and equality of every person in God's eyes.

November is the month where we remember - we remember those whom we love who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We remember those who have passed on the faith to us - the greatest gift of all and the gift that cannot be bought or sold.

I was so taken recently when a young lady described the moment she was diagnosed with cancer - she said the first thing she did was pray! This doesn't and shouldn't surprise me because each of us have an innate love for God who created us - each of us carry the seed of God's love which He has planted in our hearts. The lady spoke of how she sometimes was too busy for God before her diagnosis and this was a source of guilt for her, I reminded her that even in the moments when we turn from God in our minds, He never leaves us.

Those who we remember this month - those whose memories we hold close - we remember in trust. We trust that God has truly embraced them in their eternal home and we continue to pray for their souls.

We all possibly have a different idea of what Heaven look's like - but one thing is for sure, heaven is nothing if God is not in it. As a faith community we too come face to face with God each time we come to the sacraments - the Eucharist being the source and summit of our relationship with God. In our Faith tradition we have Mass offered for our beloved deceased. We request that a Priest would take the name of our loved ones before the Altar in prayer, truly uniting Heaven and Earth through the Mass. Each Mass is offered for the intentions of the entire Church but we can participate more intimately in the Eucharistic Celebration by adding their own intention or need to be remembered privately by the Priest during the Mass. Be assured that once a Priest accepts your offering a Mass will be offered for your intention.

The tradition of having Masses offered for our loved ones who have died holds a special place in our hearts and we continue to encourage this.

So as we reflect on the commandments of 'Love' and as we recognise how 'Love changes everything' we thank God for the gift of His love, we thank God for the Hope it brings and we thank God for those who passed on the faith to us. For our part we too are a generation of Mission - we must pass on this gift to others - gently encouraging them, letting them know that they are loved by us and most importantly by God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in God's peace.

With every blessing,  
Fr Barry Matthews, Adm.

Visiting Priest We welcome Fr Kingsley Michael Idoghor, SMMM who will be joining us on a temporary placement in the coming days. We extend a warm Armagh welcome to him.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Rose Knipe, Joe Girvan, Gerard McKee, Maureen Lenagh, Linus O'Hagan, Patrick McGahan, Gerard Nixon, Gemma Hughes and Molly McGinn.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Joseph Mackle (29th), Paul Brennan (30th), Peter Quinn (2nd) & George Loughran (4th).



### 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.

### 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.

**1st November** Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints. Mass Times: St Malachy's Church 8am & 7:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral 10am, St. Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey 7:30pm and Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran 9am

**Thursday 2nd November** is All Souls Day - a day where we remember our loved ones. Mass times as normal with the addition of Mass at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church

**Friday 3rd November** On the Feast day of St Malachy, Archbishop Eamon will celebrate Mass in St Malachy's Church at 7:30pm to mark the 100 anniversary of the birth of Cardinal O'Fiaich RIP. All are welcome.

**November** is the month where we remember our beloved dead. We will gather each Wednesday at 3pm in the St Vincent dePaul Centre, Chapel Lane to pray for our loved ones. All are welcome.

**November Mass for the Dead** Our annual Mass for the Deceased of the Parish over the last 12 months will take place on Wed 15th Nov at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church. All are welcome - we especially invite those who have lost a loved one during the year.

**Remembrance Tree** Our "Remembrance Tree" will be placed in both St Patrick's Cathedral and St Malachy's Church for the month of November. Parishioners are invited to take a 'leaf' and write the name of their loved ones on it and place it on the tree. We continue to pray for our beloved dead.

**Prayer Walk** We encourage parishioners to do the Prayer Walk in St Patrick's Cathedral this November to pray especially for their deceased family and friends. Leaflets available at the back of the Church.

### The Dedication of St. Patrick's Cathedral

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

### Novena Prayer to St Malachy

**(25 Oct – 2 Nov)**

Glorious Saint Malachy, ardent yet gentle shepherd of God's people, we come before you seeking your intercession and protection in this time of trial.

Malachy, angel of peace, who brought those in conflict to be reconciled in the name of Christ, grant lasting peace and reconciliation to our country.

Mighty pillar of the Church, who banished error by the truth of your preaching, obtain for each of us the grace of sincere repentance and renewal, that we may serve the Lord in holiness all our days.

Most fatherly Archbishop of Armagh, enkindle the hearts of bishops and priests that, aided by your patronage and example, they may labour to form a holy people, strong in faith, constant in prayer, abounding in charity, devoted to the Sacraments and loyal to the See of Peter.

O Saint rich in mercy and compassion, look upon all who are suffering or in need and obtain for them support, healing and hope. St Malachy, ablaze with heavenly fire, be a light to guide us on our pilgrim way to the Kingdom of Heaven. There may we be united with you in singing the praises of God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Do This in Memory** The next Do This In Memory Mass takes place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 4th Nov at 6.30pm. All P4 Children and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

**St Malachy's Church Choir** A meeting and rehearsal will take place in St Malachy's Church on Thursday evening at 8pm. We are hoping that St Malachy's can reestablish the wonderful choir. New and existing members are invited to attend.

**Altar Servers** We are currently recruiting new Altar Servers. Forms may have been received through the schools - alternatively parents/guardians can contact the Parish Office.

**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.

**All Saints Day Party** The Missionaries of Charity invite you to their All Saints Day Party in Sherry's Field Recreation Centre on November 1st from 2.30pm-5.30pm. Come dressed as your favourite Blessed or Saint and enjoy Holy Mass, Games, prizes and music. Enquiries to 37528654.

**Southern Area Hospice Collection** The Southern Area Hospice would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent Church collection which raised £3215.83. This donation will make a difference to the lives of those the hospice cares for.

**The Legion of Mary** invites parishioners to please come and join them in praying a Rosary for Holy Souls especially deceased relatives and friends. This rosary will be in the Cemetery at 3.30pm each Sunday in November.

**Legion 'Bookbarrow'** Legion members will be present after 10am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 4th Nov providing a selection of spiritual books free of charge.

### Safeguarding Survey for survivors of abuse

The Irish Bishops' Conference, along with the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, have commissioned consultants, RSM Ireland, to undertake a review of child safeguarding in the Catholic Church. One part of this review is to engage with survivors and victims of abuse, to seek their views on Church Safeguarding processes. Specifically, RSM would like to hear from survivors who have disclosed abuse within the last twenty years, to see what needs to be improved. For more info please contact: survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will take place on Wednesday 8 November in St. Vincent de Paul Centre immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to join us in praying for much needed Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**JPII Awards** Any young person wishing to become involved in parish ministry i.e. 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 to 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.

### 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.

**Knock Shrine All Night Vigil** Thursday 7th December. Coach £25. Booking/Info: Gabrielle - 07933521105/Catherina - 07899 810181

**Adoration** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

