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# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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12th November 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

29th October: £5441 & €148.52

## 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.

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

Dear Parishioner,

November is a special month of prayer for our loved ones who have died, we pray for the faithful departed that they will receive the light of heaven. So many parishioners and friends of the parish have been affected by loss during the last year and indeed we are all affected by the tragic loss of life due to the many areas of war and conflict in the world.

Our neighbours in Madden are suffering the most unimaginable pain following last weeks accident and here in our parish we are mourning the loss of Fr Brian White, again gone too young.

The hope in these situations lies in our faith and today's Gospel acts again as a reminder to us that God is always close and that we should continue to build our closeness to him in prayer. "Stay Awake" is an invitation not a warning, stay awake is an opportunity not a threat. To stay awake means that we will recognise Jesus even in the midst of sadness - to stay awake means that we are fully nourished by Him in those moments that drain our spirit.

Our "Remembrance Tree's" offer hope - nature offers us hope. Those which appear to have died come to new life in the springtime - God is our springtime and new life in eternity is our hope. Those who have gone before us have continued their journey - not ended it, "for God's faithful people, life has changed not ended".

Over the next week we will gather to remember as a parish those who have died over the last year - we gather together in hope - we gather as a faith community to support each other in our loss, truly as a family of faith. We have all witnessed how the community rallies around at times of sadness and distress. We have all experienced God in the moments of trial - sometimes working in and through those around us. "Christ has no hands or feet on earth but yours".

We have a great tradition of prayer for our loved ones here in the parish and one change that I am hoping to introduce in January is to ask families to alert us to the Mass that will be their loved ones Anniversary Mass. This is an opportunity for families to gather together to remember their loved one and also will ensure that the names are called out with a renewed dignity.

We would encourage families to include the time of the "Anniversary Mass" if they are publishing a "Memorial Notice".

The Church reminds us that all Masses are offered for all the faithful, living and deceased and the tradition of 'Anniversary Masses' allows us to more intimately participate in a particular Mass by having it offered for your loved one. Be assured that once a priest accepts an offering for a Mass that Mass will be offered by him for your loved one.

Month's minds will continue to be prayed for on the date of the month's mind however they will also be remembered on the Sunday following at the 12:30pm Mass in the Cathedral - this will allow the wider faith community to remember the departed and may offer families an opportunity to gather afterwards to remember their loved ones.

With every blessing,  
Fr Barry Matthews, Adm.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Fr Brian White, Martin Murray, Patricia McCreesh, Rose Knipe, Joe Girvan and Gerard McKee

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Linus O'Hagan (15th) and Maureen Lenagh (18th)



### 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. Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available.

In November We Remember Our prayer time remembering our beloved dead continues each Wednesday in November at 3pm in the St Vincent de Paul centre in Chapel Lane. All are welcome to join for a chat, a cuppa and to pray for our beloved dead in this warm and special space.

November Masses for the Dead The Annual Masses to remember those who have died in the last 12 months will take place in the coming week. St Malachy's Church - Wed 15th Nov, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran - Sat 18th Nov at 7:30pm and St. Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey - Sun 19th Nov at 10am. All are welcome. In a special way we invite family members who have lost a loved one in the last 12 months to gather.

Our November "List of the Dead" has been placed in the Churches and Masses will be offered throughout November and on the 'First Friday' for these intentions.

Red Wednesday a day where we remember persecuted Christians takes place on Wed 22nd Nov. Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church at 7:30pm. We continue to pray for those who can not practice their faith freely due to political and cultural

Remembrance Tree Our "Remembrance Tree" is in place in both St Patrick's Cathedral and St Malachy's Church for the month of November. We thank our volunteer who has sourced and made the leaves for our Remembrance Tree. Many people have commented on how fitting it is as we remember and pray for our beloved dead. Please do add a 'leaf' for the tree in memory of your loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward.

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.

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.

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.

The Junior Legion of Mary will be praying for Holy Souls in Tullysaran Cemetery this Sun 26th Nov at 3pm. All are welcome to come pray for deceased relatives and friends.

St Pio One Day Retreat in Benburb Priory on Sun 19th Nov 10am-5pm. Retreat led by Cardinal Sean Brady. Veneration of the Glove of St Pio. £25 per person with light lunch provided. Contact Benburb Priory - 02837548241 or Nuala Somers 07818668035.

Do This in Memory Programme A meeting of parents willing to volunteer as co-ordinators at the monthly P4 Mass is being held tomorrow (Nov 20th) at 8pm in the Parochial House - any parent of a P4 child is welcome to attend.

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.

Congratulations We extend congratulations to the newly ordained Fr Michael Fasakin, brother of Fr Emmanuel, was ordained a priest last week in Nigeria. May God's blessings be upon you as you begin your ministry.

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.



8th December An evening of Prayer will be held on Fri 8th Dec in St Patrick's Cathedral to pray for Peace in a troubled world. We will be joined by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (Drogheda) who will provide music. Mass at 7:30pm followed by candle-lit prayer vigil and benediction. All are welcome - do please encourage younger family members to come along.

### 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.

### NI Blood Transfusion Service "Give Blood Save Lives"

next in Armagh City Hotel on Thurs 16th Nov. Call 08085 534 653 to make an appointment or visit [www.nibts.org](http://www.nibts.org).

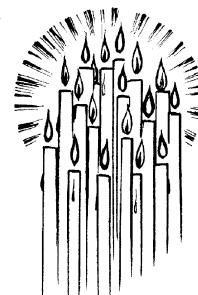
### Totus Tuus Scripture Conference

is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Sat 18th Nov from 2pm. Speakers inc. Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Luke Demasi, Fr. John McEaney and Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland App.

### In the month of November, let us pray for our dead!

God our Father,  
Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command, we return to dust.  
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.  
Amen.



### Prayer for those who have died

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bring them eternal rest.  
Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.  
Amen.