

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

14th January 2024

## Mass Times

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am  
Sunday Vigil: 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

**Confessions** in St Malachy's Church on  
Saturdays @ 12 noon.

## Parish Contacts

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**Baptisms & Weddings** - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

## Dear Friends,

Over the noise that often fills our world we can find it difficult to hear God's call. This weekend's readings are a reminder that God speaks to us in various ways and times, often when we least expect it. Like the Apostles we too can be confused what God is asking of us and how we can be of use to God! God is calling you, like He called the first Apostles, to make an impact in your community and in the lives of all those who you encounter. You are the hands and feet of God who formed you and called you.

Making an impact on the world can be done in the simplest of ways and indeed often we are unaware of how the 'small acts of kindness' can have a profound impact on others. This week maybe you might reach out to someone whom you know to be in difficulty or lonely or isolated - often these situations test us but lets overcome the test and reach out regardless. Let's respond to God's call sharing the gifts He has bestowed upon us with those who He loves equally and unconditionally too but maybe they have forgotten His great promise.

*Fr Barry Matthews Adm.*

**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. Anniversaries are read out at all Masses on weekday and one Sunday Mass. Months Minds will be remembered at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday following the Months Mind. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

**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.

**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.

**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 each Saturday in the Cathedral is dedicated to St Patrick's intercession and the intentions for these Mass Cards/Bouquets will all be included in this weekly Mass.

**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.

## Weekly Collection

Priest Dues Collection: £7795 and €132.45

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Joan Tighe, Phyllis Terrins, Mel Hughes and Maureen Lappin.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Kathleen McNally (14th), Leontia Loughran (14th), Harry McGinn (15th) and Paul McGuinness (16th).

*May they rest in peace.*



**The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral** As you are aware there is some major works needed on the Cathedral and the Cathedral steps. We are hoping to move forward in the Spring towards these projects. The Cathedral costs over £200,000 per year to maintain and as such we are hoping that our fundraising efforts will help offset some of this cost. Direct Debit Mandates are available in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to assist in this way. Anyone in a position to assist our fundraising campaign is invited to speak to Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office.

**Coeliac Hosts** are available at every Mass in St. Malachy's Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Parishioners will no longer be required to contact the sacristans. Please receive from the Priest who is celebrating the Mass. We do advise that all those wishing to receive the coeliac hosts seek medical advice as they do contain traces of gluten.

**Holy Communion to the Sick** Family members who wish to bring Holy Communion to a relative who is housebound are invited to use a Pyx (available in Parish shop in the Cathedral if you do not have one). A training session will take place on Saturday 27th January at 11am in the Synod Hall to refresh those who will exercise this important ministry. Current ministers who attend their relatives in this way are welcome to attend this as well as those beginning this ministry.

**HSC NI Foster Care** This weekend staff from HSC NI Foster Care will be making themselves available around Mass time in some of the churches of our parishes. I encourage you to welcome the HSC fostering staff involved and engage with them to find out more information for yourselves or someone you feel may be interested or simply curious to know more about fostering. Remember, if you do have a chat with our visitors, you are not committing to anything. Perhaps you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming a foster carer; this may be the time to put that thought into action.

**Adoration** As we begin a new year, maybe you could consider spending an hour with the Lord each week. Our Eucharistic Adoration takes place each day in St Malachy's Church from after Mass (8:30am weekdays) until evening (7pm weekdays - 5pm weekend). Please sign the attendance sheet in the Church and encourage family and friends to engage with this special apostolate. We especially need adorers for the morning hours 9am to 11am.

**1500 Years of St Brigid** On Thur 1st February we will have a special Mass at 7:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the legacy of St Brigid, our Secondary Patron of Ireland. Archbishop Eamon will preside and deliver the Homily on the evening. All are welcome.

**St Brigid's Crosses** On Tuesday 30th January we will hold a special St Brigid's Cross making session in the Synod hall after the 10am Mass. All are welcome to come along and make your own cross to be blessed on the evening on her feast day.

**St Patrick's Festival Concert** Tickets for Phil Coulter's St Patrick's Festival Concert, which takes place in the Cathedral on Mothers Day (10th March) are now available in the Cathedral Gift Shop and also online at ticketsource.co.uk. This promises to be a wonderful moment here in the Cathedral.

**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.

**Volunteers** As a Parish community we are always delighted to welcome new volunteers to our various outreaches. As we look forward to the new year we are conscious of the initiatives that will begin to take place. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact the Parish Office or any of the Priests/Deacons.

**Church Doors** During the winter months we are asking parishioners to help us conserve energy and keep the heat inside the Churches. We ask that you would close the manual doors tightly after you enter (automatic doors will close themselves). We have also closed half of the main doors in St Malachy's Church & St Patrick's Cathedral and hope this makes some impact. Thank you for your help and support.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** gather each Tuesday at 8pm in the Synod Hall. All welcome.

**Catholic Schools Weeks** will take place from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January. This years theme is "Catholic Schools - Communities of Service". This week gives us an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible contribution that our Catholic Schools make not just to society, but to the mission of the Church. Within our parish, we are indebted to the many people who contribute enormously to the values of Catholic education and we pay special tribute to the principals, teachers and support staff in all our Catholic Schools for their personal faithfulness and commitment to those in their care.

**Christian Unity Week** begins on Wednesday next. This is an opportunity to recognise our common bond as followers of Jesus and to pray for peace and unity among Christian denominations. Our Cathedral's Partnership here in Armagh thank you for your continued support for their projects.

## 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.

