



# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

21st 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.

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

## Dear Friends,

This Sunday Pope Francis asks that we reflect on the Word of God. The scriptures are living words that speak to every generation and time and are precious in that we reverence the Bible as a gift from God.

This Sunday also falls within Christian Unity Week, a week in the year when we celebrate other Christian traditions and those aspects which unite us, mindful always that it is Jesus Christ who ultimately unites us as Christians. It is noteworthy that the scriptures, the Word of God, is the true unifier between Christians. Often we fail to recognise God's voice in the midst of war and division and bitterness and violence however God's voice is always there. We must be mindful not to allow the divisions of humanity to blur our shared vision of God.

Maybe today you might consider taking the bulletin home and identify the areas of similarity between the Old and New Testament, identify why the psalm is chosen to bridge these two aspects. Today is an opportunity to renew your relationship with Jesus by deciding to read His Word more often this year.

*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

14th January: £4861 & €90

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Fr. Tommy McNulty, Liam Boylan, Joan Tighe and Phyllis Terrins.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Mel Hughes (23rd)

*May they rest in peace.*



**The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral** As you are aware there are 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 & St. Patrick's Cathedral. Parishioners are no longer 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). A training session will take place on Sat 27th Jan at 11am in the Synod Hall to refresh those who will exercise this important ministry.



**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 Thursday 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.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings for praise, prayer, scripture reflection & a cup of tea! Rosary at 7.40pm, meeting at 8pm. All welcome. Guest speaker on Tuesday 30th January: Jason Hamilton.

**Catholic Schools Weeks** will take place from Sun 21st to Sat 27th January. This years theme is "Catholic Schools - Communities of Service". We will have a number of events to mark Catholic Schools Week. We thank our school staff and teachers for all they do

in our community. We ask God's blessing on our school communities & the families they serve. Many of our schools are enrolling pupils for the 24/25 academic year - please make contact with the school should your child be joining this year. We invite grandparents, especially of P6 pupils, to join us for Mass at 11am on Fri 26th Jan in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**Quiz Night/Raffles/Fun/Fundraiser** on Friday 2nd February at 8pm in Devlin's Pub. £5 per person. All proceeds will go to the Sacred Heart Mission Projects in Uganda/Kenya. Sister Carmel Flynn is planning a visit to Uganda/Kenya in February/March.

**St Vincent de Paul, Tullysaran** extend a very sincere thanks to you the members of our community for your very generous donations over the Christmas period which amounted to £7,542 for which we are most grateful. We want to assure you that your money goes to help families in great need throughout our community and without your generosity we could not continue to answer the calls for help.

**Anam Cara Armagh** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 31st January at 7:15pm in Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

## 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.



## First Holy Communion 2024

Christian Brothers PS (Bunscoil) - Sat 27th April - 10am - St Malachy's Church  
Christian Brothers PS (English Medium) - Sat 27th April - 12noon - St Malachy's Church  
St Malachy's PS - Sat 4th May - 10am - St Malachy's Church  
Saints and Scholars PS - Sat 4th May - 2pm - St Malachy's Church  
St Patrick's PS - Sat 11th May - 11am - St Patrick's Cathedral  
Mt St Catherine's PS - Sat 11th May - 2pm - St Patrick's Cathedral  
Our Lady's PS - Sat 25th May - 11am - Church of the Immaculate Conception

## Ceremonies of Light 2024 in St. Patrick's Cathedral

Tues 27th Feb - 7pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS  
Thurs 29th Feb - 7pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS.

## Confirmation Dates 2024 in St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 18th May - 2pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS  
Sunday 19th May - 2pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS.

## Feast of the Conversion of St Paul - 25th January

Glorious Saint Paul, most zealous apostle, and Martyr for the love of Christ, give us a deep faith, a steadfast hope and a burning love for our Lord so that we can proclaim with you: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'

Help us to become apostles, serving the Church with a pure heart as witnesses to her truth and beauty amidst the darkness of our days. With you we praise God our Father: 'To him be the glory, in the Church And in Christ, Now and forever.' Amen.