

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh



## 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,

Last week I spent some days in Rome and while there I was so blessed to celebrate Mass in St Peter's Basilica in the Irish Chapel. I prayed for the intentions of parishioners and friends and for a renewal of the faith in Ireland. I am conscious of this week's Feast of St Brigid, which this year marks 1500 years since her death. Though very much associated with Kildare, St Brigid was born in Faughart, Co Louth and acts as a model of faith right up to today.

St Brigid's legacy of faith like St Patrick and many of the Irish Saints, rests in its simplicity - she communicated the Good News with 'weeds' reeds/rushes bound into a shape to represent the cross. Whatever troubles you carry with you today - they represent your cross. Like St Brigid, you too can hand on the greatest gift of all - the gift of faith through your faithful witness to your relationship with God.

St Brigid had courage and determination - she challenged the King of Leinster who gave her the land of Kildare to build her monastery. Our country and our world needs courage like St Brigid's. We need courageous leaders willing to stand up for their beliefs and bear witness to God's presence - like St Brigid we are all called to trust God's providence and witness to His goodness. This week please do join us for our celebrations marking St Brigid and please do pray that our country will once more witness courageously to the glory of the Cross of Jesus.

*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.

## Weekly Collection

21st January: £5011 & €66.90

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Frank Delaney, Raymond Leonard, John Raftery,  
Fr. Tommy McNulty and Liam Boylan.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Phyllis Terrins (2nd) and Joan Tighe (3rd)

*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.



**Adoration** Please 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 weekends). 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** Archbishop Eamon will celebrate Mass on Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Cathedral to mark the Feast of St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland. This is a special moment where we can mark the 1500th anniversary since the death of St Brigid. We encourage you to join us, please do let your friends and family know.

**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.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** On Saturday 10th February we will offer a Mass which will include the anointing of the Sick at 10am in the Cathedral. The Mass will pray for healing through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and all are welcome. Please do bring a relative, friend or neighbour who may appreciate the Anointing of the Sick.

**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.

**Candlemas Day** takes place on Friday 2nd February. Candles will be blessed at this Mass.

**Feast of St. Blaise** takes place on Saturday 3rd February. Throats will be blessed at the 9am First Saturday Mass in St Malachy's Church and the 10am Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**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.

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place 12th-17th May 2024. For bookings contact Ann Gray - 07736415305.

**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.

**Armagh Pro Life Prayer Group** would like to thank all who attended the coffee morning to raise funds for Stanton Health Care we raised £500. Thank you so much for your generosity and support

**Anam Cara Armagh** 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 Confessions 2024

4th March - St Malachy's 6pm - St Malachy's P.S.  
5th March - St Malachy's 6pm - Mt St Catherine's P.S.  
5th March Tullysaran 6pm - Our Lady's P.S.  
6th March St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm - St Patrick's P.S.  
7th March St Malachy's 6pm - Christian Brothers P.S.

## 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.

## Cemetery Sunday 2024

- St. Colmcille's Church - 9th June after 10am Mass
- Church of the Immaculate Conception:  
Old Graveyard - 13th June at 7:30pm  
New Graveyard - 15th June after 7:30pm Mass
- St Patrick's Cemetery - 30th June at 12noon

## Prayer to St Brigid - Feast Day: 1st February

St Brigid, You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
Amen.