

# 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,**

"Remember that life is but a breath". These words from the first reading are stark in that they remind us of how precious life is and how fragile we really are. During the week I had a 'carpe diem' moment where I realised quite how lucky I really am. I have faith, hope and love in so many aspects of my life and you, those whom I serve and with whom I minister, really remind me of how blessed my ministry is.

Our gathering to make St Brigid's Crosses and the Mass on Thursday evening were moments where I realised the importance of community. We truly come together to worship, but also we learn from each other. The boys from St Patrick's Grammar taught us how to make St Brigid's Crosses and reminded me how as the older generation we can learn so much from our young, and we should start by allowing them to teach us. Our young people have a keen interest in the traditions that shaped us, but also a warm respect for the world as it is today, while at the same time many of them are building a relationship with God in their own way.

This week, as we reflect on the Gospel, let us think about our own lives and the miracles that we have received. Maybe we can name a moment in life where we have known that Jesus was present - a moment we felt carried by his love - a moment where we were healed by his grace. Let us thank God for the gifts and blessings that we have and let's be mindful that life is 'but a breath' and that we really should be thankful every day for even the smallest of blessings..

*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**  
 28th January: £5296 & €184.45

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We pray for:* Brian McCourt, Jonathan Knipe, Michael Carson, Frank Delaney, Raymond Leonard, John Raftery, Fr. Tommy McNulty and Liam Boylan.



**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 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.

**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 by scanning this QR Code. 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.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to the Synod Hall on Tuesday 6th Feb on why the Holy Spirit is important in our lives. The evening commences with a cup of tea at 7.30pm rosary at 7.40pm, and our meeting is 8-9.30pm. All welcome!

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place this year from the 12th to 17th May. The fare is €895 per person sharing (single Room Supplement €190 & Travel Insurance of €39 extra) For bookings contact Ann Gray - 07736415305.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** next meeting takes place on Wednesday 7th February in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane 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 & Religious Life.

**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

**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

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times**  
 St Malachy's Church - 7am, 1pm & 7:30pm  
 St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am

**Lenten Programme 2024**  
 Our Lenten Programme this year includes daily Mass (Mon - Fri) at 7am in St Malachy's Church. Each Tuesday the Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to Journey with the Spirit. Each Wednesday in Lent we will have 'Lectio Divina' in the St Vincent De Paul Centre at 3pm. Each Friday we will have prayers at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Stations of the Cross. Lent is a special time of preparation and as a community we have many opportunities to journey together in prayer.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars 2024**  
 Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to St Malachy's Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm for the Life in the Spirit Seminars. All welcome!

13th Feb - "God's Love" with Fr Luke Oheimi  
 20th Feb - "Salvation" with Bishop Michael Router  
 27th Feb - "The New Life" with Archbishop Eamon Martin  
 5th March - "Receiving God's Gifts" with Mary Brennan  
 12th March - "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" with Fr Gerry Campbell  
 19th March - "Growth" with Teresa Lappin  
 26th March - "Transformation in Christ" with Deacon Pat Butterly

**Youth Parish Pastoral Council** Any young adult aged between 18 and 28 who would be interested in joining a new initiative aimed at encouraging youth participation are asked to contact Fr Barry or leave their name in the parish office. As a parish we aim to engage more fully with our young parishioners and feel that they themselves need to lead the process. We intend to establish a Youth Pastoral Council where they will propose and deliver a programme to their peers.

**Dominican Contemplative Sisters, Drogheda Vocation Discernment Weekend** Vocation discernment weekend in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, Drogheda, Co. Louth from the 16th - 18th Feb. For young, single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at : sienavoc@gmail.com.