

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

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Lenten Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday-Friday: 8am
Monday - Saturday: 10am
Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Monday - Friday: 7am
Mon, Wed & Fri: 7:30pm
Tues & Thurs: Prayer Service - 7:30pm
Sunday: 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,

Happy St Patrick's Day!

On this Feast day where we celebrate our National Saint let us give thanks for the gift of Faith and importantly let us pray and give thanks for those who handed on this precious gift to us.

Our own heritage and traditions are so important to us and this time of the year is an opportunity to give thanks for the blessings that we have received and those that we have been lucky enough to share with others all around the world.

St Patrick's Day is a time where we can dare to dream - like St Patrick we should dare to dream of a world where God's peace prevails - where the violence and bitterness that we experience is replaced by hope and joy. St Patrick dared to dream this dream even though he too faced much opposition, however ultimately the message of God's love overcame the hardness embedded in the hearts of so many. In a world where so many are imprisoned by addiction, hatred, separation and war, we must, like Patrick, seek to be missionaries of God's peace, witnesses to His love.

St Patrick used a simple shamrock to teach others about God, we too can communicate the message with simplicity through our words and actions, through our gentle compassion and inner joy which comes from a deep relationship with Jesus.

In these weeks leading to Easter we must truly trust that we walk with Jesus - whatever Cross we carry - we are not alone.

On behalf of the Parish team I want to wish you a blessed and happy St Patrick's Day - Beannachtaí la Féile Pádraig dhuit!

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

£5621 & €135.80

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Liam McKenna, Gerald McGlone, Kathleen Dougan, Gay Fox, Kathleen Hyde, Ann McKenna, Roseann Quinn, Pat Speer and Pat Coney.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Evelyn Loughlin (18th).

May they rest in peace.



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen

Monday 18th March is a bank/public holiday. There will be no 7am Mass tomorrow in St Malachy's. Mass times tomorrow: Cathedral 8am & 10am and St Malachy's 7:30pm. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and will reopen on Tuesday 19th at 10am.

Holy Week

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Blessed palm will be available at all Masses next Sunday. Monday of Holy Week - St Catherine's College will host a Taize evening of Prayer and music in the Cathedral at 7pm. Tuesday of Holy Week - Penitential Service 6:00pm to 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church. Spy Wednesday - Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:00pm

The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral Fundraising Campaign

continues. If you can help, please contact Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office. A special word of thanks to the "Cathedral Ambassadors" who have been visiting Parishes in the Diocese as part of our Fundraising Campaign. Our fundraising is going slowly currently but hopefully we will be able to start work on the Cathedral Steps later in the Spring. Work has recently been done on several damaged stained glass and storm glass panels as well as the installation of new TV screens. We thank all those who have contributed to date.

Parish Bus Trip We are planning a day trip to Downpatrick on Saturday 13th April. We will leave the Cathedral at 8am travelling to Downpatrick where we will have Mass and a guided tour. Please bring a light packed lunch. On the way home we will stop at the Canal Court for dinner. price £40 incl. 2 course Dinner. Booking at Parish Office.

Weekly Envelopes We are currently preparing the weekly envelope distribution list. Anyone who has moved house or who would like to receive envelopes for the first time are asked to leave your details with Claire in the Parish office. We thank all those who continue to contribute in this way - your contribution makes a real difference.

Envelope Distributors We are currently seeking envelope distributors for the following areas:

- Daires Willows, Willowbank, Graveyard Lane
- Killuney Drive, Drumadd Green
- Ballyrath Road, Baltarran Rd
- Edward St
- Railway Street

If you can help, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.

Parking on Parish Grounds We ask parishioners and visitors to exercise care while coming and going and when parking. We ask that care is taken to avoid parking in areas designated for disabled persons and use only marked car parking spaces. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Cemetery Notice We remind Parishioners that due to anti-social behaviour, benches are not permitted in St Patrick's Cemetery without prior permission and in the lawn grave sections no surrounds are permitted and graves must be seeded for grass. We thank you for your continued cooperation as we all seek to honour our beloved dead and ensure the cemetery is a sacred place for all. May they rest in God's gentle peace.



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 & encourage family and friends to engage with this special apostolate. We especially need adorers from 9am to 11am.

Youth Pastoral Council Our next Youth Pastoral Council meeting takes place in the Parochial House on Thursday next March 21st at 8pm. Anyone aged 18-28 are invited to attend.

Lenten Programme 2024

Tuesday's - Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to Journey with the Holy Spirit at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church. This week: "Growth" with Teresa Lappin

Wednesday's - Lectio Divina at 3pm in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane.

Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary at 7pm in St. Malachy's Church (before Mass)

Friday's - Devotions- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of Cross at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

Lent is a special time of preparation and as a community we have many opportunities to journey together in prayer. All are welcome to join.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding their Lenten Afternoon of Prayer in St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday 23rd March, commencing at 3pm in the Synod Hall, followed by a Holy Hour and concluding with the Vigil Mass at 6.30 pm. All are welcome to attend this afternoon of prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcome new members. RCIA is for people who have not been Baptised or have not received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We also welcome Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tues at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. For more info 07856 172206

Tour Guide Volunteers We are currently seeking to increase our tour guide volunteer numbers - we currently have a group of tour guides however due to the expected increase in tours this summer we are in need of a few additional volunteers. Anyone interested in this are asked to leave your name in the parish office.

Fun Bingo on Sunday 24th March at 3pm in the Pearse Og's Club/. Proceeds in aid of the Lourdes Fund. All welcome!

Westenders Social Dance on Wednesday 27th March 2pm-5pm in Sherry's Field Recreation Centre. £5 entrance inc. food & music by Gold Ring Band.