

# 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,*

Palm Sunday - that moment of exultation and joy where the crowds cheered with delight at the coming of Jesus - this of course was quickly replaced by the cries of 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him'.

I spoke at the start of Lent about how it is like reading a book and knowing the ending - Holy Week also is a bit like that. We have all lived through many Holy Week's - we know the glory of Easter - importantly we know the wonderful blessings that we receive at Easter.

This week is an opportunity for each of us - an opportunity to retreat from the busy material world around us and enter into the stillness of God's peace. Even on the way to the Cross Jesus had moments where he was comforted and found solace, we too should look for those moments this week in our own journey. Let us pray especially this week for peace, for our world, our families and faith community and for ourselves.

Take time again to read the Passion - to really enter into the mysteries of this week and to experience the true joy of emerging from a lent where you have stepped back a little and taken stock, where you have truly encountered Jesus both in the tomb and on the road to Emmaus.

Please do make an effort to join the faith community during these days - they are special days and a real moment of blessing for our Parish.

*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.

**Parish Office** The Parish Office is closed on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd April and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd April at 10am.

## Weekly Collection

£5343 & €183.60

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Frank Kernan, Joseph Halligan, Gertrude Maxwell, JP McArdle, Liam McKenna, Gerald McGlone, Kathleen Dougan, Gay Fox, Kathleen Hyde and Ann McKenna.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Pat Coney (24th), Rose Quinn (27th), and Pat Speer (27th)

*May they rest in peace.*



## Holy Week in Armagh Parish

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at all Masses

## Masses for Holy Week

St Malachy's Church (Mon - Wed @ 7am)

St Patrick's Cathedral (Mon - Wed @ 8am & 10am)

## Taizé Evening

Monday March 25th - St Patrick's Cathedral 7:00pm led by St Catherines College

## Penitential Service

Tuesday March 26th - St Malachy's Church 6:00pm to 7:30pm - All welcome

**Chrism Mass** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wed 5th April at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass which the Archbishop celebrates with the priests of the Archdiocese in the presence of the people & at which he blesses the Holy Oils, manifests the communion of the priests & people with their bishop.

## Easter Triduum Celebration

### Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm - St Patrick's Cathedral

7.30pm - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey.

Altars of Repose close at 10pm with Night Prayer

### Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, St Malachy's Church & Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran

7.30pm St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey.

Stations of the Cross: 7.30pm St Malachy's Church & Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran

Prayer around the Cross: 9pm St Malachy's Church

### Holy Saturday

St Patrick's Cathedral

10am - Morning Prayer

1pm - Blessing of Easter Food

9pm - Easter Vigil

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran

7:30pm Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

St Malachy's Church: 8am & 9.30am

St Patrick's Cathedral: 11am, 12.30pm.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran: 10am

St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey: 10am

**Easter Outreach** Anyone who wishes are invited to leave tinned and dried food in the Sacristy of any of our Churches this week - between Palm Sunday and Good Friday - this food will be distributed among local food charities. Many thanks for your support.

### 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.

**Parish Envelopes** The Parish Envelopes are ready for collection from Monday 25th March in the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year.

**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.

## 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: "Transformation in Christ" with Deacon Pat Butterly

**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

## 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.

**Legion of Mary** are inviting new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12-17yo's) groups on Mondays 6-7.30pm in SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane, Armagh. We pray the Rosary, learn more about our Faith, make new friends and become more involved in Church life. More Information can be found on the Parish website.

## At Three O'Clock

At three o'clock each afternoon, I say a special prayer,  
That God will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.  
Because at three o'clock he died, one Friday long ago.  
And there were those who did not weep and those who did not know.  
I pray for relatives and friends who now have passed away,  
And all who are silent echoes of a distant yesterday.  
It may be Sunday, Monday, or the last day of the week,  
As I petition God to give the favour that I seek.  
But every day at three o'clock I say that special prayer,  
That he will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.  
Amen.