

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

Mon - Fri: 7am
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 week's Gospel, the 'Transfiguration' is a special reminder that we can all be transformed as we unite with Jesus this Lent. Lent is a time where we are called to see things differently, to see through the lens of Faith and to reflect our closeness to Jesus in our relationships with others.

Transfiguration, or transformation, happens from within. Any of us can be physically transformed but the true transformation happens when our hearts are transformed - when the hardness and negativity are replaced by love and peace. Imagine the joy that the disciples felt at the presence of Jesus in their midst being transfigured in the beaming white light of heaven, a similar event happens us each time we receive the Eucharist, however often we fail to recognise it, often we fail to acknowledge that "it is good to be here".

During covid19 lockdowns we came to recognise that hope can not be bought, it cannot be picked up in the local shops, nor can peace! Peace must be won and the way to win peace is to spread love. Love comes from within - Love comes from God. So like the disciples in today's Gospel we can say - 'It is truly good to be here', recognising God in our midst and placing our needs, those of our loved one and our very selves into his hands.

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.

Collections

Weekly Collection: £5127 & €284.21

Ash Wednesday: £1467 & €25.00

Cathedral Maintenance & Repairs: £3325.00 & €40.40

The Annual Church Door Collection for the Order of Malta will be taken up at all Masses on Sunday 3rd March.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Evelyn Loughlin, Paul O'Callaghan, Martin Johnston, Carla Knipe, Joseph Fitzgerald, Margaret Fagan, Mary Frances Fletcher, Jean McGarvey, and Michael Carson.



MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Frank Delaney (25th), Eamon Clarke (25th), Jonathan Knipe (28th), and Brian McCourt (1st)

May they rest in peace.

The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral Fundraising Campaign continues. If you can help, please contact Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office.

Congratulations to Cardinal Sean Brady who recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

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:

- Ogle Street, Thomas Street, Chapel Lane
- Daires Willows, Willowbank, Graveyard Lane
- Alexander Gardens, Alexander Rd, Lisanally Lane
- Killuney Drive, Drumadd Green
- Ballyrath Road, Baltarran Rd
- Edward St
- Nursery Rd & Callanbridge Park
- Navan 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.

Peace Candle At the beginning of the year we placed a Peace Candle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The candle burns perpetually for peace in our world. We encourage you to visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and offer a prayer for peace during these troubled times.

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.



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.

St Patrick's Festival Bishop Donal McKeown and Bishop Patricia Storey will lead the 'Armagh Cathedral's Partnership' St Patrick's Event in the Marketplace Theatre on Tuesday 12th March at 7:30pm. Tickets are free but must be booked through the Market Place Theatre in advance. All are welcome

Diocesan Synod Core Group On Wednesday evening, the Diocesan Synod Core Group invites you to meet in the Synod Hall for the Spring Regional Gathering to be updated on the synodal process

currently ongoing within the Church. The gathering will begin at 7pm and finish before 9pm.

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: "Salvation" with Bishop Michael Router

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.

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.

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.

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Sat 16th March. Talks & workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €38 inc lunch & refreshments. To register visit www.evangelium.ie

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

Palestine Children's Relief Fund West Armagh Consortium are holding a Coffee Morning in Sherry's Field from 10am to 2pm today (Sunday) in aid of the Palestinian Aid fund. All are welcome

Benburb Priory The Priests of the Parish will offer Mass in Benburb Priory on Friday mornings at 10am followed by confession and adoration. All are welcome.

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.