

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

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Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral
Monday - Saturday: 10am
Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church
Tuesday - Friday: 8am
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,

This Sunday we hear how the Disciples recognised Jesus on the Road to Emmaus - however they did not recognise him immediately but rather it took some time.

As the Disciples were discussing their earlier encounter Jesus came and stood among them - speaking words of peace "Peace be with you" he said. Jesus came to deliver a message of peace not only to the Disciples but to the world. As Jesus speaks in today's Gospel so too he speaks to each of us "Peace be with you".

We live in a troubled world where Peace is very much lacking - heartache, bloodshed, wars and violence are often all that is reported on the news - I can't remember the last time I heard a good news story on the TV news and yet we wonder why. Everywhere we look people are seeking to banish Jesus and His message from society - we hear young people speaking about a "Post Christian World" where the secular agenda rules the day.

If post Christian involves a lack of hope and a desire for hate and war then maybe we need to consider returning to the message of Peace that Jesus came to deliver. People often speak of an oppressive Church - how faith limits our freedoms, however we must reimagine Jesus' mission - Jesus came to free us from the oppression of the material world and bring us freedom to see the bigger picture. Jesus came to turn our mourning into dancing - to free us from the darkness of war and violence and bring us closer to a kingdom of Peace and Light.

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.

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.

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.

Ordination On 20th April Deacons Davis Haberkorn and Francesco Campiello from the Redemptoristine Mater seminary in Dundalk will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Please remember them in your prayers.

Weekly Collection
£5686.00 & €218.10

Holy Land Collection
£4240.00 & €77.40

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Eamon Donnelly, Neil Johnston, Roma Maguire, Michael Haughey, Owen McAfee, Jeanene Kelly, Annie McGirr, Barry O'Brien, Ann McBride, Eugene Campbell and Frank Kernan

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Liam McKenna (13th), John Paul McArdle (13th), Joseph Halligan (17th), Gertrude Maxwell (17th) and Attracta McFadden (20th).

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.

St Patrick's Cathedral We will begin an architectural survey of the Cathedral in the coming weeks - this is a standard inspection that takes place every number of years and informs the maintenance and work schedule for the Cathedral going forward. As you know we are planning some major works on the Cathedral and this inspection will be the start of that process. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Parish Envelopes Some Parish Envelopes remain available for collection from the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year. If you haven't received your envelopes and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office.

New Screens have been installed in the Cathedral. We hope to develop these screens in order that hymn lyrics and prayers can be put on them. Your feedback is always appreciated.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society are planning to visit Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk at 2pm on Wed 1st May, the Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker. The Seminary was established in 2012 to form Priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Five Priests and two Deacons have been ordained from this Seminary to date. The two Deacons will be ordained to the Priesthood on Sat 20th April in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. There are currently 17 Seminarians in formation in the Seminary. This is an opportunity to see and support the work in the Seminary and to meet the Seminarians. As the Seminary has asked to be advised of the number of persons wishing to go along beforehand, please contact 07752409636 for further information.

St Patrick's Cathedral Rosary Group invite you to join them in reciting the Holy Rosary each morning (Monday- Saturday) before 10am Holy Mass, beginning at 9.30am from Wednesday 1st May. Those unable to attend can listen online. All welcome.

Armagh Apostolic Spring Sale on Saturday 20th April in Mount St Catherine's P.S. from 10am-11.50am. Raffle, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, woollen goods. All proceeds go to support schools, churches, food, water in the Missions. Last year we supported over 80 missionaries.



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.

Let's Talk About Faith hold their monthly meeting in SVP Centre, Chapel Lane on Thurs 18th April. This month's topic is Eschatology (Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell & Purgatory). All are welcome to join & learn more about the Catholic Faith. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.15pm and the talk begins after with a cup of tea.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine; it will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you the way you love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you.

Prayer for Strength

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially, I need some extra strength, to face whatever is to be. This day more than any day, I need to feel you near, To fortify my courage, and to overcome my fear. By myself, I cannot meet, the challenge of the hour, There are times when humans help, but we need a higher power, To assist us bear what must be borne, and so dear Lord, I pray, Hold on to my trembling hand, and be near me today. Amen