

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,

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday - Vocations Sunday. Today we take a moment to look at the importance of prayer for Vocations and thank God for all those who minister in our Church.

Here in the Archdiocese of Armagh, we are blessed to have a Missionary Seminary in Dundalk where students come from around the world to study for the Priesthood and to serve here in the Diocese. Just yesterday (Saturday) we celebrated the Ordination of two new priests Fr Davis originally from Colorado, USA and Fr Francesco originally from Italy - these new priests are a wonderful blessing to our Archdiocese and an inspiration to the 18 students currently in Dundalk, and our students in Maynooth (1), Rome (1) and Salamanca (1).

In our Parish we do pray at Masses for Vocations and this is so very important - today we also have our Education Collection which is also a way of supporting the training of student priests - as you can imagine the education for each one is a significant investment.

Pope Francis today in his message for Vocations Sunday launches the Jubilee year 2025 which the Church will celebrate under the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' this will be a wonderful moment where the Church is lifted by the Joy of the Gospel. Here in our Parish our Pastoral Council begin a facilitated 'Listening and Planning' programme where we aim to develop a 3 year Parish Plan for our pastoral outreach going forward - this is an exciting moment for our Parish and you are invited to complete a survey online to include your voice in this process, a link is included on Facebook or you can scan this QR Code.



As Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, I am always available to speak to anyone who is thinking of Priesthood - do speak about it in your families and encourage younger members to consider God's call - wouldn't it be great to have a vocation from 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.

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.

Weekly Collection

£5521 & €107.52

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Hugh McCusker, Eamon Donnelly, Neil Johnston, Roma Maguire, Michael Haughey, Owen McAfee and Jeanene Kelly

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Ann McBride (21st), Eugene Campbell (21st), Frank Kernan (22nd), Annie McGirr (24th) and Barry O'Brien (26th)

May they rest in peace.



Education of Clergy and Laity This collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in vocational on-going formation in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We currently support students for the priesthood in Maynooth, Rome, Salamanca and our own Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk who are preparing to be ordained as Priests for the Archdiocese of Armagh.

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 have began 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.

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. Seven Priests have been ordained from this Seminary to date. 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.

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.



Dates for your diary! Sr Mary Roe rscj will be leading a Lectio Divina Prayer on the Words of Our Lady on Wednesday 8th May at 3pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. On Wednesday 6th June, there will also be a talk on the History of Devotion to the Sacred Heart at 3pm in the St. Vincent Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 24th April at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

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.

Cemetery Sunday 2024

St. Colmcille's Church - 9th June after 10am Mass

Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Old Graveyard - 14th June at 7:30pm

New Graveyard - 15th June after 7:30pm Mass

St Patrick's Cemetery - 30th June at 12noon

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 26th May. A bus will leave the main Cathedral Gates on the day at 7.30am. Price £20. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking at Armagh Parish Office.

Prayer for Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others; touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever.

Amen.

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