

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,

One of my favourite quotes from the diary of St Faustina is God's words "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the whole world... for you I descended from Heaven to Earth.. I let my heart be pierced with a lance thus opening wide the source of mercy for you". In these words we come to understand the magnitude of Easter - the feast that truly rocked the world, changing how we live and die.

This Lent, Holy Week and Easter were special moments of grace for me and I think everyone who came together as a community during these days were touched by God in a special way. Maybe today we should spend some time asking how Easter is going to change how we live going forward - what lasting impact does Easter have on our lives? Is Easter just a day or are we truly an Easter people?

We are constantly surrounded by the negativities of the world around us and the attempts to exclude God from the public square, indeed today's Gospel reminds us that this was the same at the first Easter when Thomas, one of the 12, doubted. Even in the midst of such doubt, unbelief and darkness in the world God is still with us - He stands with us in the Sacraments, nourishing and guiding us, strengthening and loving us. Today's Feast, Divine Mercy, reminds us that God loves even the persecutors and those who have turned away from Him, because God is love and mercy personified. Thank God.

Thanks again to our Altar Societies and all those who keep our Churches looking so well - all week comments have been made about how well all 4 of our churches look. They are resplendent and so very fitting for the celebration of Easter.

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
£6875 & €230

Good Friday Collection
£4240 & €77.40

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Owen McAfee, Annie McGirr, Barry O'Brien, Ann McBride, Attracta McFadden, Eugene Campbell, Frank Kernan, Joseph Halligan, Gertrude Maxwell, JP McArdle, Liam McKenna.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Kate Dougan (12th) and Gerard McGlone (12th)

May they rest in peace.



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions, music, prayer and confessions will begin in the Cathedral today at 3pm and will conclude at 5:30 with Mass. All are welcome!

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 The Parish Envelopes are ready for collection from the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year.

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

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 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.



Jesus, I Trust in You