

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,

Come Holy Spirit, Come! This simple Pentecost prayer is a reminder that all we need to do as followers of Jesus is to call on His Spirit to be with us and He will respond.

The Feast of Pentecost is both a celebration of the birth of our Church and also a reminder to us that God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain close to us.

Often when we think of the beginnings of the Church we can think of a glossy and exultant moment of tranquillity and peace, however as we know the Church throughout the ages has faced challenges and difficulties. Today as we think about the re-birth of the Church we are very aware of the challenges we face, the reduced number of young families present, the difficulties getting people to engage in pastoral life, the increasingly hostile secular environment in which we operate are just some, and yet there is nothing new about these challenges when we think about the persecution of the Church, the penal times etc.,

In our parish we are engaged in a process of renewal and rebirth we are working to develop a programme of pastoral care for the next 3 years and a programme of works on the Cathedral which will renew this iconic structure to facilitate the gathering of the faith community for generations to come.



Pope Francis has dedicated next years 'Jubilee Year' as a year of Hope, we are 'pilgrims of hope' - let us respond by making a commitment to be witnesses to the hope of Jesus journeying with God's Holy Spirit.

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.

Priests' Dues Collection

£6046 & €370.66

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Kevin Duffy, Rose Rafferty, Kevin Cartmill, Sammy Gillespie, Geoffrey Brennan, Mairead McQuade.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Jessie Hamill (21st) and Caroline Hackett (21st)

May they rest in peace.



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. Those unable to attend can listen online. All 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.

Evening for Eucharistic Ministers We invite all existing Eucharistic Ministers, as well as those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, to join us on 20th May at 7pm in the Synod Hall. 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.

Sacraments

We congratulate the children being confirmed this weekend in the Cathedral - we ask that the Holy Spirit inspire their faith and desire to grow in relationship with Jesus. Thanks to the families of our confirmandi and their school principals and staff for all they do in our faith community.

Congratulations to all the children who received 1st Holy Communion during these past few weeks - we are so blessed to have families who desire their children to be close to Jesus and we encourage them to develop as part of the faith community.



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.

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.



Dates for your diary! On Wednesday 6th June, there will also be a talk on the History of Devotion to the Sacred Heart at 2.30pm in the St. Vincent Paul Centre, Chapel Lane with Sr Mary Roe. All welcome.

Legion of Mary are gathering at Our Lady's Shrine at Dalton Road during the Month of May on Monday evenings at 8.10pm (after 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's) to pray the Rosary. All welcome.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome new people to join us at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings. Join us for a cuppa at 7.30pm, rosary at 7.40pm, and prayer meeting 8-9.30pm. All welcome.

Pentecost Sunday Holy Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service in St. Malachy's Church on Sunday 19th May. Celebrant: Fr James Adawai SMMM. Homilist: Deacon Pat Butterly. 2.30pm-5pm.

St. Brigid 1500 - Family Fun Day, Dundalk The Archdiocese of Armagh in partnership with the parishes of Dundalk, will host a Family Fun Day in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk, on Sunday 16th June 2024 from 3pm - 6pm. The family fun day is free of charge and will be followed by a procession to St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk, for a special prayer service dedicated to St. Brigid. Please note that under 16's must be accompanied. The event is part of the Archdiocese of Armagh's year-long celebrations to mark the life and legacy of St. Brigid, on this the 1500th anniversary of her death. All are invited to attend.

Westenders Social Dance in Sherry's Field on Wednesday 29th May from 2pm-5pm. Gold Ring Band playing. Entrance £5 includes refreshments.

Summer Concert with Canticle, the Choir of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University We are thrilled to announce details of our forthcoming Summer Concert, Sunday 2 June at 7pm. The singers and musicians of Canticle Sacred Music Society will provide a rich programme of sacred and traditional music, with contributions from our student string quartet, our Irish traditional ensemble, and celebrated soprano, Eilis Fox. Our good friend, Rev Steve Stockman, will host us in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, with light refreshments afterwards by Mosaic Cafe. All monies raised from tickets, priced at just £10 each, will help support our choir tour to Italy in June. Please follow the link to secure your ticket early for what is sure to be a popular event!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer before Exams

Loving God, be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me
and for the opportunity of education.
Calm my nerves and anxiety,
help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exams
and always.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.