

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,

May, the month of Our Lady - always had a special place in my heart. The hope of Spring with the warmth of Summer. May of course always nestled nicely into the Joy of the Easter Season, even though for some Easter may seem a long time ago. May of course is an Easter month - when the World around us seems to sing with joyful praise - new growth and rebirth seems to be the message of the month and so too the message of Mary - whose Yes to life and Yes to Jesus is our model and example.

My favourite hymn has to be "Bring flowers of the rarest" that hymn of my childhood that heralded in a new season 'Summer' and the promise that comes with it - just this week Pope Francis spoke about the prayers we prayed as children and how they should hold a special place in our hearts and strengthen our relationship with God. These prayers nourish and sustain us as they have been taught to us with great love and care. The 'May Altar' was also a staple in our home with fresh flowers and a devotional statue as children we always loved to see it being prepared.

This month, let us all remember... let nostalgia take over and let us prepare our May Altars and tell stories of our memories of being taught prayers and hymns, our May processions and our Rosary walks. Let us pray that the young families today will also be blessed with similar nuggets of love and hope that in the future that too can look back on with joy.

This year more than most we need to pray for peace - maybe an appropriate intention for your May Altar this year would be 'Peace'.

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
£5326.00 & €154.52

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Sammy Gillespie, Geoffrey Brennan, Mairead McQuade, Jessie Hamill, Caroline Hackett, Colm Conlon and Hugh McCusker.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Roma Maguire (4th), Michael Haughey (5th) and Eamon Donnelly (10th)



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.

Parish Envelopes Some Parish Envelopes remain available for collection from the Parish Office for the following areas: Umgola Manor, Ballyrath, Drumbreda Ave, Oakridge, Rosemount & Tullymore Downs. 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 visit the Parish Office. Thank you!

Evening for Readers We invite all existing readers, as well as those who are interested in reading at Mass, to join us on 15th May at 7pm in the Synod Hall. All welcome!

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!

Sacraments We congratulate the children who have received their First Holy Communion and pray for those families preparing for the Sacraments during these days.

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! 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.

St Malachy's Church Toilets Due to anti-social behaviour taking place, the toilets in St Malachy's will be closed during the day until further notice. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

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.



Exam Mass An Exam Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11th at 6:30pm. All welcome!

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.

Legion of Mary will be 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 are invited to join us.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic at Benburb Priory on Sunday 12th May from 11am-6pm with Mgr. Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi and Live Zoom call with Bl Carlo's Mother, Antonia, on the day. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. Special Guest - Dana. All welcome!

All Ireland Rosary Rally Saturday 1st June in Knock Shrine. Coach Booking, call: Catherina 07899810181/Gabrielle 07933521105.

Youth Synodal Gathering The Diocesan Pastoral Team would like to extend an invitation to young people between the ages of 18 & 35, and young families, to a synodal gathering to discuss issues relating to the Church and to faith on 9th May 2024 at 7pm in the Confraternity Room in St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

