

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.

SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

We all lead a guide in life - a good shepherd who cares for us unconditionally. The readings today are a perfect example of how Jesus puts our needs at the centre of His ministry, he takes the disciples to rest however when the crowd follows He immediately goes to tend to their needs, to nourish and sustain them to cure the sick and bless all gathered.

We are aware as a faith community of how our community sustains and blesses each one of us in our daily lives and how the sacraments are central to that however today we can reflect on Jesus personally guiding us, pointing the way to a brighter path, a path of freedom and hope, a path of renewal and nourishment. Open up to Jesus this week and ask Him to be your guide, your travelling companion, your shepherd.

This week in Armagh will be special as we prepare for the All Ireland Final and as we give thanks for all the blessings we have received to date. This is a week where we celebrate community and what it means to support one another and celebrate with one another. The colours that are displayed throughout Armagh are symbolic of the bright tomorrow that we hope for. Let us join together in encouraging our young people in the ways of genuine and fun filled sport without the need for over excess of alcohol or the use of illegal substances etc. Let us also pull together to ensure that our entire community are part of this historic week for the county.

Finally and most importantly let us send our best wishes to Kieran, Aidan, the team and the backroom staff who have all worked so hard to get to this point and pray that after a fair and hard fought challenge that Armagh can bring Sam back to the Cathedral

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

£5503 & €205.06

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Peter Kennedy, Sean McGuigan, Laurence McCay, Ann Doyle, Eithne O'Hare, Rosemary McKee, Caroline Jefferies, Hugh Donnelly, Patrick McKenna, Molly Brannigan, Maureen McNeice, Deirdra Dalton and Pat Donaghy.



MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Declan Hunter (21st) and Patrick McGuigan (21st)

The Fundraising Campaign A special word of thanks to all those who contributed to the fundraising appeal so far. We are still a long way off our target and are appealing once again for your support. The Cathedral stands tall as an icon of hope for us at home and many who have moved away from our city. Let us work together to ensure we can hand on this magnificent building to the next generations. Please do spread the word. Become a 'Friend' or 'Benefactor' of the Cathedral by making a donation or signing up to a direct payment. Feel free to speak to Fr Barry about this worthwhile cause.

Parish Buildings Over the summer months we can see an increase in anti-social behaviour and unauthorised access to some parish properties. We encourage parishioners to remain vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity please let us or the PSNI know.



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.

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.

Missionaries of Charity One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.

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.

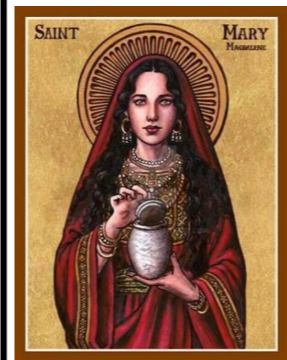


Theology Programme Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish? If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be starting late September. If you are interested contact Milanda on 00353 429342954/milanda@parishandfamily.ie. All are welcome.

National day of Intercession for Priests with Sr. Breige Mc Kenna in Knock Shrine on Monday 5th August. Coach £25. Booking with Gabrielle 07933 521105 or Catherina 07899 810181

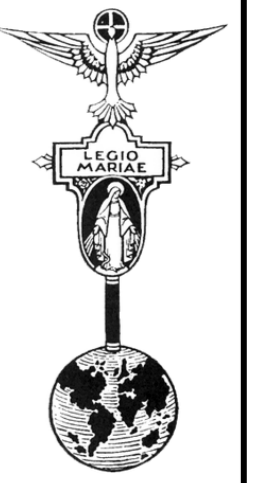
Special Mass for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene 22 July 2024

As part of our St. Brigid 1500 celebrations, we warmly invite all to a special Mass at 7pm on 22nd July in St. Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass honours the invaluable contributions of women to the Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We extend an invitation to parishes, religious congregations, and groups throughout the Archdiocese to join us in this celebration. We also encourage families and communities to join us in celebrating St. Brigid and the many women who have shared their faith and served our communities through the ages.



O lamp of the world and gleaming pearl, who by announcing Christ's resurrection merited to become the "Apostle of the Apostles," Mary Magdalene, be ever our loving advocate with God who has chosen you.

The Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff in Dublin on the 7th September 1921. In the early days the members visited patients in a nearby hospital for the poor. Very soon more challenging work was undertaken, and the members had, and still have, complete dependence on Our Lady. There are ongoing calls for the Beatification of past members Frank Duff, Edel Quinn and Alfie Lamb, of which the details can be found widely online.

The Legion of Mary has been in Armagh Parish since the early thirties. At present there is a Senior Praesidium who also run Junior (7to12) and Intermediate (12to18) praesidia in the parish. The Senior members attend a weekly meeting and visit housebound parishioners and care homes, lead a rosary at Our Lady's statue during May and in the Cemetery on Sundays in November and any work requested by our Parish Administrator.

At the weekly Junior and Intermediate meetings children become familiar with praying the Rosary and grow in confidence by doing works such as Mass serving and reading at Mass, learning catechism, leading the Rosary and other prayers and visiting care homes. They also enjoy some fun activities and trips.

It's more challenging to be a Catholic in today's world than in the past - we need to support each other in faith. The Legion of Mary helps prepare children and adults for that challenge. We are seeking new members for both Senior, Junior and Intermediate Praesidia.

We are urgently seeking new senior members. We meet each Tuesday evening in the SVP Centre, Ogle St. after 7.30pm Mass.

We also welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays in SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane, Armagh.

Contact Margaret 07799 867 714 for Senior Praesidium and Denise 07856 172 206 for Junior and Intermediates.

Let's Talk About Faith will meet Thursday 25th July at SVP Centre (1-5 Chapel Lane), the topic this month is 'Defending Our Faith 2'. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7.15pm and the talk will follow after with a cup of tea. All are very welcome to join.

Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim Feast Day: Fri 26th July

O Holy Mother and Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness.

Through your faithfulness and goodness the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus.

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14)

Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hands and our hearts in the way of virtue.

Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did.

Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Saints Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus.
Amen.