



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,

Traditionally this week has been days of holiday and retreat and as such I want to extend a warm welcome to any visitors to our parish this weekend and extend a blessing on those who will travel that they will have a blessed time of rest and renewal.

Jesus taught us of the importance of getting a break - taking time away to renew our hearts and souls and to re-connect both with our own thoughts and with God. The Church has a tradition of 'retreat' where people - lay, clergy and religious often take some time away from their community to rest and renew. Each of us can do this - maybe we will travel away for a few days or maybe we are planning on staying closer to home - a good book or a series on tv or just a few days of planned quiet can offer us the retreat time that is often needed.

Maybe during your time of retreat you could write some thoughts down, those blessings that we overlook - write them down, those things that you have overcome in life - write them down, those moments where you have experienced God's love - write them down.

Whatever way you can 'retreat' this summer - please remember that God is with you. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are surrounded by a lack of faith - sometimes we need to reconnect our own relationship with Jesus in order to renew our hearts and souls.

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.

Parish Office Please note the Parish Office is closed on Fri 12th and Mon 15th July and will reopen on Tues 16th July.

Cemetery Sunday Collection

£11,507 & €376.32

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Molly Brannigan, Maureen McNeice, Deirdra Dalton, Patrick McGuigan, Declan Hunter, Pat Donaghy and Patrick Pearse Killen

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Pat McNaney (10th)

May they rest in peace.



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.

Summer Play Scheme organised by the Missionaries of Charity, Armagh in Sherry's Field from 15th July - 2nd August. Forms available from the Sisters at 19A Cathedral Rd. Tel. 02837528654.

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.

Legion of Mary welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays 3pm 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

Armagh St Patrick's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul are organising a parish bus trip to Enniskillen on Wednesday 17th July. The cost is £20 per person and includes dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. All enquiries should be made Bridget on 0754 982 9423

Lourdes Committee The Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage 2024 to Lourdes in May was very successful. We were able to take our local sick pilgrims to allow them prayerful respite from their illnesses. The committee would like to thank the people of Armagh for your continued support and kindness. We will endeavour to make every effort to assist our sick to travel to Lourdes in 2025. Contact: Ann 07736415305.

mary's meals | a simple solution to world hunger

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a global charity which was founded in 2002 when a Scottish fish farmer visited Malawi during a severe famine. Children were unable to attend school because of starvation. Deeply affected by what he witnessed, he started a feeding programme in a school for 200 pupils. The charity was named after our Blessed Mother Mary. Currently, Mary's Meals provides a free daily meal at school to 2.4 million of the world's poorest and hungriest children across 17 countries.

A donation of £19.15 pays for school meals for a child for a year. These meals are the main meal of the day for these children and the only meal for some.

The low cost of meals is due to the fact that the food is all sourced in the local area which in addition helps their economy. All preparation and serving of food is done by volunteers.

In Armagh, there is a Mary's Meals group who meet every Tuesday in the Old Clinic in Dobbin Street. Their main work is fundraising to reach more children with meals. They have a Pop Up Shop every Tuesday from 11.30 -2.30pm.

Currently, the group have undertaken a project to fund meals for 4,018 pupils in a school called Mpala which is in Malawi. To date, they have raised £24,803.33 but are aiming to reach £74,944.70 by February 2025.

Mother Teresa said "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Donations can be given any Tuesday to the ladies in Dobbin Street or if anyone wants to make a donation online please scan the QR code.



The Spirit to Know You

Gracious and Holy Father,
Please give me:
intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
ears to hear you,
eyes to see you,
a tongue to proclaim you,
a way of life pleasing to you,
patience to wait for you
and perseverance to look for you.
Grant me a perfect end,
your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection
and life everlasting.

St Benedict
Feast Day - 11th July

