

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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Dear Friends,

Jesus in this week's Gospel teaches us a very important message about the Eucharist - He is the bread that come down from Heaven. Many people ask me to explain the Eucharist and how this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and often times I stumble in my explanation - mainly because I feel that this line between faith and understanding can be blurred in this regard. We all of course live in an age where we can google any question and come up with a range of answers but sometimes it's more about faith than understanding, and faith is a gift.

Science can teach us so much and in this regard I draw your attention to the various Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world - these miracles were documented by Bl Carlo Acutis so very well, these were instances where the Eucharist turned into the physical presence of blood. Of course this doesn't happen everywhere but it happens sometimes as a reminder of the presence of Jesus in our midst - to remind us that we are uniting ourselves with the beating heart of Jesus every time we attend Mass.

Reverence for the Eucharist is so very important - not merely an outward 'display' but an inward disposition, our hearts must be turned towards God. The Church recommends that we receive the Eucharist having prepared to do so and then that we "Go and proclaim the Good News" we are never encouraged to attend every Mass there is, but rather that we become the witnesses to what we have received in the world - that we can bring the joy of the Gospel out onto the streets and into our communities.

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.

Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets are also available before and after Mass in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church

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: £5592 & €244.23
Sick & Retired Priests: £2725 & €244.23

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Eugene O'Hagan, Eileen Loughran, Damien McConville, Una Donnelly, Paolo Taffi, Ann Toal, Celine McKenna and Brendan Raftery.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Eithne O'Hare (11th), Rosemary McKee (11th), Laurence McCay (12th), Ann Doyle (14th), Sean McGuigan (16th) and Peter Kennedy (16th)

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.



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 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. For more info contact Denise: 07856172206

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society warmly invite you to join them on the Feast of the Assumption for the celebration of Holy Mass at 6pm on Thursday 15th August at St. Brigid's Shrine, Faughart, just a short distance from Dundalk. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Router. Tradition holds that Faughart is the birthplace of St. Brigid, Ireland's most celebrated female Saint, and 2024 is a special year marking the 1500th anniversary of her death. As there are no facilities at the Shrine for providing hospitality you may consider bringing some refreshments. For further details contact 07752409636.

Mary's Meals Armagh and Servite Priory Benburb Group wish to sincerely thank everyone who donated to their recent church collection. The total amount of donations was £2270.

St Patrick's Cathedral Rosary Group

"The Rosary is my favourite prayer"
St. Pope John Paul II

The Rosary Group in St. Patricks Cathedral Armagh was founded over 30 years ago by a group of dedicated local parishioners who wanted to gather together and pray the Holy Rosary as one. The Holy Rosary has been recited almost every weekday since, with some of those original members still attending today.

The Holy Rosary is a powerful tool to help the faithful understand and live the mysteries of the Gospel. It is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection and one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church.

With advances in technology, the Holy Rosary is now recited daily from the altar in the Cathedral at 9:30am each weekday, including Saturdays, before 10:00am mass, allowing those who are unable to attend mass in person, to connect and pray with parishioners in the Cathedral each morning.

The Rosary Group are keen for new parishioners to join them either in the Cathedral or online, each weekday morning, including Saturdays.

"If families give Our Lady 15 minutes a day by reciting the Holy Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places...the family that prays together, stays together" - Fr. Patrick Peyton

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran Works begin this week in the Sanctuary area of the Church and will last approximately two weeks. The church will be closed during this time. Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will take place as normal.

Feast of the Assumption

Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

St Malachy's Church: 8am and 7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral: 10am

Church of the Immaculate Conception: 9am (in Community Centre)
St Colmcille's Church: Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer

Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.

