

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,

Yet again in this week's Gospel, we read about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and we are encouraged to open our hearts and minds to allow Jesus to live in us.

Like the Jews in the Gospel we all have questions - 'how' & 'why' are some such questions, yet again we are reminded about the difference between faith and understanding. Sometimes we need to understand and sometimes we need to trust God more.

Jesus says "whoever eats my body... has eternal life" - the importance of gathering together at Mass is highlighted here - we gather as a community of faith around the table of the Lord - like any family who gathers around the table we bring our joys and our sufferings and together as a community we ease the burdens and share the joy with one another.

Let us continue to grow in our love for Jesus in the Eucharist - let us continue to develop our understanding of the importance of Mass and the centrality of this great Sacrament in our lives and the life of the Church.

If you have questions - thank God for them and pray for wisdom, that gift of the Holy Spirit that you might more fully understand and be reverent. Questions are always healthy as they allow us to grow - the Catechism and 'YouCat' are wonderful resources to answer the 'why' that we often ask.

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
£6341 and €97.22

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Jean Breen, Margaret Murphy, Catriona White, Elizabeth Loughran, Eugene O'Hagan, Eileen Loughran, Damien McConville, Una Donnelly and Paolo Taffi.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Ann Toal (19th), Celine McKenna (23rd) and Mary Crudden (24th)

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

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran Works have unfortunately been delayed due to a bereavement. We hope for them to begin soon.

Congratulations to all those who received exam results this week. May God guide your next steps. We keep all those awaiting GCSE results in our prayers, as well as all those preparing to return to school in September. We are very proud of you all!

Prayer for the New School Year

Lord, you make all things new,
you bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be renewed. Thank you for this New Year and for all the potential that it holds. Help us in all that we do. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name.
Amen.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is a Society of lay people approved by the Irish Episcopal Conference. The Society was founded by Mrs Mary Olivia Taaffe in 1895.



The purpose of the Society is to - foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to assist financially in the education of students for the Priesthood; promote the vocation of the laity and to foster a greater understanding and love of the Holy Eucharist and help members to be Christ's presence in every aspect of life.

The Society works through Branches. A group of committed people in a Parish form a Branch with the approval of the Parish Priest. They elect officers, meet monthly to prepare and organise the activities of the Society in their community. The activities and news of the Society throughout Ireland are published in the news-sheet 'The Sheaf' which is issued quarterly and distributed to Members.

There are 11 Branches in the Archdiocese of Armagh. The Armagh Branch was founded just over 38 years ago. The current membership includes a number of those who attended its inaugural meeting on 15 May 1986. Much has changed in Ireland since then, yet much of what it means to be a Priest remains unchanged - to serve and to lead. Demands upon our Priests are great and varied, particularly with a shortage of Priests at present we need to provide encouragement, gratitude and support to them.

Branches promote regular prayers for vocations, most notably the Prayer for Vocations which is recited every day. The Armagh Branch invite the Parish community to join them at the Annual National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in June, the Armagh Provincial Congress, the Annual Lenten Afternoon of Prayer and other Outings. Participation at Holy Mass on Feast Days and special occasions is very important.

How can you help? In his annual messages for World Day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis repeatedly invites us to 'Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Luke 10;2).

The work of fostering vocations belongs to the entire Christian community. Taking part in the work of the Society is one way in which lay people can respond to the task. They look to the future and to their children and their grandchildren's future. They want to hand on their faith and their love of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, for which Priests will always be needed.

When and Where do we meet? Members of the Armagh Branch meet in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, Armagh on the first Wednesday of each month (excluding January, July and August) following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church.

Those wishing to join the Branch are most welcome to attend. For further details on the work of the Society and the Branch you should contact the Branch President on 028 37 525572.

Westenders Community Barbeque on Sunday 1st Sept 1pm-4pm at Sherry's Field Community Centre. Adult £7 & Child £4. Tickets can be purchased from West Armagh Consortium Office or by calling Siobhan 07763067589

Fan the Spark Conference for Young Adults (18-40) Saturday 24th August 9.30am-5.30pm in Legion of Mary, Brunswick St., Dublin. Cost €15. Talks on art, faith, tour of Frank Duff House, Mass, Adoration and more. To book visit www.eventbrite.ie or contact deusetpatria@gmail.com