

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,

Yesterday's Feast of the Exultation of the True Cross is a reminder to us that whatever Cross we carry in life we truly unite our Cross with the Cross of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading is a reminder that following Jesus is not an easy option, as Christians we are not guaranteed an exemption from the Cross but rather we are guaranteed the strength needed to lift the heavy weight.

So many of us, our family members, our community and friends are carrying heavy Crosses at this moment - many people tell me in time of trial and struggle how they find prayer hard but that the knowledge that the faith community is united in prayer truly is the strength that they need to carry on. Each Mass is an invitation to grow closer to Jesus and in each Mass we unite with those who are not present as well as those who are present.

The faith community is not solely about our weekly 'duties' but rather being a member of the faith community is about being part of a family of faith who unite our prayer for the common good and for those who find it difficult to pray and those who have turned away from the Church that they would some day return. Each time you say a prayer do remember someone who is in need but who cannot pray themselves - ask God to shine His light on their hearts so that they may feel His healing love.

On a personal note, today I mark 1 year since taking the position of Administrator of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, I want to take the opportunity to thank the many people who have made it possible for me to undertake this role, the parishioners, clergy, staff, volunteers, agencies and groups and school communities to name but a few. It truly is the privilege of my life to serve the people in Armagh and again I want to reiterate that my door is always open to you.

Wishing you a blessed week,
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 are 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.

Priests' Dues Collection
£7695 & €121

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Frankie Gorman, Margaret McCamley, Damian Donnelly, Teresa Campbell, Maureen Mackey and John Kearney.



MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Fr Raymond O'Connell (18th) and Harriet McArdle (21st)

May they rest in peace.

The Fundraising Campaign This weekend Parishes across the Diocese are responding to AB Eamon's request for a diocesan collection for the Cathedral Repair & Maintenance Fundraising Campaign. We are appreciative to parishioners here of this Parish for your generosity and continued support for the project. This weekend in particular we acknowledge the support of many parishioners across the diocese. Currently we are awaiting the structural report which will inform the schedule of works that are required. Anyone wishing to discuss this or in a position to support this please contact Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office

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.

St Bernadette's Relics will come to St Patrick's Cathedral on October 19th. A full schedule of the day will be available soon.

Autumn Tours We are delighted to launch a series of tours of St Patrick's Cathedral & Museum. Parishioners and visitors to Armagh have the unique opportunity to explore the Cathedral & our museum with the help of our expert guides. Places are limited so we encourage you to book your place today! Visit tinyurl.com/CathedralTours2024 or scan the QR Code.



Happy Birthday to Fr James! We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Fr James who celebrated his 40th Birthday this week!

Parish Coffee Morning We are having a Parish Social on Saturday 21st September in the Synod Hall after 10am Mass. All welcome to join for tea, coffee and refreshments and music by the Westenders Ukulele Group.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth and community. Rosary at 7.45pm.

The Legion of Mary are running a bus to Knock Shrine on Sunday 29th September leaving from front gates of St Malachy's Church at 7.30am. (St Bernadette relics will arrive in Knock on that morning). £20 per person. To book call Margaret on 07799867714 or Denise 07856 172206.

Fundraiser Armagh's Charity Fundraiser and avid cyclist Willie Nugent is planning to cycle from St Patrick's Grave in Downpatrick to St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh to raise funds for the Cathedral's 150th anniversary appeal on Wednesday 18th September. If you would like to support Willie's cycle you can leave a donation in the Parish Office or donate to the GoFundMe by scanning this QR code. Even a small donation could help Willie Nugent reach his fundraising goal. And if you can't donate, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults returns on Tues 10th September. 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. New members welcome! For more info contact 07856 172206

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Anyone interested in volunteering for our planned Children's Liturgy are invited to join a meeting in the Parochial House on Thursday September 19th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend to discuss this important and exciting new initiative for the younger members of our parish.

Christmas Crib Exhibition There is a special tradition in Rome of exhibiting Crib in Churches. The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting anyone with a 'spare' Crib to donate it to the Parish where we can display it in the Synod Hall during the Christmas Season. All cribs are welcome but especially cribs from other countries and any interesting ones will be of particular interest. The idea is that families would visit the display of cribs in the Synod Hall over Christmas however we don't want anyone to be left without a crib so only consider donating a spare one!

Altar Servers Forms will be distributed in the coming weeks through the schools for new Altar Servers in the Parish. Please do encourage young family members to consider becoming a server at Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to be engaged in the Mass and gain a unique understanding of the faith.

Parking on Church Grounds We ask all those attending our Churches to be reasonable around parking and to consider others and park in designated areas only. Thank you to those who do so.

Matt Talbot Bus Trip Annual Pioneer Bus Trip to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin on Sunday 22nd September. Bus will leave from the Armagh City Hotel at 10am. Fare: £20. To book contact Mary Livingstone - 07974629994.

Armagh City & District Lourdes AGM Armagh City & District Lourdes Committee are holding their AGM on Monday 30th Sept at 7pm in St Catherine's Convent. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist our local sick to undertake our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the Auspice of the Archdiocese of Armagh are welcome. Contact Ann: 07736 415 305

Apostolic Work would like to thank all those who kindly donated to our collection on Sunday 1st Sept. We are forever grateful for your continuing donations and generosity which enables us to provide much needed funding to missionaries throughout the world.

Do This in Memory Programme for P4 children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion will be beginning soon. There will be two meetings for parents/guardians of children preparing for 1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion held in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September at 8pm. All parents/guardians are invited to attend one of those meetings.

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

Let's Talk About Faith will meet Thursday 19th September at SVP Centre (1-5 Chapel Lane), the topic is 'Relics'. 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 and please bring a friend.

