

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,

Open your hearts - change your life!

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges the Pharisees and those who are questioning His followers as to how they are acting. Jesus tries to teach that we need to be open to seeing what is really important in life and look past the superficial - we also need to stop judging others but rather to make sure that our lives are worthy of our closeness to Jesus.

Often we, like the Pharisees can be in the presence of Jesus and not recognise Him, often we can judge others - those made in the image and likeness of God, who also are loved unconditionally by Jesus and yet we fail to be moved by charity towards them, sometimes even at Mass we can be pre-occupied with the unimportant and the mundane - we can fail to see that it is Jesus who we are in the presence of.

Our lives can truly be fulfilled if we live to our full potential and we can only do this if we are in tune with God's plan for us, let us recognise God in all things and all people - let us open our hearts to receiving His love and to allow God's transforming love to enliven our hearts.

Today begins the "Season of Creation" - the month where the Church encourages us to recognise God in all things, everything that is good was created by God's plan. In these week's let us try to think about ways that we can reduce the damage we cause to the planet - reduce, reuse and recycle more - maybe think about our shopping habits and look at ways to limit our carbon footprint - every little change makes a difference.

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 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
£5526 & €198.18

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Harriet McArdle, Fr Raymond O'Connell, John Kearney, Jean Breen, Margaret Murphy, Catriona White, Elizabeth Loughran and Eugene O'Hagan.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Eileen Loughran (7th)

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.

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

Friday is the 1st Friday of September. Confessions on Thursday at 12noon in St Malachy's. Mass and Holy hour on Friday from 7:30pm and 1st Saturday Mass on Saturday morning at 9am in St Malachy's. All welcome

Benburb Priory Mother of Sorrows Novena begins on 7th September and continues each day until Sunday 15th. All are welcome to attend or view via webcam www.mcn.live/camera/the-servite-priory-benburb

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

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.



Thanks Thank you to Gabriel Neal, one of our seminarians from Redemptoris Mater Seminary Dundalk, who leaves us to today after helping in the Parish this summer. We are very grateful for all your help. Our prayers are with you as you continue your studies.

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. Next meeting on Tuesday 2nd September.

Monthly Rosary On the first Saturday of each month, we will have a rosary at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Please join us at 2.45pm to start at 3pm. The first rosary is on Saturday 7th September. All welcome.

Triduum of Prayer in honour of St Teresa of Calcutta will take place at the 10am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral Mon 2nd - Wed 4th September. The Feast Day is Thurs 5th September.

Novena Prayer

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so you became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here make our request). Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our Joy, pray for me
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for me

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society beginning of the year Mass on Wednesday 4 September at 7.30pm in St. Malachy's Church, followed by meeting in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. All are welcome to join in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

The Legion of Mary will run 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) Further details later.

Feast Day

Tuesday 3rd September is the Feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great, patron saint of teachers and students. We ask his intercession for all our pupils and school staff as they begin this new school year.

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

