

# 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.

## Parish Contacts

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## Parish Office

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**Baptisms & Weddings** - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

**SVP Helpline:** 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

Who is the greatest among us ! Today's Gospel is a timely reminder that we are all equal in God's eyes - that we have all been created in His image and likeness and that we are truly precious in His plan for the world. Just as there is no one greater than the other - so too do we share equally the responsibilities of our baptism, to spread the good news in our communities and our homes.

During this 'Season of Creation' we become aware of the changing world around us as the leaves fall from the trees and our earth prepares the process of renewal - we too can use this time to prepare for our own spiritual renewal - we are called to look at those aspects in our lives that need to be pruned to remove anything that may have a negative influence on us and allow space in our hearts and minds for fresh shoots of renewed life giving ideas.

Pope Francis reminds us to take care of the world around us - as a gardener myself I feel close to God when in touch with the earth - God saw all that He created and it was good - unfortunately modern technology can have a negative impact on the earth - we as a community can do even small things to change that - so maybe this week is a time to think about reducing our energy consumption or recycling more... we do this to honour what God has made.

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**  
£6136 & €118.93

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Jim Mills, Vera Smyth, Sr. Olive Mary Daly, Brian Rooney, Frankie Gorman, Margaret McCamley, Damian Donnelly, Teresa Campbell and Maureen Mackey

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* John Kearney (22nd)

*May they rest in peace.*



**Reminder** Holy Communion can only be brought to the sick of the parish by family members who are approved and trained Eucharistic Ministers. We ask that you notify Fr Barry or any Priest of the Parish if you are intending on taking a host to the sick. Host's will only be given to people who present a pyx. The Pyx should be properly blessed prior to use and purified with water after each use. Thank you to our Eucharistic Ministers who work so hard in this regard.

**The Fundraising Campaign** Last weekend Parishes across the Diocese responded to Archbishop 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. 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](http://tinyurl.com/CathedralTours2024) or scan the QR Code.



**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** We would like to thank and congratulate Armagh's Charity Fundraiser & avid cyclist Willie Nugent who on Wednesday cycled from St Patrick's Grave in Downpatrick to our own St Patrick's Cathedral here in Armagh to raise funds for the Cathedral's Fundraising appeal. There is still time to donate either via the Parish Office or the GoFundMe by scanning this QR code.



**Feast Day of St Pio of Pietrelcina** is on Monday 23rd September. A relic will be available to the 10am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral and 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All welcome.

**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.

**Parish Youth** - Our Parish Youth Team "LEAP" invites anyone aged between 18 and 35 who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish to attend a training evening in the Parochial House (42 Abbey St) on Friday Next at 7:30pm. Please do encourage young people in your families to attend this special evening as we learn about the Eucharist and the gift that it is to share in this precious ministry in the parish. Our LEAP group is planning a series of "Youth" Masses beginning in October so please do keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 & 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

**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!

**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

**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.

**October Mission Month** From the 16th-20th October there will be a display of the activities of Irish missionaries in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome to come and see this exhibition and to rejoice in the varied ways in which Irish people shared their skills with others.

**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

**Our Lady's Grotto** We commend all those who tend to Our Lady's Grotto in the grounds of St Malachy's Church. It is really beautiful and always attracts compliments from parishioners and visitors.

**Mary's Meals Armagh and Benburb** are holding an auction on Thurs 3rd Oct at 6pm in St. John's Parochial Hall, Moy. We are requesting good saleable items to be brought to the hall on Mon 30th Sept.. All enquiries to Róisín (07933158928), Jean (02887784597) or Deirdre (07950022944)