

# 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,

There is a lovely part in the Sacrament of Baptism where the Priest or Deacon blesses the ears and mouth of the candidate, when I'm explaining it to Parents and God-Parents I refer to it as a blessing that the child may speak only words of truth and hear only words of love and peace - we know that often in this world the lack of truth and love is evident - just look at the war and violence, the persecution and intolerance. The origin of this prayer is referred to in today's Gospel.

In baptism we are all called to be "Christian" - like Christ, followers of Christ. Sometimes we can worry that the candidate may not practice the faith or have the opportunity to do so - but like the Ephphatha blessing the Sacrament is truly 'transformative'. Like so many of the sacraments we sometimes fail to recognise how transformative they are but in reality if we open our hearts to them, no matter where we are we can tap into the love of God in whose hands we were created.

There is something about Baptism and hands - the gentle hands of the priest or deacon, the loving hands of the parents, the dependant hand of the child, the never failing hand of God - this together with the words spoken from Heaven "you are my child my beloved" that calls us to be conscious that we can always reach out to Jesus who reaches out to us each day through the Sacraments.

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**  
£4635 & €187.95

**Cathedral Maintenance & Repairs Collection**  
£4020 & €180

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Damian Donnelly, Teresa Campbell, Maureen Mackey, Harriet McArdle, Fr Raymond O'Connell and John Kearney.

### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Elizabeth Loughran (9th), Margaret Murphy (12th) Caitriona White (13th) and Jean Breen (13th)

*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.

**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 Patrick's Cathedral & Museum** This Autumn we are giving parishioners & visitors to Armagh the unique opportunity to experience a guided tour of the Cathedral and the Parish Museum. Our expert guides will take you on an intimate tour through the Cathedral, sharing more on our breathtaking stained-glass windows, intricate mosaics, and awe-inspiring architecture. You will explore the museum's rich collection of historical church artifacts, including relics of saints, sacred vessels and religious vestments. Places are limited, booking information on the Parish website.

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

**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.



**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** 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.

**Coffee Morning** Annual Hospice Coffee Morning in Co. Armagh Golf Club on Thurs 12th Sept 10am-1pm. All welcome!



**Ecclesiastical Walk of Armagh led by Fr Barry, Dean Shane and the Cathedrals Partnership** leaving Benburb Priory at 10.30am on Saturday 14th September. All welcome.

**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.

**Season of Creation** began on Sunday, 1st September 2024, and concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October 2024. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/seasonofcreation24>

**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 Cribbs 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!

**Parish Youth Team LEAP** invite young adults aged 18-35 to meet with them to plan their outreach to young Catholics on Friday September 13th at 8pm in the Parochial House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you know someone who might enjoy meeting other young adults of faith please let them know, they will thank you for it.

**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.

**Welcome back to our Parish Choirs** We thank our choirs for their continued generosity and service and encourage anyone who is interested in joining to please take the first step and speak to a member - you won't regret it!

**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.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine; it will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you the way you love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.