

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,

During last week's triduum of prayer we got a glimpse of the mysteries of our faith through the eyes of Mary, this was fitting as we prepare to receive the relics of St Bernadette on Saturday next. Mary appeared to St Bernadette and others as a gift from God to remind us of God's closeness to us, to remind us of those words spoken on the cross "This is your Mother" and also to deliver a message to us - that we would increase our prayer, penance and charity.

This week - as we prepare for the relics arrival - maybe we could set ourselves a challenge each day to pray more, to think about how we offer our abstinences and sufferings to God and how we can become more giving of ourselves to God and to others.

This time of the year can be difficult for many people, as the nights close in and darkness falls. Often people become aware of their isolation, people can feel lonely and even somewhat down in spirit. Let's support each other as a faith community this autumn/winter - I would suggest even a simple thing like taking the weekly bulletin home for a neighbour who can't get out to Mass - drop in and ask them if they are ok.

Please make a special effort to attend the events on Saturday next - this is the 1st time that St Bernadette's relics were in Ireland - a very special moment.

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 or 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 lovely 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.

Weekly Collection

£6670 & €130.55

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Denis Duffy, Siobhan Cassidy and Jim Mills

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.

Ordination Congratulations to Deacon Giacomo, who was ordained yesterday as a Deacon of the Archdiocese. Giacomo is currently with us here in Armagh and we wish him every blessing as he continues to minister among us.

The Fundraising Campaign The campaign to raise much needed funds for the renovation of the Cathedral is ongoing - thanks to all those who have supported us to date. Anyone who is in a position to support the fundraising please contact Fr Barry. Maybe it is an opportunity to remember a loved one who has died by making a gift in their name.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Christmas at the Cathedral 2024 This years artists are Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin, Eilish Fox and St Catherine's College Choir.

First Holy Communion Dates 2025

3rd May	Christian Brother's PS Bunsoil @ 11am in St Malachy's
	Christian Brother's PS @ 1pm in St Malachy's Church
10th May	St Patrick's PS @ 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral
	St Malachy's PS @ 11am in St Malachy's Church
17th May	Our Lady's PS @ 11am in Church of the Immaculate Conception
31st May	Saints & Scholars PS @ 11am in St Malachy's Church
	Mt. St. Catherine's PS @ 1pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

Tickets are available on Ticketsource for Thursday 12th December. We look forward to a special evening to prepare for the Season of Christmas.

St Bernadette's Relics are coming to St Patrick's Cathedral on October 19th. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday 19th October

10am - Mass with reception of the Relics

12noon - Angelus & Rosary
12noon-4pm - Confessions available
1pm-5pm - Rosary on the Hour
6pm - Angelus & Rosary

6:30pm - Mass

8pm - Torchlight procession around the Cathedral Grounds
9pm - Benediction
10pm - Midnight - Solemn Veneration



Sunday 20th October

8am - Morning Prayer & Departure of the Relics

Pilgrimage Prayer

Our Lady of Lourdes help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise God's call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial and illness.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us.

We make this prayer through your Son, Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Pray for us.

St. Bernadette - Pray for us.

Parking on Parish Grounds We ask parishioners and visitors to exercise care while coming and going and when parking. We ask that care is taken to avoid parking in areas designated for disabled persons and use only marked car parking spaces. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Southern Area Hospice Collection amounted to £2609. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to find out more information, please visit: www.southernareahospiceservices.org/

Photographic Exhibition 'Daring to Hope - Irish Religious Sisters Embracing the Unknown' will be displayed in St Patrick's Cathedral from Wednesday 16th - Sunday 20th October. The exhibition reflects the social history of Irish Religious Sisters in Ireland and overseas between 1923-2023, as well as the diversity and geographical spread of their missions. For info: www.daringtohope.ie/home

Let's Talk About Faith will meet Thursday 17th October at SVP Centre (1-5 Chapel Lane). The topic this month is on the Sainthood Process. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7.15pm & the talk will follow after with a cup of tea. All are very welcome to join.

Ceremony of Light

18th Feb - 7pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS in St Patrick's Cathedral
20th Feb - 7pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS in St Patrick's Cathedral

Confirmation Dates 2025

Saturday 7th June - 2pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS in St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday 8th June - 2pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS in St Patrick's Cathedral