

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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Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are all equal in God's eye's. None of us are permitted to rule it over anyone else and this includes judging others. God has given each of us the opportunities and challenges that we face in life and we are all called to be grateful for the gift of life and to share with others the blessings we receive and to assist each other in our challenges.

This weekend in the Cathedral we experienced a wonderful display of community spirit - where so many gathered to venerate the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes. People came with their own struggles and challenges and found a warm welcome in God's house - this welcome is extended to each one of us.

St Paul in the second reading reminds us of this as he states that with confidence we must approach God's 'throne of grace' seeking mercy and experiencing the warmth of His love in the complete knowledge that we will receive both.

On days like yesterday, I am always amazed at the goodness shown by the community and most especially our volunteers here in the parish - I am conscious that we ask a lot of the extended team and I want to thank all those who gave so willingly of their time to serve the needs of others. In many ways yesterday was a clear example of what it means to be a faith community - coming together to worship and also assisting those who need our help.

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
 £5592 & €162.50

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Frank Rush, Denis Duffy and Siobhan Cassidy

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Jim Mills (26th)

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

First Holy Communion Dates 2025
 3rd May Christian Brother's PS Bunsoil @ 11am in St Malachy's
 10th May Christian Brother's PS @ 1pm in St Malachy's Church
 17th May St Patrick's PS @ 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral
 31st May St Malachy's PS @ 11am in St Malachy's Church
 Our Lady's PS @ 11am in Church of the Immaculate Conception
 Saints & Scholars PS @ 11am in St Malachy's Church
 Mt. St. Catherine's PS @ 1pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

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.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed 30th Oct at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

All Saints Party The Missionaries of Charity are holding their All Saints Party on Friday 1st November at 2pm in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral. Please come dressed as your favourite Saint, Blessed or Angel. We will celebrate Mass and have games, singing, and refreshments. All welcome. For enquires contact the Sisters on 02837528654.

Mission Sunday

Today is Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. For Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. Mission, he said, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God.

Pope St John Paul II

Tuesday 22nd October is the Feast of Pope St John Paul II. He began his pontificate on Mission Sunday in 1978. We p

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

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