

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

**SVP Helpline:** 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

"Go; your faith has saved you" these words from the Gospel today are so appropriate for us having witnessed such a display of faith last weekend as we welcomed the relics of St Bernadette. Over this past week I have been inundated with messages informing me of healings that took place and of 'little miracles' that came from the relics of the humble St Bernadette. The numbers who gathered together throughout the visit were in themselves testament to the faith of the community.

Recently several people have asked me about prayer and suggested that they find it hard to pray - I think this is more common than we might think due to the busyness of the world around us. We must ask ourselves - what is prayer? structured prayer and Mass is so important to engage with God but also we must live prayerful and Christian lives being aware constantly of our relationship with God, in our words and deeds towards others - make everyday a prayer day! By developing the habit of praying instead of listening to the radio in the car, focusing on morning and night prayers or even the angelus or indeed setting aside just a few minutes to meditate and connect with God is a way to develop our relationship with the Lord.

Autumn can be a difficult time for people as the dark nights approach and we become aware of our fragilities - please do reach out where you yourself need support and also please support older neighbours and friends who might feel lonely or isolated at this time. One suggestion is to deliver a weekly bulletin to older neighbours to let them know they are united to the community in prayer.

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**  
£4725 & €77.45

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Teresa Starrs, Frank Rush, Dymrna O'Donnell, and Denis Duffy.



### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Siobhan Cassidy (28th)

*May they rest in peace.*

**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.



**Christmas Draw** This week we launched our Parish Christmas Draw. Tickets are £10 each or 3 for £20 and the 1st prize is £5,000. Tickets are available in the Parish Shop, the Sacristies of the Churches and from ticket sellers. Anyone interested in selling tickets please contact Caroline in the Parish Office.

**Thank you** A special word of thanks to all those who participated and volunteered during the visit of the relics of St Bernadette. The numbers who volunteered and supported the parish during this important weekend was testament to the wonderful sense of community evident here in Armagh. Thanks to the organisations such as The Lourdes Committee, The Order of Malta, the Knights of St Columbanus and all the groups who pulled together to make it a successful weekend of prayer.

**All Saints Day** - Friday 1st November is All Saints Day. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral; 7:30pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception; 7:30pm in St Colmcille's Church and 8am and 7:30 in St Malachy's Church, with the monthly Holy Hour taking place after the 7:30pm evening Mass in St Malachy's. Confessions will take place on Thursday and Saturday at 12noon and the housebound will be visited as per the normal schedule.

**Parish "Lists of the Dead"** are now available and can be returned to any of the Churches and our Memorial Trees will be in place in the Cathedral and St Malachy's.

### Parish Masses for the Dead

- 2nd Nov - Church of the Immaculate Conception - 7:30pm
- 3rd Nov - St Colmcille's Church - 10am
- 7th Nov - St Malachy's Church - 7:30pm

**Legion of Mary** Members will lead a Rosary for the Holy Souls in St Patrick's Cemetery each Sunday in November at 3.30pm. All are invited to join them in praying for deceased family and friends.

**Do This in Memory Mass** the next Do This in Memory Mass takes place in the Cathedral on Saturday 2nd November at 6:30pm. All children preparing for 1st Holy Communion and their families are invited to attend. The Jubilees Choir will sing at the Mass.

**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.



**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 3pm. The first rosary is on Saturday 2nd November. 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. The last Tuesday of every month there will be Adoration & Prayer Ministry. All welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Knock Shrine All Night Vigil** Saturday 7th December. Coach £25. Contact: Gabrielle 07933 521105. Catherina 07899 810181.

### Novena Prayer to St Malachy (25 Oct - 2 Nov)

#### Feast of St Malachy - 3rd November

Glorious Saint Malachy, ardent yet gentle shepherd of God's people, we come before you seeking your intercession and protection in this time of trial.

Malachy, angel of peace, who brought those in conflict to be reconciled in the name of Christ, grant lasting peace and reconciliation to our country.

Mighty pillar of the Church, who banished error by the truth of your preaching, obtain for each of us the grace of sincere repentance and renewal, that we may serve the Lord in holiness all our days.

Most fatherly Archbishop of Armagh, enkindle the hearts of bishops and priests that, aided by your patronage and example, they may labour to form a holy people, strong in faith, constant in prayer, abounding in charity, devoted to the Sacraments and loyal to the See of Peter.

O Saint rich in mercy and compassion, look upon all who are suffering or in need and obtain for them support, healing and hope. St Malachy, ablaze with heavenly fire, be a light to guide us on our pilgrim way to the Kingdom of Heaven. There may we be united with you in singing the praises of God for ever and ever. Amen.

### In the month of November, let us pray for our dead!

God our Father,  
Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command, we return to dust.  
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to You alone.  
In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

