

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,

This week we gathered to remember all those who have died in our community over the last year - a poignant moment for us all as we reflect on the gift of life and the pain of loss. For each one of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one we are so aware of the void that is left but also of the healing that we receive from the prayers and support of the community. Over this last year I have been so humbled to see how the faith community gather around to support those who are grieving - we pray for the dead, we pray for the grieving, we bring Mass cards, we bring practical support such as sandwiches and help with car parking and most importantly we walk shoulder to shoulder with those who need our support carrying them in their need.

At the Mass for the deceased of the Parish we read the poem 'Footprints in the Sand' and were reminded of how fragile we are, how precious life is and how God is with us every step of the way. In grief we might wonder where God is or why such sadness has come to us but grief can only be understood through the lens of our faith - we know that we will one day be reunited with our loved ones.

As we continue to support each other as a community we are reminded of the importance of staying close to one another - gathering for weekly Mass and journeying together through good times and sad times. I am conscious of the Words of the Mass for the dead where we read "for God's faithful people, life is changed not ended" and we pray that God strengthens those who mourn in the knowledge that our loved ones are in His care.

Thanks to those who have returned a list of the dead with loved ones' names included - the priests of the parish are offering Mass throughout this month and on the First Friday of each month for your loved ones. May they rest in God's peace.

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.

Priests' Dues Collection

£8386 & €256.41

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Joseph Carlisle, Pat McKee, Susan Loughran, Mary Loughran and Teresa Starrs.



MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Frank Rush (12th) and Dymrna O'Donnell (14th)

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

"Remembrance Trees" are now in place in the Parish, please do write the name of your loved one to be remembered during the month of November.

November List of the Dead Lists and envelopes are available in all the Churches - please do include the names of your loved ones and return it to the boxes provided or any of the Sacristies. Masses will be offered during November and throughout the year for the names listed.

November Masses for the Dead @ 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church

- 11th Nov - Cuchulainn's & St Brigid's
- 18th Nov - Armagh Harps GFC
- 20th Nov - Bol Chumann Uladh
- 22nd Nov - Knights of St Columbanus
- 25th Nov - Pearse Ógs GFC

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.

Heating in St Malachy's Apologies to those who attend St Malachy's Church - the heating system has broken and we are working at replacing the boilers - this is a major piece of work and a large investment for the parish we ask for your patience in this regard and assure you it will be completed soon.

Occasional Sacristan We are currently seeking to engage a relief sacristan for the Parish who could assist the Sacristy team to cover leave etc. Anyone interested in the role should contact Fr Barry or leave their details in the Parish office.

Christmas Food Hampers Together with our social outreach partners, the Parish is hoping to prepare food hampers for Christmas to those who may need them. Anyone interested in donating are asked to leave items from the following list to be included in the hampers.

Tea / Coffee, Sugar, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Beans/ Peas, Cereal / Porridge, Tins of Sweets, Tinned Custard/ Rice, Biscuits. These items can be left in the sacristies or at the Parish Office.

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 cribbs are welcome but especially cribbs from other countries and any interesting ones will be of particular interest. The idea is that families would visit the display of cribbs 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.

Armagh City & District Lourdes Fund We are fundraising to raise much needed funds to take parishioners to Lourdes in 2025. A collection of toys clothes, books, bric-a-brac will be taking place by the Armagh Lourdes Committee. Donations can be dropped off at the West Armagh Consortium on the Cathedral Road, (Sherry's Field), from Mon 4th Nov - Fri 15th Nov. All donations welcome! The pop-up shop will be held on 18th - 23rd November 2024, on the premises of the old CPS building on 29/31 Thomas Street, Armagh. Any queries please contact Ann on the following number: 07736415305.

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. Adoration from 7-10pm each Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel.



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.

Armagh Apostolic Christmas Sale on Saturday 23rd November in Mount St Catherine's P.S. from 10am-12.30pm. Raffle, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, woollen goods etc. All proceeds go to support missionaries to provide basic needs and education.



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.

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

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

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.

