

# 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,

This week's Gospel issues a strong warning to each of us to stand ready to meet the Lord. As Jesus speaks of the darkness that 'will' come over the world it is perhaps easy to cast our minds to the darkness of war and division that has currently beset the world. Did we ever think that after the atrocities of the 20th Century that we would be back to the violence and extreme rhetoric that we live with now, I don't believe that I did. I thought that the world and its leaders would learn from the mistakes of the past.

Each one of us have a responsibility to bring God's healing message to our world - each of us as disciples are called to be missionaries in our own community, our homes and within our families. We are called to proclaim the message of peace with the joy that our hope from God brings us. You and I, by virtue of our baptism have a mission from God to pass on the 'Gift of Faith'. Often faith is seen in terms of 'chores' we have to do - we are called to change the language - faith is not a chore, a life giving and fulfilling relationship with Jesus is a gift - but like all gifts it must be accepted and put into action for it to be of real benefit.

As a faith community, we have a responsibility to reach out to those on the margins - those outside the Church and to invite them in, this is often a challenge however I want to thank all those in the parish who are engaged in outreach - there are many people who take seriously the final words of the Mass "Go forth, to love and serve the Lord" and who continue to serve in the community. Our current food appeal is one such example where we have an opportunity to come together and do good for others in Jesus' name - thank you to everyone who will support this appeal and all our outreach opportunities.

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. We are now stocking a large selection of Christmas Cribs, gift items and Christmas Mass Bouquets. Beautiful Christmas Prayer Guild Cards are now in stock - ideal for sending abroad. Give the gift of Faith this Christmas. Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church



**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 contact details 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

£6336 & €175.39

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Ursula Corvan, Martin O'Neill, Paul Kelly, Dolores McGleenan, Joseph Carlisle, Pat McKee, Susan Loughran and Mary Loughran



## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Teresa Starrs (23rd)

**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 in each of our Churches, 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

18th Nov - Armagh Harps GFC  
20th Nov - Bol Chumann Uladh  
22nd Nov - Knights of St Columbanus  
25th Nov - Pearse Ógs GFC

**Mass for Tragic & Sudden Deaths** will take place on 21st November at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church. We gather as a parish community to remember anyone who died suddenly or tragically. The pain of sudden loss lasts a lifetime and so all are welcome for this moment of healing and prayer.

**Lislea Community Mass** for the deceased will be held on 20th November at 8pm in Lislea Hall. All welcome.

**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** The Boiler in St Malachy's Church is now up and running. We thank you for your patience and understanding. The cost of the boiler exceeds £35,000 and we thank you for your generosity with regard to our ongoing Parish fundraising.

**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 Cribs 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.

**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.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** will take place on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December from 9:30am-4:30pm in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral. 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.

**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.

**Christmas Book** Willie Nugent's new Christmas book "Maisie Comes to the Rescue" is now on sale in a number of local shops. See local press and Armagh I for details. Entire proceeds for charity.

**Table Quiz** in aid of Don't Box Me In Youth Group. Friday 29th Nov @ 8.00pm in the Twisted Fox, Keady. Maximum of 6 persons @£50 per table. Chance to win signed Armagh All Ireland Winners Jersey 2024 and other raffle prizes. If you can't attend but would like to donate, please go to <https://gofund.me/a566e834>

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed 27th Nov at 7.15pm in Armagh City Hotel. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. Contact: [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



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

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the  
souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.