

# 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,

Today is the great Feast Day of Jesus Christ, Universal King. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the kingship of Jesus and how we as his chosen people are called to be witnesses in His name. Each one of us are baptised as "priest, prophet and king" meaning that we have a responsibility to serve others, to courageously speak words of peace and hope and to be leaders in our homes and communities bringing people closer to God.

Being a baptised member of the Church brings with it an important responsibility, just like any family, the family of faith are called to look out for one another and to encourage each other when we are following a path that leads away from God. This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church year. It is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the Gospel values and maybe even to plan our "New Church Year Resolutions".

I hope that as we look back on the last year in faith that we can feel that we grew closer to God. I give thanks for the many precious moments that we as a faith community celebrated together. What have been the standout moments of the last Church year for you? How have you grown in faith or brought others closer to Jesus during this last year? How do you serve Jesus as your Universal and Heavenly King in a daily sense?

I look forward to the upcoming Advent Season, a time of preparation and renewal, a time where we reflect on the impact of the birth of Jesus. As we begin planning for the season ahead let's all be conscious of the importance of giving a faith gift this year - be it a Mass Bouquet or a Nativity Set, this is an opportunity to hand on the gift of faith through the gifts we give.

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 Crib, 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** - £5440 & €132.77

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Ilga Denava, Ursula Corvan, Martin O'Neill, Paul Kelly, Dolores McGleenan and Joseph Carlisle.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Mary Loughran (27th), Susan Loughran (29th) and Patrick McKee (30th)



*May they rest in peace.*

## Mass Time Changes

As part of our wider consultation on Mass times within the Parish the following changes will be effective from the 1st weekend of Advent - November 30th / December 1st

- St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey - Mass will be every Saturday evening at 6pm (Baptisms at 5pm)
- Tullysaran - Mass will be every Sunday morning at 10am (Baptisms 10:45am)

These changes will be effective on a trial basis from Advent to Easter and will be reviewed then.

**Parish Accounts** A summary of the Parish Financial Statements to the 31st March 2024 are available in all the Churches this weekend.

**Advent Reflections** On each of the four Sundays of Advent you are invited to join in St Malachy's Church at 7pm for an hour of Adoration and prayer reflecting on the figures in the nativity - the crib. This is a lovely opportunity to reflect on how you too can be part of the nativity story in our world today.

**St Vincent de Paul** are speaking at all Masses this weekend and will have their annual collection next week - we thank you for your generosity towards those less well off in our community.

**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.

Thanks to all who have contributed towards our parish food appeal to date, we are continuing to collect items up until Sunday December 15th and will distribute through our outreach partners from that date. This is a wonderful initiative and one that is based on the Gospel value of sharing what we have to make a more equal society. Your contribution will make an important difference.

**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 Mass for the Dead @ 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church**  
25th Nov - Pearse Ogs 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.

**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

**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.



**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.



**Week of Prayer for Vocations** The Vocations commission of the Archdiocese of Armagh have organised a week of prayer to promote Vocations to the Priesthood from December 1st to 8th. Please keep this intention close to your heart and central to your prayer during this time.

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

**Coffee Morning** in the Synod Hall on Saturday 30th November after the 10am Mass. Bernadette Smith will give a short talk on the work of Stanton Health Care. All welcome.

**Found** Holy Medal found in Irish St outside St Malachy's Church. If you think it might be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

**Lectio Divina** Sr Mary Roe will lead Lectio Divina in preparation for Christmas in the SVP Centre on Wednesday 27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec and 18th Dec at 2:30pm. All welcome!



**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.