

# 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,*

In November we Remember!  
November is the month of the Holy Souls - a period where we are particularly aware of those who have gone before us and the month where we pray that their souls are in the safe embrace of God.

Each of us have a different view of what heaven looks like - each of us have a different image of God in our hearts. The Gospel this weekend reminds us of what Jesus describes as the first of all the commandments - Jesus speaks of the commandments of love. Each of us who have lost loved ones are acutely aware of the pain that grief can cause - grief is the price we pay for love! but we also know that the love we share with one another is a reflection of the love God has for each of us. We entrust our loved ones into God's care remembering that God is love. Pope Francis reminded us in his 2016 book that 'the name of God is Mercy'.

This month as we remember our loved ones let us reflect on the mercy of God and the beauty of Heaven in the knowledge that God has called our loved ones in love to their eternal homeland. We are mindful that as followers of Jesus we are not exempt from pain and grief but rather we live our grief in hope - and Christian Hope comes from the promise of the Resurrection. Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life, anyone who believes in me will live" and we live in this promise.

Plenary Indulgences can be gained from visiting the cemetery, going to confession, attending Mass and praying for the Popes intentions during these days.

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**  
£5966 & €113.65

**Mission Sunday Collection**  
£3310 & €45

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We pray for:* Susan Loughran, Mary Loughran, Teresa Starrs, Frank Rush and Dymrna O'Donnell.

**MONTHS MIND**

*We pray for:* Denis Duffy (8th)

*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.

**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

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

4th Nov - St Patrick's Indoor Bowling Club  
6th Nov - St Joseph's Young Priests Society  
8th Nov - Legion of Mary  
11th Nov - Cuchulainn's & St Brigid's  
18th Nov - Armagh Harps GFC  
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 (c.£40,000) 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 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!

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** The Annual Mass for Deceased Members and Benefactors of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society takes place on Wed 6th Nov in St Malachy's Church at 7.30pm. This will be followed by the Rosary and meeting in Malachy's Centre, Ogle Street. All are welcome to join in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**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.

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

**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.

**Armagh Harps 2024 AGM** will take place in the Social Club at 8pm on Tuesday 26 November. Nomination and motion forms are available from the Secretary. (Secretary.armaghharps.armagh@gaa.ie)

**The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive 25th Anniversary Lecture** The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive 25th Anniversary Lecture Series continues on Wednesday 6 November at 7pm with Prof Marian Lyons of Maynooth University who will be speaking about 'The Wild Geese at the Stuart court in exile at Saint Germain en Laye, Paris, 1690-1730'. This is a FREE event, and all are welcome.



**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.

**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.

**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.



**A Prayer for those who have died**

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and big them eternal rest. Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.