# 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** 

Sunday: 10am **St Colmcille's Church** 

Saturday: 6pm

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.

Easter glory fills the sky, Christ now lives no more to die!

Today is the most sacred day in the Church year - today we reflect on Jesus' resurrection from the dead, that moment where heaven and earth collided and the gates of eternal life were opened to all who follow Jesus.

There is no more significant feast in the Church and each one of us is invited to celebrate and enter into the mystery with our hearts filled with God's hope and joy, especially during this Jubilee Year. This Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that God is our ultimate Hope - He knows us, He loves us and He has a plan for us, this is why He came and this is why He died and revealed Himself through the resurrection. We are the witnesses of God's love, in our everyday lives we continue to meet the Risen Jesus let us resolve to spread this good news in our families and in our communities, that the World will know that we are His disciples.

Over the last 40 days we have prepared, we have fasted, maybe given up a treat or made a special effort in our prayer life or in our relationships with those around us, let us take stock of the wonderful blessings we have received from our lenten observances - the blessings of a deeper relationship with Jesus and a sense of achievement at having overcome some challenge such as 'giving up' or setting aside a treat for a greater

Today is a new opportunity for each of us to renew our relationship with the Risen Lord, today is an opportunity to refocus our relationship and to truly place our trust in God's goodness.

The same Jesus whom we accompanied to Calvary, the Tomb and now the glory of the Resurrection, continues to accompany us on our journeys, in our trials and disappointment and in our joys and blessings.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Parish Team, to wish each of you and your families every blessing for this Easter Season - may the joy of the risen Lord fill your hearts and your homes. May I also take this opportunity to thank all those who have made our Lenten and Holy Week journey such a sacred moment and spiritual experience - our Parish clergy and staff, Pastoral Council, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, our youth volunteers, our sacristans stewards and collectors, the Altar societies, our Altar Servers and Seminarians, the Knights of St. Columbanus, the many people who behind the scenes do so much to help and assist the Parish and of course our wonderful choirs and musicians all of whom have excelled in making these days so very sacred. Most of all I want to thank those who participated, those who attended the Masses and ceremonies - without you our Parish would not exist. I am beyond thankful for the wonderful community that we have here in the Cathedral Parish - each of our unique areas within the Parish have such a special place in our overall parish and truly make our parish what it is - may God continue to bless you.

> With every blessing, 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.

<u>St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop</u> 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.

Weekly Collection - £6631 & €108.79

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Stephen Corrigan, James Gribben, Kieran McCauley, Caroline O'Neill, Kenneth Graham, Bridie McDonald, Brigid Kelly, Paul Parks, Bernard Lavery.

#### MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Hannah McKillen (20th)

May they rest in peace.



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 & friends to engage with this special apostolate.

Adoration from 7-10pm each Thursday in the Adoration Chapel to pray for priesthood and vocations.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the Jubilee of Hope. Please feel free to join us in person or online for this special moment of prayer.

Tuesday 22nd April and will reopen on Wednesday 23rd April at

Fundraising Update We take this opportunity to thank all those who have so generously supported our on-going fundraising campaign. We have several key projects that we are hoping to begin over the next few months however we need to ensure that we have the funds available in order to begin. We ask and encourage you to join our fundraising campaign and you can support it in many ways, firstly and most importantly please pray for the project that God may inspire and provide for its success, secondly if you or someone who you are close to can support our project please consider it as the Cathedral truly is an icon of hope. Our aim is to ensure that it remains so for future generations, however we must act now as there are aspects that need urgent attention. Please feel free to speak with me directly should you have any questions. Fr Barry

Divine Mercy Sunday On Divine Mercy Sunday we will have a special prayer walk beginning at 10am in the Cathedral grounds followed by Mass at 11am to celebrate the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. At 3pm we will begin our Divine Mercy Sunday programme with the recitation of the Chaplet, prayer and adoration. Confessions available from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on 25th May 2025. The Knights of St Columbanus have organised a bus to leave the Parish . Cost: £20 per person. Booking in the Parish Office.

Parish Social Our Parish Easter Social Morning will take place after the 10am Mass on Saturday next. The Westenders Ukulele group will Parish Office The Parish Office is closed on Monday 21st and provide music & entertainment. Refreshments will be served. You are invited to join this special joy filled celebration - All are welcome.

#### **Blessing of the Graves 2025**

Knockaconey - 14th June at 6pm Tullysaran (Old Graveyard) - 20th June at 7pm Tullysaran (New Graveyard) - 22nd June at 10am St Patrick's Cemetery - 29th June at 12noon

#### **Easter Prayer**

Heavenly Father, on this Easter Sunday, we surrender ourselves to Your will and Your ways. Help us to release control and trust in your perfect plan for our lives. May our faith in you be unwavering, even in the face of uncertainty and doubt. Grant us the strength and courage to surrender to Your will, O Lord, knowing that You are faithful to lead us in the way everlasting.

Amen.

