

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 (7am during Lent)

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.

Dear Friends,

Friends the story of Moses in this weekends first reading from Exodus reminds us that we are all sent to be witnesses of hope in our communities and families, if only we had the courage to respond, that courage comes from the Holy Spirit. The Gospel invites us to be patient, for God has a plan however God's plan will happen in his time not ours - but we should live a life worthy of His plan.

Last weekend I had a conversation with a young man who is questioning the whole area of faith & belief in God but towards the end of our chat he said that he would hope that he lives life in such a way that people who encounter him will recognise the Christian teachings for charity, hope and peace are very much needed at this time in the world, I explained how Mother Theresa spoke of the darkness that can come over the soul but she insisted that we must never give up genuinely seeking to recognise God in the everyday. A large part of the problems in the world today are caused because some people think they don't need God, many believe that there is no innate value to life and that even people are disposable in the quest for power.

Over St Patrick's weekend, I accompanied Archbishop Eamon on a "Pilgrimage of Hope" to New York & Washington, while there, we met so many people who identify as Irish even though they may be several generations removed - I was so interested in what it is that makes being Irish so special and the response was overwhelming - our faith in God, our shared values and traditions, our sense of community and warmth of welcome and of course of sense of having supported each other in good times and bad. These bonds unite us here in our parish and from here we reach out to the millions of diaspora worldwide who recognise St Patrick as the one who brought the greatest gift - the gift of faith. Let us continue to celebrate St Patrick, missionary sent to us to unite and bless us.

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.

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 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

£5438 & €213.40

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:

Eileen Vallyely, Roseann Rafferty, Ann Doherty, Mary McCool,

Patricia Curran, Eugene Sullivan, Eileen Reilly and Noreen Russell.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Mgr Raymond Murray (23rd), Anne Marie Mallon (24th),

Michael Duggan (24th) and Brendan Garvey (28th)

May they rest in peace.

Lenten Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday-Saturday - 10am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 3pm - Jubilee

Hour of Prayer

St Malachy's Church

Monday - Friday - 7am & 1pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7.30pm

Tuesday & Thursday Prayer Service - 7.30pm

Fundraising Update

As part of our recent Fundraising trip & Pilgrimage of Hope to the USA, Archbishop Eamon & I have met several individuals whom we are hopeful will support the Cathedral and our plans to renovate the Organ, upgrade the digital technology & fix the iconic front steps. To date thanks to the generosity of many we have fundraised about 10% of the overall funding needed. This is a substantial undertaking and I am so thankful to the many who support the Cathedral and the parish in general. We must ensure that our buildings are worthy of the increased visitors that we hope to invite through initiatives like our 'Jubilee Sunday's Programme' and our outreach to encourage more tourist groups to stop for a tour. Please consider making a donation to your Cathedral Parish and please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable us to reclaim a percentage from the government.

Parish Envelopes

The Parish Envelopes will be ready for collection from Tuesday 25th March in the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year.

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.

Parish Youth Gatherings

Our Parish Youth Council invites young adults aged 18 to 30 to join them each Thursday for the next five weeks in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane - from 8-9:15pm for prayer and catechesis. Parishioners are encouraged to let young adults in their family know!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

from 11th-18th May 2025. £570 per person sharing (Deposit £200). For further information and booking contact: 07732 220 632.

Parking

We continue to encourage parishioners to be aware of the need for responsible parking on parish grounds. Please do not park on pedestrian paths.

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

Come and be part of something special! The Legion of Mary is welcoming new members to our Junior (7-11 years old) and Intermediate (12-17 years old) groups every Monday at the SVP Centre, Armagh. Step into a world of faith, friendship, and purpose as we pray the Rosary, explore our Catholic faith, and make lasting connections. Be part of something bigger—a community that

supports, uplifts, and empowers you to live out your faith in a meaningful way. For more information, contact: 07856 172206

Stations of the Cross

Experience the Stations of the Cross in a meaningful way this Lent as the Legion of Mary Juniors and Intermediates lead us in reflection each Wednesday at 7pm, starting 12th March, in St. Malachy's Chapel. Join us in this sacred journey before the 7:30pm Mass as we prepare our hearts for Easter. All are welcome

Lenten Journey of Hope with the Holy Spirit

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Group invite you to a series of talks each Tuesday in St Malachy's Church at 7.15pm

25th March

- "Signs of Hope - The Youth" with speaker Dermot Kelly and Mass celebrated by Fr Barry Matthews.

1st April

- "Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ" Romans 8:35 with speaker Louise Magennis.

8th April

- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace" Romans 15:13 with speaker Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Anam Cara

the organisation that supports bereaved parents will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed 26th March at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Do This in Memory Masses 2025

The Do This in Memory Programme will take place at the 6:30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on the following Saturday's for all P4 Pupils and their parents.

Saturday 5th April 2025

Sunday 22nd June - Corpus Christi

Feast of the Annunciation - 25th March

Prayer

O most holy Virgin Mary, to whom God sent the Angel Gabriel to announce that you should be the mother of His Only-Begotten Son, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Holy, lovely Mary we give our all to you

What is past and present, and the future, too.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

At Three O'Clock

At three o'clock each afternoon, I say a special prayer,

That God will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.

Because at three o'clock he died, one Friday long ago.

And there were those who did not weep and those who did not know.

I pray for relatives and friends who now have passed away,

And all who are silent echoes of a distant yesterday.

It may be Sunday, Monday, or the last day of the week,

As I petition God to give the favour that I seek.

But every day at three o'clock I say that special prayer,

That he will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.

Amen.