## 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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<u>Baptisms & Weddings</u> - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we celebrated with great joy the Day of the Resurrection, Easter Day. The Mass of Easter is filled with Joy and Hope and we are all called to renew our Hope in Jesus with a joy that can come only from our deep relationship with Him.

Pope Francis' appearance at the end of the Easter Mass in St Peter's Square brought a renewed sense that God strengthens us even in our suffering and as we carry our crosses in this life. His words at the Ubi et Orbi blessing spoke as a prayer for Peace, a desire that God's Peace would reign in the hearts of all the faithful. As we re-read Pope Francis' words they become even more meaningful in light of his passing.

On Monday morning we heard the news that the late Holy Father's earthly journey had ended and that his path to eternal life had begun. So many people since have reflected on Pope Francis' humility and his humanity - his ability to make all people but especially those on the margins feel welcome in the Church. People have reflected on the late Pope's compassion & gentleness - Pope Francis was merely an example to us all of how we should live in the likeness of Jesus who is Love and Mercy personified.

The funeral rites for the late Pope were moving - as we saw world leaders flock to pay tribute to his leadership - his voice of hope proclaiming the Christian message of peace was valued by world leaders and faithful alike. During these days let us reflect upon how we too can use our voices to the glory of God.

Let us pray in the days that follow for our Cardinals and Church leaders that the Holy Spirit may inspire the selection of the next Holy Father.

Finally in his words from last Sunday Pope Francis proclaimed that "Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge." Let this be our prayer this Easter season.

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.

<u>Visitation</u> 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 - £8136 & €73

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Jimmy McKinney, Stephen Corrigan, James Gribben, Kieran McCauley, Kenneth Graham, Bridie McDonald and Paul Parks,

## **MONTHS MIND**

We pray for: Caroline O'Neill (3rd), Brigid Kelly (3rd) and Bernard (Brian) Lavery (3rd)



<u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u> 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.

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

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> At 3pm today (Sunday) 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.

<u>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock</u> 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. Further details to follow.

Monthly Rosary We gather on the first Saturday of each month at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray a rosary for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Our next gathering is on Saturday 3rd May at 3pm. All welcome.

<u>Divine Mercy Monthly Mass</u> All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on 1st May. Confessions starts at 7pm with Rosary/Mass at 7.30pm. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

<u>Legion of Mary</u> The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's statue at Dalton on each Monday during May at 8.10pm.

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.

<u>Prayer for Vocations</u> 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.

<u>Legion of Mary</u> welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12-17yo's)groups on Mondays 3pm in SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane, Armagh. We pray the Rosary, learn more about our Faith, make new friends and become more involved in Church life. More Information can be found on the Parish website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcome new members. 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 and wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tues at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. For more info 07856 172206



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

We pray for the Church during this time of transition

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Amen.

