

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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- to book your

baptism or wedding, please contact the

Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

Laetare Sunday - Friends, today we rejoice with the global Church, we take a moment out of our lenten journey to give thanks for all our blessings. Like the Prodigal Son, there are many times when we walk away from God by our words and deeds but today we are reminded that He never leaves us - His love is unconditional.

On this, Mothers Day, I am conscious of the many mothers (& fathers) whom I have spoken to who have held the secrets of their children, who have sheltered their children and who have provided a home for their children even when it was difficult to do so - I think that the love of God shines through these actions - this is unconditional love in action, not always easy but always necessary. Even through strained relationships the love of family shines through.

As we rejoice today - we are thankful to God for the many blessings we have all received and we are thankful for the gifts of family, friends, faith, life itself and the gift of being a witness to God's unconditional love. These next few weeks of Lent are an ideal opportunity to reconcile with God (through the sacrament of penance) and maybe even to build bridges in relationships that may have been broken. Today might be the perfect day to say sorry or to send a text "I'm sorry", with these words, we can heal so much hurt and begin to mend the brokenness of our world - if we can't say sorry just light a candle for the person asking God's healing on the hurt caused.

Whether we are lucky enough to have our Mothers close to us or if they are resting in God's care in Heaven - we thank God for them today and ask his blessing on all Mothers, Grandmothers and Mother Figures in our world today.

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

- £6039 & €375.15

St Patrick's Day Collection

- £1696 & €24

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:

James Gribben, Hannah McKillen, Eileen Vallyely,

Roseann Rafferty, Ann Doherty, Mary McCool and Eugene Sullivan,


MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Noreen Russell (30th), Eileen Reilly (5th)

& Patricia Curran (5th)

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 for 2025/26 are ready for collection from 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 18-30 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!

Jubilee of the Sick

On Saturday 5th April at 11am we will unite with the Global Church in the Jubilee of the Sick for a special Jubilee Mass of Healing with the Anointing of the Sick. Please let others know. There will be no 10am Mass on Saturday next in the Cathedral.

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday of April. The sick will be visited this week. Our Holy Hour for Vocations takes place on Friday evening after 7:30pm Mass. Our first Saturday Mass takes place in St Malachy's on Saturday morning at 9am

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

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.

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.

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 5th April at 3pm. All welcome.

Retirement

We take this opportunity to thank Mr Kieran Kelly for his service as Relief Sacristan. Kieran has been a valued member of our parish team who engaged with many individuals and groups within the parish. Kieran has recently retired from his role and we wish him every blessing and good wish for his retirement.

Found

A Lourdes Medal has been found in the Cathedral Car Park with a name engraved on the back. If you think this might be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Mass

All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass on 3rd April at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey. Confessions starts at 7PM. Because it's Lent, this month will feature 'Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross' with the visit of the Mary's Meal group at 7.30pm. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd April in St. Vincent De Paul Centre, Ogle Street following 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. All are welcome to come along to join in the Rosary while praying for much-needed Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

Lenten Afternoon of Prayer-Sunday, 6 April 2025

The Annual Diocesan Lenten Afternoon of Prayer for Vocations will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral commencing at 2.30pm and concluding with the 5.30pm Mass. All are welcome to come along for what promises to be a prayerful & spiritually reflective afternoon. Light refreshments will be served.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers. grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

