# 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,

Habemus Papam—We have a new Pope—Leo XIV - May God bless him. In his first words to us Pope Leo reminded us that God loves us unconditionally and repeated the first words of the risen Jesus, Peace be with you!.

These days are days of transition, when the Church will begin a new era—this is a special moment and a moment that will bring about a real renewal to our Church. Being the first American Pope, Pope Leo will bring a new perspective to the Church and as an Augustinian will bring a real sense of building unity within the Church. During his first words he spoke of the importance of dialogue and building bridges in our world.

We are all missionaries on the journey of Hope, we are truly called to spread the good news of Jesus, Peace, Hope and Love. We can do this in the small aspects of life, our words, deeds and actions.

Today's Gospel, speaks of the Shepherd—Jesus is the Good Shepherd and our role is to be encourage the sheep to follow Jesus—our Holy Father, Leo, will lead us in our role as evangelists. Please do encourage your loved ones to return to the practice of the faith in whatever way you can during these days.

Thursday was tinged with sadness of course as we gathered at the Cathedral Gates to pay our respects to Fr Peter Kerr, Friday evening's Mass was such a special tribute to him and I want to thank all who attended and participated.

These are special days—let's renew our relationship with God during these days.

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.

**Priests' Dues Collection** - £7336 & €137.85

**Trocaire Collection 2025** £6471 & €1195.50

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Declan Corr, Susan (Susie) Murphy, Fr Peter Kerr, Patsy McKenna, Derek Wilson, Frank Sheridan and Attracta O'Connor.

#### MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Stephen Corrigan (14th) and Jimmy McKinney (16th)

May they rest in peace.



Divine Mercy Chaplet We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in May Prayers During May we continue to pray for the increase of St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the faith in our parish especially among our young adults. We place this Jubilee of Hope. Please feel free to join us in person or online for this intention into the care of our blessed mother. special moment of prayer.

few months however we need to ensure that we have the funds Confirmation is available in the Parish shop. available in order to begin. We ask and encourage you to join our fundraising campaign and you can support it in many ways, firstly Weddings Couples who are planning their Wedding are reminded and most importantly please pray for the project that God may inspire that in this Parish we require 6 months notice. If you are planning on and provide for its success, secondly if you or someone who you are being married in any of the Parish Churches please do make contact 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 Cemeteries We thank parishioners who care so faithfully for the should you have any questions. Fr Barry

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on 25th May 2025. The Knights of St Columbanus have organised a bus to leaving the Mary's Meals Armagh & Benburb Group invite you to their coffee main Cathedral gates at 7:30am sharp. Cost: £20 per person. Booking in the Parish Office. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Vocations Sunday: This Sunday is Vocations Sunday—Please do keep our seminarians in your prayers and also please pray that those whom God calls will respond with generosity of heart.

Prayer for Vocations 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.

**Legion of Mary** 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

All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock Shrine on Saturday 7th June. Coach £25. To book contact Gabrielle 07933 521105 or Catherina 07899 810181

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 newcomers welcome.

First Holy Communion We congratulate the Children who have Fundraising Update We take this opportunity to thank all those who received their first Holy Communion this weekend and wish the have so generously supported our on-going fundraising campaign. We children who are preparing to receive over the next few weeks every have several key projects that we are hoping to begin over the next blessing. A special range of gift items for 1st Holy Communion &

with Claire in the parish office and any of the priests.

need urgent attention. Please feel free to speak with me directly graves of our loved ones in the parish cemeteries. We remind you of the "clear lawn policy" and ask that benches are not placed in the cemeteries without permission.

> morning on Sat 24th May in Benburb Priory from 10am - 1pm. Raffle on the day. All proceeds go to feed hungry children. All welcome.

Legion of Mary The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Let's Talk About Faith Curious about how the Church is structured or how a Pope is chosen? Join Let's Talk About Faith for an inspiring roundtable discussion on Church Hierarchy and Papal Elections on Thursday, 15th May, at the SVP Centre. We'll begin the evening with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:15pm, creating a reflective space before diving into a lively and thought-provoking conversation. Everyone is welcome—we'd truly love to have you

> **Exam Students:** We pray during these days for our students who are currently sitting and studying for exams. Please encourage young people to drop into any Church for a moment of prayer and to light a

> Armagh Men's Senior Team— We wish Armagh GAA every success this Weekend in the Ulster Final.

# **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

# Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire,

atá lán de ghrásta, Tá an Tiarna leat. Is beannaithe thú idir mná. Agus is beannaithe toradh do bhroinne; losa.

A Naomh-Mhuire. a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois, agus ar uair ár mbáis.

Amen.

