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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.

Fundraising Update We take this opportunity to thank all those who that in this Parish we require 6 months notice. If you are planning on have so generously supported our on-going fundraising campaign. being married in any of the Parish Churches please do make contact We have several key projects that we are hoping to begin over the with Claire in the parish office and any of the priests. 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 Cemeteries We thank parishioners who care so faithfully for the fundraising campaign and you can support it in many ways, firstly graves of our loved ones in the parish cemeteries. We remind you of and most importantly please pray for the project that God may inspire the "clear lawn policy" and ask that benches are not placed in the and provide for its success, secondly if you or someone who you are cemeteries without permission. 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 Mary's Meals Armagh & Benburb Group invite you to future generations, however we must act now as there are aspects that their coffee morning on Sat 24th May in Benburb Priory from 10am need urgent attention. Please feel free to speak with me directly 1pm. Raffle on the day. All proceeds go to feed hungry children. All should you have any questions. Fr Barry

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on 25th May 2025. Exam Students: We pray during these days for our students who are The Knights of St Columbanus have organised a bus to leaving the currently sitting and studying for exams. Please encourage young main Cathedral gates at 7:30am sharp. Cost: £20 per person. Booking people to drop into any Church for a moment of prayer and to light a in the Parish Office. Please bring a packed lunch. candle.

Legion of Mary 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.

Praver 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.

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,

The "New Commandment" which Jesus' gives us in this weekends Gospel is a challenge for all of humanity - in a world of hatred, bitterness and division, love is counter-cultural.

Like the saints we are called to lead others to a deeper relationship with Jesus, and never to loose heart in this important mission. We are called firstly however to ensure that we ourselves are connected with Jesus through a healthy relationship with the sacraments and the Word of God.

These day's are exciting days as we see our new Holy Father settling into his role. today we pray for his particularly as he officially receives the office and we ask God to guide his as he leads us in faith. We continue of course to pray for the Church here in Ireland, for a renewal of faith modelled on the love of God.

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.

## Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Gentle Mary, we pray for hearts of courage that we may always accept the will of God. Attentive Mary, we pray for hearts of wisdom that we may always hear the word of God and respond to it in our lives. Loving Mary, we pray for hearts of love that we may always act in a spirit of charity and service. Mother Mary, we pray for hearts to be true disciples that we may always be led to live in God's ways.

Amen

# Weekly Collection - £6144 & 213.60

Education of Priests- £2425 & 43.20

# **RECENTLY DECEASED**

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



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welcome

Weddings Couples who are planning their Wedding are reminded

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd May at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Diane Clabby. For more information telephone 028 95213120 or visit www.anamcara.ie

## **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

#### **Confirmation Dates 2025**

Saturday 7th June - 2pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS in St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 8th June - 2pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS in St Patrick's Cathedral

#### Prayer for the Year of Jubilee

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 vanguished, 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

