# 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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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

Today we are focused on the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - we are being prepared for the moment when God will send his advocate upon us to bring us a renewal of the gifts that we received at Baptism which were confirmed at Confirmation.

There are many crosses that we carry in life and of course being a Christian does not exempt us from carrying the crosses of life however these Easter days leading up to Pentecost are an opportunity for all of us to identify Jesus walking with us every day. This weekend why not begin to count your blessings and in turn to name your blessings every day. Take a moment in the morning and again each evening to thank God for something or someone who brings you His Hope - this Jubilee year is a year where we gain a new perspective of God's mercy as we seek to re-engage with the Graces of the Sacraments.

During my pilgrimage last week, I noted the joy that people experienced by deepening their relationship with Jesus, this joy was real and as they connected in prayer this joy became animated and almost palpable. People who struggled with heavy crosses were eased of the burden of the cross and gained a new sense of peace - Jesus first words to the disciples after the Resurrection were "Peace be with you" this peace is available for us all.

This week is a special moment in our Parish as we prepare for the Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Giacomo who has served with us since his ordination in October last, we thank God for his generous YES to serve the Lord through the Church. I am certain that you will keep Giacomo in your prayers during these days, please pray also that other young men & women will consider the call to priesthood and religious life.

> 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

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.

Parish Office The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 26th May and will reopen on Tuesday 27th May at 10am.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Michael John Collins, James Kelly, Noeleen Bailie, Kitty O'Neill, Mary McAnerney, Declan Corr, Susan (Susie) Murphy, Fr Peter Kerr, Patsy McKenna and Derek Wilson.

## MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Frank Sheridan (26th) & Attracta O'Connor (26th)

*May they rest in peace.* 



Deacon Giacomo's Ordination - On Saturday next May 31st at 3pm £10. The Saturday morning 10am Mass is a shared Mass offered for in the Cathedral, Deacon Giacomo will be ordained as a priest - all are all our Mass Card / Mass Bouquet intentions. Anniversary notices welcome to attend - (Fr) Giacomo will celebrate his first Mass in the should be left into the Parish office well in advance of the date Cathedral on Sunday June 1st at 12:30pm and again all are welcome requested in order that they are properly recorded. to attend. On Thursday next May 29th at 8pm in St Malachy's Church, a special moment of grace as part of his preparations.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Please save the date of our upcoming events

Parish Social Morning which was postponed following the death of our Holy Father Francis will be held in the Synod Hall on Saturday June 7th, more details next week.

Our Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday June 22nd, leaving St Malachy's Church at 4pm.

Our Triduum to St Anthony will begin on Wednesday 11th June in St Malachy's and finish on his Feast Day June 13th (7:30pm each evening) - all are invited to join these special moments of prayer and

Jubilee of Hope. Please feel free to join us in person or online for this 07856 172206 special moment of prayer.

few months however we need to ensure that we have the funds newcomers welcome. available in order to begin. We ask and encourage you to join our fundraising campaign and you can support it in many ways, firstly Coffee Morning in aid of Southern Area Hospice All are welcome and provide for its success, secondly if you or someone who you are for a coffee morning from 10:30am-2:30pm on Saturday 31st May. 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 Weddings Couples who are planning their Wedding are reminded should you have any questions. Fr Barry

we crown thee with blossoms today!

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.

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.

Fr Des Corrigan We take this opportunity to wish Fr Des Corrigan every blessing following his recent "significant" birthday - thank you Fr Des for your continued ministry here in the Parish and your support of the team here.

Mass Stipends We remind parishioners that an individual Mass is offered solely for the intentions of all the anniversaries which are received. The minimum suggested stipend here in the Archdiocese is

Den Giacomo will make his promises prior to Ordination - this also is Parish Soccer Blitz / Fun Day Well done to the children of our primary schools in the parish who participated in the Soccer Fun Day in Sherry's field on Monday and the students of our secondary schools who came along to referee the games - thanks to our Parish Principal Group who worked together to make this special day a real success. In this Jubilee Year this was a real moment of hope as our school's joined together in a fun and active way.

> **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 Divine Mercy Chaplet We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in the Church and wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tues St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. For more info

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us Fundraising Update We take this opportunity to thank all those who at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience have so generously supported our on-going fundraising campaign. We spiritual growth and community. Rosary at 7.45pm. The last Tuesday have several key projects that we are hoping to begin over the next of every month there will be Adoration & Prayer Ministry. All

and most importantly please pray for the project that God may inspire to the home of Neville & Myrtle Pogue 142 Maydown Road, Benburb

future generations, however we must act now as there are aspects that that in this Parish we require 6 months notice. If you are planning on need urgent attention. Please feel free to speak with me directly being married in any of the Parish Churches please do make contact with Claire in the parish office and any of the priests.

Legion of Mary Join the Legion of Mary for the final Rosary and Cemeteries We thank parishioners who care so faithfully for the crowning of the statue at 8.10pm on May 26th at Our Lady's Shrine, graves of our loved ones in the parish cemeteries. We remind you of Dalton Road, Armagh. Everyone is very welcome to join us. O Mary the "clear lawn policy" and ask that benches are not placed in the cemeteries without permission.

> **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 candle

# **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

#### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.



