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,

Today we celebrate the mystery of the One God, and God is the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. this of course is one of the mysteries of our faith which reminds us of two important points, firstly that God is all powerful and through Him everything is possible, secondly on our journey through life we will not understand everything but rather we trust in God's intimate love and providence with the assurance that all will be revealed in our eternal homeland, heaven.

In my prayer life, God transcends all aspects, God the Father is who I pray to for guidance and wisdom in big decisions and important matters, I seek always to recognise Jesus as walking with me on the path of life - guiding, teaching, loving and the Holy Spirit I pray to for an increase in the Gifts & Fruits both for myself and others. Since I was young I had such an understanding of the 'Persons' of the Trinity however I was also aware that the Trinity merged into the singular 'One God' in the Sacraments of the Church bringing the full power of God into our midst.

When we were growing up we learned about the trinity that was age appropriate, however in today's world many of our young people possibly don't understand the role of the triune God, Pope Francis in 2022 spoke of the Trinity showing us how to live in communion with others, however maybe it is no surprise that in a world where many have turned away from God many live in an individualistic bubble - just them and their screens.

Next Sunday is a special Feast, Corpus Christi, here in Armagh we have our "Corpus Christi Procession" leaving St Malachy's at 4:15pm and arriving at the Cathedral for 5:30pm Mass - we encourage parishioners and especially families to come along to create a festival of Faith, Hope and Love. Also next weekend, we are asking that parishioners bring their Sacred Heart Images to be blessed at Mass - a prayer of blessing and consecration will be said at all Masses next weekend.

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
£5140 & €102.95

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Yvonne McArdle, Pauline Vallely, John Halligan, Kathleen Loughran, Elizabeth Mallon, Ann Baxter, Frank Hughes, Nellie Morgan, Jean Vallely and James Kelly

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Noeleen Bailie (16th), Dudley Marjoram (21st) and Michael Collins (21st)

May they rest in peace.

Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday June 22nd leaving St Malachy's Church at 4:15pm and processing through Armagh arriving at the Cathedral for 5:30pm Mass. Please note the date and we encourage everyone to attend especially families and children who have received the sacraments this year.

Sacred Heart Images We encourage parishioners to bring along their images of the Sacred Heart to any Mass on Sunday 22nd June where they will be blessed.

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.

St Oliver Plunkett 400th Anniversary To mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of St Oliver a special ceremony will take place in Drogheda on Sunday July 6th. We have arranged a bus to travel to Drogheda from the Cathedral on the day leaving at 12noon and returning at 6:30pm Anyone wishing to travel are asked to book your free seat in advance through the Parish office. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch with you.

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.

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.

Vocations Society of St Joseph - Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday, 28 June 2025. Bus leaves, Tullygoonigan 6.45am and St. Malachy's Church (Front Gates) 7am. Fare: £35. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking: 07752409636

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.

The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's statue in Dalton on the first Monday evening of each month throughout the summer after 7.30pm Mass at the request of local residents. All are welcome.

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.

Blessing of the Graves 2025
Tullysaran (Old Graveyard) - 20th June at 7pm
Tullysaran (New Graveyard) - 22nd June at 10am
St Patrick's Cemetery - 29th June at 12noon

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

Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish? If you are interested, why not consider joining our Diocesan Theology programme. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year and starting late September. For more info contact Milanda on 00353429342954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie

South Ulster Sinfonia present their annual Summer Concert in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on 21st June at 7:30pm. This year's programme includes Vivaldi's concerto for Two Trumpets, performed by two very talented local musicians, and Schubert's Symphony No 6 in C major. What better way to spend a Saturday evening! Tickets available at SouthUlsterSinfonia.eventbrite.co.uk or pay at the door.

Students preparing for Exams We remember in prayer the many students in our parish who are preparing for exams at present. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct all of them in their work and efforts in the coming weeks.

Prayers for Students

Dear Lord, help me to approach my exams
with a clear head and a calm mind.
Give me your strength and your peace,
and let me do justice to all that I have learned.
Thank you Lord for all my gifts and talents. Amen.

Loving God, be with me now, as I prepare for my exams.
Thank you for the many talents & gifts you have given me
and for the opportunity of education.
Calm my nerves & anxiety,
help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exams
and always.
In Jesus' name.
Amen