# 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,

Ascension Sunday - Today we reflect upon Jesus ascending to Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Today is a special feast in the Church Calendar as it once again reminds us of the power of the Resurrection and the ultimate glory of God who has the power to give life, to bring healing and even to bring his Son, Jesus Christ into heaven, body, blood, soul and divinity. For many people in the world today, the Ascension is merely a story, indeed for many the Gospel accounts of Jesus' actions are mere stories that are told, rather than a reality that was lived.

Our parish celebrates during these days as we reflect on the Ordination to Priesthood of Fr Giacomo - Fr Giacomo's YES to follow Jesus is an example of how each of us are called to a new reality which comes from hearing the power and glory of God. I am hopeful that Fr Giacomo be with us until the Archbishop announces the Clergy changes this autumn and then I have no doubt that Fr Giacomo will be a wonderful asset to his new parish.

During this week, I was blessed to travel to Rome for a meeting about Vocations there we spoke about the reality of the life of a Priest here in the Archdiocese of Armagh. Priests here are busy like most people in our faith community and we struggle with many of the realities that our parishioners struggle with however the life of service is a special calling - God to has power to ascend from Earth to Heaven also have the power to give you the courage to follow whatever plan He has for you. Please continue to pray that those whom God call's will respond generously.

Not my will Lord, but yours....

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.

<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.

Weekly Collection

18th May: £5660 & €304.25 25th May: £5310 & €223.68

Cathedral Maintenance & Repair £3830 & €35

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Dudley Marjoram, Nellie Morgan, Jean Vallely, Michael Collins, James Kelly, Noeleen Bailie, Kitty O'Neill, Mary McAnerney and Declan Corr.

#### MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Derek Wilson (31st), Patsy McKenna (2nd), Fr Peter Kerr (6th) and Susie Murphy (7th).

May they rest in peace.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Please save the date of our upcoming events

Parish Social Morning On Saturday next you are invited to join with the parish community for our Social Morning - this is an opportunity to gather in friendship over a cuppa and some sweet treats while enjoying the music provided by the Westenders Ukulele

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

gratitude to the Parishes of Killcluney and Armagh for the by Eddie Stones. All welcome. outpouring of love and sympathy upon Fr Peter's final visit to repose. To the people and priests who lined the streets of the city and who Mass Stipends We remind parishioners that an individual Mass is rewarded. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, requested in order that they are properly recorded. a mass will be offered for your intentions as a token of our family's deepest gratitude. Fr Peter's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated Legion of Mary welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's)

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 Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us special moment of prayer.

Divine Mercy Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on 5th newcomers welcome. June. Confessions starts at 7pm with Rosary/Mass at 7.30pm with Fr. Giacomo Taffi. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

**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

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 The next Branch meeting will be held on Wed 4 June in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to join us in Praying the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life followed by a short meeting. Our group. Please do come along and invite your neighbours and friends

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Coach from Armagh on Saturday 28 June. Further details next week.

> 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 7th June at 3pm. All welcome.

Pentecost Sunday Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to celebrate Pentecost with them on Sunday 8th June at 2.15pm in St A note of thanks The Kerr family would like to extend our sincere Malachy's Church. Holy Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service led

gathered in prayer at the gates of St Patricks Cathedral and upon offered solely for the intentions of all the anniversaries which are arrival St Patrick's Church, Ballymacnab, we will always remember received. The minimum suggested stipend here in the Archdiocese is your presence and the comfort you brought. Fr Peter loved the people £10. The Saturday morning 10am Mass is a shared Mass offered for of Ballymacnab, Granemore, Clady and the Parish of Armagh and all our Mass Card / Mass Bouquet intentions. Anniversary notices held you in the highest esteem. May your goodness and kindness be should be left into the Parish office well in advance of the date

in St. Colmcille's Church, Carrickmore on Friday 6th June at 7.30 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 Divine Mercy Chaplet We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in Church life. More Information can be found on the Parish website.

at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth and community. Rosary at 7.45pm. The last Tuesday Divine Mercy Monthly Mass All are welcome for the first Thursday of every month there will be Adoration & Prayer Ministry. All

#### 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

# A Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Fill me with Your love, heal my wounds, and guide me in Your peace. May Your Heart reign in my life forever. Amen.

