

Dear Friends,

situations or people or challenges.

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This week's Gospel challenges us in a very particular way - the story of the Good

Samaritan not only highlights the Christian Way but also encourages us to look at

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 Church from after Malachv's 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.

Temporary Cleaner Required for St Patrick's Cathedral from week Growing in Faith, Confidence, and Fellowship beginning 11th August - 17th October. Please contact Caroline in the At our weekly Junior and Intermediate meetings, children deepen Parish Office for further information - 02837522813 ext. 3.

Steps" (about the steps at St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh) has been activities and outings that strengthen their bonds of friendship and released on CD. The song was recorded in The Dublin Studio Hub & community. is sung by Larry Hogan. The CDs are £5 each with the entire Facing Today's Challenges Together proceeds going towards Cathedral funds. are available at the In a world where living out our Catholic faith can be more following outlets; Cathedral Shop, Raffles, Curran's Spar Shop, Macari's Newsagents, Dessie's and Armagh Blooms.

Fundraising Update Many thanks to all those who have supported our Senior, Junior, and Intermediate Praesidia. our Cathedral Fundraising to date, as you are aware there are many Join Us! areas that need to be addressed in the Cathedral, such as water ingress, loose mosaics and the iconic steps at the front. These issues are all in progress however the damage from storm Eowyn resulted in our focus shifting to the roof where extensive damage was caused . resulting in the need to get a crane to repair slates and the



your generosity in assisting us to build a fund that can enable us to undertake these important repairs - all monies donated for Cathedral repairs are ring fenced for that purpose only. If you are in a position to assist with our fundraising efforts please do contact Fr Barry or any member of our finance committee. For more information or to make a donation, please scan the QR Code. Intervention, please scan the QR Code.

Jubilee Passport We have recently developed a "Jubilee Passport" which can be stamped here in St Patrick's Cathedral, and also includes a pilgrimage stamp to St Peters in Drogheda for this major year marking 400 years since St Oliver Plunkett's birth and the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Coleman in Newry. Each of these Churches are special Jubilee Pilgrim Sites and a plenary indulgence can be obtained by visiting these special sites.

Missionaries of Charity Summer Play Scheme for children aged 5-10 years will take place in The Recreation and Community Centre, Cathedral Rd, Armagh for two weeks: 4th- 8th August and 11th-15th August. Registration forms are available from the sisters. For more

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and now it's finally here. Thank you Lord for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines & to replenish our minds, bodies & souls so that they may better serve you.

Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way.

lightning conductor throughout the building. We continue to seek



those moments where we look the other way - when we cross the road to avoid When asked for the formula to gain eternal life, Jesus highlights the commandments of love and then uses the parable to reinforce the message.

I think many of us will be familiar with situations that we feel uncomfortable with, there are people who we find hard to like and there are situations that we find intolerable and yet as Christians we are called to love with a Christ-like heart. We are called to bring these situations to Jesus and seek His intercession and healing. True peace will be found when we are all focused on the heart of Jesus for as St Paul reminds us in the second reading "all things will be reconciled through Him & for Him".

These days are days when many people are travelling on their summer break - we are reminded of the many times in the Gospels where Jesus retreated away for some time of renewal and quiet. Even if we are not travelling far this summer it is important to find some space to break the routine and find opportunities to be reenergised for the journey.

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.

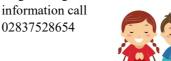
Parish Office The Parish Office is closed on Monday 14th July and will reopen on Tuesday 15th July at 10am.

> **Priests' Dues Collection** £7126 & €98.70

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Margaret Cawley, Margaret Donnelly, Colleen Williams, Fearghal Donnelly, Patricia (Pat) Oliver, Agnes Cox, Kieran McParland and Margaret McManus.







SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

<u>Mass Time</u>s

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. **Parish Contacts**

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St Patrick's Cathedral: 028 3752 2638 St Malachy's Church: 028 3751 0516

Baptisms & Weddings - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

Discover the Legion of Mary: A Legacy of Faith and Service

Founded by Frank Duff in Dublin on September 7, 1921, the Legion of Mary began with a humble mission-visiting patients in a nearby hospital for the poor. From these early compassionate acts, the Legion quickly embraced greater challenges, guided always by a deep trust and devotion to Our Lady. Today, the Legion continues this proud tradition, inspiring members through the ongoing cause for the Beatification of Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, and Alfie Lamb-heroes of faith whose stories are celebrated worldwide.



A Vibrant Presence in Armagh Parish Since the 1930s

The Legion of Mary has been a vital part of Armagh Parish for nearly a century. Our Senior Praesidium leads with dedication, running Junior (ages 7-12) and Intermediate (ages 12-18) groups that nurture the next generation of faithful. Senior members gather every Tuesday evening for a prayerful meeting, visiting housebound parishioners and care homes, leading the Rosary during May at Our Lady's statue, and offering prayers in the Cemetery each Sunday in November. They also respond generously to any pastoral needs requested by our Parish Administrator.

their understanding of the Rosary and Catholic faith. They build confidence through serving and reading at Mass, learning catechism, Fundraising CD A song written by Willie Nugent titled "The leading prayers, and visiting care homes-all while enjoying fun

demanding than ever, the Legion of Mary offers a supportive family to help us grow spiritually and face these challenges with courage. We warmly invite new members-children and adults alike-to join

Senior Members: Meet with us every Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the SVP Centre.

Junior & Intermediate Members: Join our groups on Mondays at the SVP Centre (Junior: 7-11 years; Intermediate: 12-17 years).

Come be part of a loving, faith-filled community where you can serve, pray, and grow. The Legion of Mary is waiting to welcome you! Contact Margaret 07799 867 714 for Senior Praesidium and

Prayer for the Summer

Dear Lord, how we have waited for this holiday,

Help us not to worry about having the perfect holiday but to relax & enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. We are grateful for the joys that await us whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace & solitude. Amen.

