

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,

This Sunday's readings remind us of Jesus' desire that we should live in peace. "Whatever house you go into, let your first words be 'Peace to this house!'" Of course God has given us the roadmap and the tool's for peace - we have the Commandments, we have the Sacraments and of course we have the Words of Jesus - tools and directions for a peace filled life connected to God and each other.

The psalmist today calls the whole world to "Cry out to God with joy" - but we see all around us the actions of a fallen humanity, war and violence, persecution and hate. We see families displaced from their homes, bombs raining down on hospital facilities and the most vulnerable of children being killed. The "Peace" that Jesus desires for us is fragile - even closer to home we see the value of life being lessened by recent legislation decriminalising abortion up to full term & the passage of laws around euthanasia. Life is a gift from God - Jesus died that we would have eternal life in union with Him however so many people through their actions have chosen to limit God's desire that we would live in peace.

Let us refocus this week on God's presence among us - let us ask God to reignite within us his flame of love - love for life, love for peace, love for our neighbours and most importantly love for Him. Let us be brave in our choices as we seek to live in unity with God and maybe this week we should reflect upon how we can make changes in our lives in order to unite more fully with God's plan for our lives.

Over these last weeks we have had the opportunity to honour our beloved dead in the "Blessings of our Cemeteries". These have been precious moments where we have stood as a community giving thanks for the blessings we have received from those who have gone before us. I want to thank personally all those who attended, participated or facilitated in any way the ceremonies - they really reflected the heart and spirit of our community.

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.

Cemetery Sunday Collection

£9003 & €371.75

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:


Fearghal Donnelly, Patricia (Pat) Oliver, Agnes Cox, Kieran McParland, Margaret McManus, Jim Cullen, Colm Reavey and John McGeown.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Pauline Vallely (11th), John Halligan (12th), Yvonne McArdle (12th) and Margo Knipe (13th)

May they rest in peace.



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.

Temporary Cleaner Required

for St Patrick's Cathedral from week beginning 11th August - 17th October. Please contact Caroline in the Finance Office for further information - 02837522813 ext. 3.

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. Next Rosary: Monday 7th July.

Fundraising CD

A song written by Willie Nugent titled “The Steps” (about the steps at St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh) has been released on CD. The song was recorded in The Dublin Studio Hub & is sung by Larry Hogan. The CDs are £5 each with the entire proceeds going towards Cathedral funds. are available at the 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 Cathedral Fundraising to date, as you are aware there are many 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 lightning conductor throughout the building. We continue to seek 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.



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.

Mary's Meals

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

Mary's Meals is a global charity which was founded in 2002 when a Scottish fish farmer visited Malawi during a severe famine. Children were unable to attend school because of starvation. Deeply affected by what he witnessed, he started a feeding programme in a school for 200 pupils. The charity was named after our Blessed Mother Mary. Currently, Mary's Meals provides a free daily meal at school to 2.6 million of the world's poorest and hungriest children across 16 countries.

These meals are the main meal of the day for these children and the only meal for some. 10p pays for one meal for a child and a donation of £19.15 pays for school meals for a child for a full year! The low cost of meals is due to the fact that the food is all sourced in the local area which in addition helps their economy. All preparation and serving of food is done by volunteers.

There is a local Mary's Meals group who meet every Tuesday in Benburb Priory. Their main work is fundraising to reach more children with meals. They have gift cards and some small items for sale. Currently, the group have undertaken a project to fund meals for 5,000 children, wherever the greatest need arises. There are 72 million children of primary school age in the world not attending school due to poverty and hunger.

If you would like to donate to Mary's Meals you can visit the centre in Benburb or you can donate online using this link bit.ly/5000children. We have a Facebook page which is named Armagh & Benburb MM Support Group.

The late Pope Francis said "At the end of our life the Lord won't ask us, 'What did you study? How many degrees do you have? How many works did you accomplish?' No, No! The Lord will say, 'Come with me because I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was persecuted and you protected me.'

School Reunion

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Sacred Heart Intermediate School, a reunion is planned for all those who attended from 1955 to 1973. The reunion takes place on Sunday 21st September 2025 from 2pm to 6pm in the current school (now known as Coláiste Chaitríona, Ard Mhacha). Further details to follow.

Gracious and Holy Father,

Please give me:

intellect to understand you,

reason to discern you,

diligence to seek you,

wisdom to find you,

a spirit to know you,

a heart to meditate upon you,

ears to hear you,

eyes to see you,

a tongue to proclaim you,

a way of life pleasing to you,

patience to wait for you

and perseverance to look for you.

Grant me a perfect end,

your holy presence,

a blessed resurrection

and life everlasting. Amen.

St Benedict - Feast Day - 11th July

