

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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- to book your

baptism or wedding, please contact the

Parish Office.

SVP Helpline:

07733 482604

Dear Friends,

Be prepared ! Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel is simple and profound in equal measure. It's not so much of a warning but rather is an invitation - like any invitation we have a choice as to whether we accept it or not.

We hear so much in the world now about choice, we have become such an entitled world feeling entitled to all the blessings but not willing to acknowledge or recognise our God who created all that is good (including ourselves). I often feel sad when I think of the many people who have actively turned away from God - those people who reject God from their lives. I know that God is a loving Father whose Mercy is endless, however there are many people who have rejected His love and Mercy from their lives.

How can we be prepared ? We prepare ourselves to meet God on the last day by how we live, by how we relate to others and by how we relate to Jesus. We have been given a glimpse of heaven through the healing power of the Sacraments, each time we go to confession we ask God to cleanse our souls for the journey, each time we attend Mass we recognise God who blesses us abundantly - indeed each of the Sacraments act as a way to meet Jesus here on earth in preparation for one day seeing Him face to face in heaven.

This week, our challenge is to respond to the question - am I prepared?

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

- £5305 & €136.93

Sick & Retired Priest's Collection

- £2500 & €46

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:

Gerry Gribbon, Kevin Leer, Kevin Kennedy, Geraldine Kelly,

Joe Powell, Joseph Dotters, Maria Mackey and Anthony McEneaney.


MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Dr. George Sam (10th), Brieghe Cullen (11th),

Gerard Mackle (11th), Jean Wong (13th), Emma Paterson (14th),

Dympna Conway (16th) and Dolores Hannon (17th)



Fr Emmanuel Mass of Thanksgiving

To mark Fr Emmanuel's time with us, we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 16th August at 6:30pm. Refreshments after in the Synod Hall. As you know, Fr Emmanuel has been assigned to Newry Cathedral Parish and we wish him every blessing in his new ministry.

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.

Weekly Envelope Update

This year in April we distributed 1300 boxes of envelopes - a special word of thanks to all those who use the envelope as a means of contributing to the Parish - it is most appreciated. On Average we receive about 40% of the envelopes each week (incl. those who pay by DD/SO through the bank). The benefit to the Parish of the envelope system is that we can claim an additional 25% in the form of "Gift Aid" from the government on all donations received this way. I would encourage you to please consider using the envelope or considering a regular direct payment through the bank - forms can be got in the Parish office and on the website.

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.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

If anyone is interested in becoming a reader or a Eucharistic minister at Mass in our Parish, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.

St Patrick's Parochial Hall

- Work has been on-going on the front of the Parochial Hall with a view that the space can be used as a welcome hub for tour groupings to the Cathedral as well as for parish meetings etc. Over the next few weeks we will have an opportunity to open the space for parishioners to see the works completed.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) invite you to join them on the Feast of the Assumption for the celebration of Holy Mass at 6pm, Friday, 15 August at St. Brigid's Shrine, Faughart, just a short distance from Dundalk. For further details contact 07752409636.

Charles Wood Summer School

takes place this year from 10th-17th August. Events happening within our Parish:

12th Aug - Sung Mass in St Malachy's Church at 7:30pm

Bach at Twilight in St Malachy's Church at 8:30pm

17th Aug - Sung Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am

For more info visit www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/events.

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza

Saturday 23rd August—Sunday 24 August

Schedule

6:30pm

7:30pm - 9pm

9pm

9:45pm

11pm

11:30pm - 7am

3am

6am

8am

10:30am

11am

12:30pm

3pm

5pm

5:30pm

Mass

Confessions

Procession around St Patrick's Cathedral

Benediction

Night Prayer

Overnight Adoration

Divine Mercy

Office of Readings

Morning Prayer

Rosary


Mass


Mass

Divine Mercy Hour

Rosary

Mass





The Knights of St. Columbanus, Armagh

The Knights of Saint Columbanus is a Catholic fraternal organisation dedicated to promoting charity, unity, and the spiritual well-being of its members and the broader community. Founded in 1915 by Canon James K. O'Neill in Belfast, the order strives to live out the values of the Catholic faith through charitable activities, community support, and spiritual enrichment programs. Inspired by Saint Columbanus, a missionary monk known for his evangelical zeal and efforts to spread Christianity across Europe in the 6th and 7th centuries, the Knights engage in numerous initiatives to provide financial assistance, foster educational and spiritual development, and support local organisations offering vital services. If you would like further information or wish to join your local chapter please contact us via email: Koscarmagh@outlook.com

Mary's Meals Youth Group

A group of children and young people from Armagh, Newry and Benburb have set up Mary's Meals Youth Group (MMYG). The children have organised a children's sponsored walk and would like to invite all children, young people and their families to join in their sponsored walk on Saturday 16th August at St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh. Mass is at 10am followed by a walk around the cathedral with refreshments afterwards for all participants. All the proceeds will go to Mary's Meals to feed hungry children in developing countries throughout the world.

Feast of the Assumption

Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at the following times:

St Malachy's Church: 8am and 7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral: 10am

Church of the Immaculate Conception: 9am

St Colmcille's Church: 6pm

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption

Almighty and everlasting God,

You have taken up body and soul into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son:

Grant, we beseech You, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit

One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

