



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

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Dear Friends,

This weekend, we gather to pray for peace and a lasting settlement in the war which has torn apart the Holy Land. We are all absolutely horrified by the scenes that we are witnessing on our screens of innocent bodies killed in cold blood, some merely queueing for food and water, starving children, mothers and fathers unable to protect their children.

We are all aware that war is caused by the powerful and their inhumanity towards their brothers and sisters. Greed and a desire for control is the root cause of war and we are witnessing this on a daily basis - God's desire that we have free will of course allows for humanity to choose the wrong path and we this weekend are all called to reflect and identify the path we choose - whether we are truly peacemakers in our own community, families and homes.

This weekend is about prayer, the power of prayer, we gather to do the most powerful act that we can as believers in Jesus Christ - that is to intercede for the suffering of Gaza and the Holy Land at the foot of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. God hears every prayer - God responds to every call - we sometimes cannot understand or see how but this is the call to trust in his plan. By our public witness we are truly making a powerful statement that we believe that God is more powerful than the war mongers, that God is more powerful than the army's of this world and by his love those who are suffering now will receive the promise of eternal peace.

"Blessed are the Peacemakers - they will be called children of God
Blessed are those who mourn - they will be comforted"

*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 Bank Holiday Monday 25th August and will reopen on Tuesday 26th at 10am.

Weekly Collection
£6251 & €154.30


RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Bridie Fox, Colm McAuley, Eugene Connolly, Gerry Gribbon, Kevin Leer, Kevin Kennedy and Joe Powell.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Joseph Dotters (24th) and Geraldine Kelly (31st)

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.



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.



Parish Social Our next Parish Social will be Saturday 30th August after 10am Mass. Music & entertainment from the Westenders Ukulele Group. All welcome!

Novena to St Teresa of Calcutta begins on 27th August for nine days. The Novena Prayer will be prayed each morning with the rosary prayers in St Patrick's Cathedral prior to the 10am Mass. On Friday 5th September, the Feast Day of St Teresa of Calcutta, Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral and there will be a blessing with the relic of St Teresa.

Novena Prayer
St Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame with you, and so became the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here make your request)



Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen.

Youth Celebration To mark the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, there will be a special Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 7th September at 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in joy and thanksgiving, to be inspired by the lives of these two modern saints

who lived their faith with courage, joy, and deep love for Jesus. The celebration will begin at 10am with a prayer walk around the Cathedral grounds. Refreshments after Mass in the Synod Hall.

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. All welcome.

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.

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.

Westenders Community Barbeque in Sherry's Field Community Centre on Sunday 31st August from 1pm-4pm. Adults £10 and Children £5. All welcome.

Give Blood NI next blood donation session is on 1st September from 12:30pm-7:30pm in Armagh City Hotel. To book an appointment visit: www.nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year
Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi - Prayer for Peace
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.