

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:

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Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, today is the Feast that reminds us that the Cross of Jesus is our key to eternal happiness, the Cross is our sign of hope.

Each of us carry our own crosses in life, the cross of grief at the loss of a loved one, the cross of illness and pain, the cross of addiction, the cross of the trials of our loved ones, the cross of anxiety and worry. Whatever our cross, we must know that when we bear the weight of the cross - we are not alone, God walks with us. When we carry our crosses we are like Simon of Cyrene who carried the Cross with Jesus and who was truly closest to Jesus at that moment.

This Jubilee Year where we concentrate on the virtue of Hope, we are all challenged by the situation in our world where it is difficult to see past the violence and bloodshed of war, however we are all called to be Pilgrims of Hope, recognising that our ultimate aim is eternal life with God in Heaven and witnessing to this reality in all our words and deeds.

Our upcoming "Week of Hope" presents us an opportunity as a faith community to reach out - to invite our families and friends, especially younger members and those who have turned away from the practice of faith to join with the wider faith community. To those who may have moved away from Church attendance for a reason, I would humbly ask that they "give our faith community a second chance" and join us during these days where all are welcome, where we are all at home.

Again this weekend, we are appealing for help distributing fliers around residential areas of Armagh, with the programme for the 'Week of Hope' and the Mass times and contact numbers for the Parish, anyone willing to give an hour to help are asked to call into the Parish Office.

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

£7941 & €321.48

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:


Gerry Mallon, Brendan White, Ann McAuley, Desmond (Dessie) McAuley, Rosemary McSorley, Angela McCaffrey, George Mahoney, Dessie Kelly, Pat Toal and May Campbell.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Bridie Fox (15th)

May they rest in peace.



Date	Time	Speaker	Theme
Sunday 28th September	11am	Bishop Michael Ruter	Sunday - Our Day of Hope
Monday 29th September Feast of the Archangels	7pm	Mr Colin Bell - Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust	Bringing Hope to Others in Times of Distress
Tuesday 30th September Feast of St Jerome	7pm	Mr Ger Brennan - Dublin GAA Manager	A Story of Hope
Wednesday 1st October Feast of St Thérèse	7pm	Fr. Philip Mulryne, OP - Dominican Priest	Our Mission - Baptised in Hope
Thursday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	7pm	Fr Richard Gibbons - Rector, Knock Shrine	Our Lady of Knock - God's Instrument of Hope for Ireland
Friday 3rd October Feast of St Columba Marmion	7pm	Dr Lynette McShane - Catholic Mother	Finding Hope in the Family Home
Saturday 4th October Feast of St Francis	6:30pm	Ms Antoinette Moynihan - Children of the Eucharist	Spreading God's Hope to the Young
Sunday 5th October	11am	Archbishop Eamon Martin	A Jubilee Celebration of Hope

Please note there will be no evening Mass or Prayer Service in St Malachy's Church from 28th September - 5th October. Sunday Masses as normal.

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

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.



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.

Jubilus Choir

will be holding auditions for new members. Boys & girls aged 8-16 are welcome to audition for this exciting opportunity. The choir sing at the Do This in Memory Masses each month, in addition to liturgies at Christmas, Easter & other special occasions. They rehearse every Wednesday 3.40pm -4.40pm. Auditions will be held in the Synod Hall on Wed 17th Sept 4.45pm-6pm. Contact Sara -Jane Kelly on sjbkelly@outlook.com to book an audition slot.

Knock Pilgrimage

The Legion of Mary will run their annual bus to Knock shrine on Sun 28th Sept. Cost £20. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome. The bus leaves the front gates of St Malachy's Church at 7am sharp. Tel. Gemma 07541326303 or Margaret 07799867714.

Convent Intermediate School Reunion

All past pupils are invited to the 70th Anniversary of the Opening of the Intermediate School on Sunday 21st September 2-6pm in Coláiste Chaitriona (Old Intermediate School). There will be guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to revisit old classrooms. Doors open 1:30pm.

Parking at St Patrick's Cathedral

New signage is currently being added around the Cathedral grounds encouraging visitors to park with consideration for others. We are introducing a new 'Parking Violation' sticker for cars parked outside the available spaces. We ask for your co-operation and patience as we work to improve the situation for all.

Prayer for Strength

Lord, every day I need you, but especially today.

I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day more than any other day, I need to feel you near me, to fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.

I need you to sustain me in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

Be with me Lord this day, so that I may know your guiding hand at work in everything and know your guiding presence with me always. Amen.