



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  
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Dear Friends,

This week we begin the Season of Creation - that moment in the Church calendar where we reflect on the beauty of God's created world around us. As we reflect on the beauty of the created world we do so with thankful hearts as everything that is good comes from God.

The first reading speaks of gentleness and humility - these two qualities are very much lacking in our world today as we see vast numbers of people displaced and persecuted by the harsh and evil acts of war brought about by those who seek division and who put their own needs above those who they are meant to serve. The Gospel this weekend challenges us to look at how we live our lives - how we present ourselves in public - how we witness to God's love in the world. We are challenged to be witnesses to humility and justice both in our actions and words with others and in our care for the created world which is God's gift to us and the generations that follow us.

This week maybe we can each think about how we live our lives - are we part of the wasteful throwaway culture or do we opt for that which lasts - do we waste power and electricity - are we careful about our possessions? What changes can we make to protect our world and honour the gifts that God has given to us.

I want to thank all those who participated in our 24 hours of prayer and reflection for Gaza last weekend - the numbers who attended each of the moments but especially those who joined our outdoor procession on Saturday which can be viewed on our website and Facebook page. We must trust that God hears our prayers and will respond. It was a true blessing to receive the message from Fr Gabriele (Parish Priest of Gaza) who assured me that the community of faith in Gaza were uplifted by the knowledge that they were not alone but that we as a community were united with them in prayer.

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**  
£6041 & €97

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Dessie Kelly, Pat Toal, Bridie Fox, Arthur Hagan,  
Colm McAuley, Eugene Connolly and Joe Powell.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Kevin Kennedy (30th), Geraldine Kelly (31st),  
Kevin Leer (3rd) and Gerry Gribbon (5th)

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.



**Novena to St Teresa of Calcutta** continues until 4th September. The Novena Prayer is 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.

**Divine Mercy Monthly Mass** All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on 4th September - Special evening of Thanksgiving to God for protection during summer. Confessions starts at 7pm with Rosary/Mass at 7.30pm. Here, we commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.



**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.

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)** The opening year Mass will be held on Wednesday, 3 September at 7.30 pm in St. Malachy's Church, followed by the Rosary & a short meeting in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. All are welcome to come along & pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

**Monthly Rosary** We gather on the first Saturday of each month at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray a rosary for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Our next gathering is on Saturday 6th September at 3pm. All welcome.

**The Legion of Mary** will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's statue in Dalton on 1st September after 7.30pm Mass. All are 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.

**Annual Hospice Coffee Morning** will take place on 11th September from 10am-1pm in Co. Armagh Golf Club. All welcome.

Prayer for the New School Year

Lord, you make all things new,  
you bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our spirits to be renewed.  
Thank you for this New Year  
and for all the potential that it holds.  
Help us in all that we do.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame  
so that in our time, many will see  
the wonders of God  
and live forever to praise  
your glorious name.  
Amen.

