



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh



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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 a baptism or wedding, please
contact the Parish Office.

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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

“Thank You” may seem like a simple phrase, yet it is often the one most easily forgotten — in our relationships with one another, and even more so in our relationship with God. So often, when we pray in petition, we pour our hearts out to God asking for help, guidance, or change. But when our prayers are answered — sometimes in ways we did not expect — we can fail to recognise His response. We may take our blessings for granted or overlook the subtle ways God works in our lives. As the familiar song reminds us, “sometimes God’s greatest gifts are unanswered prayers.”

The readings at Mass this weekend remind us of the greatest gift of all — the promise of eternal life. Through the proclamation of St. Paul that “Jesus Christ has risen from the dead,” we are invited to recognise that this is not only a statement of faith but also a call to action. The Resurrection is the heart of our hope; it is the life-giving message of the Gospel. We are called to respond by deepening our relationship with Jesus, through whom we share in the promise of eternal life.

We all have so much to be thankful for. Yet gratitude is not always easy. At times, the world around us can seem dark or uncertain. As autumn brings shorter days and longer nights, we may find it difficult to see beyond the shadows to the light of life that awaits us in spring. Still, whatever our circumstances, today offers us an opportunity — to pause, to count our blessings, and to reach out to God in thanksgiving.

This month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, offers a beautiful way to do just that. As we meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary, we are invited to contemplate the countless blessings that flow from our relationship with Jesus — His love, His mercy, and His saving presence in our lives. May our prayer of thanksgiving rise to God through Mary’s gentle intercession, and may our hearts be renewed in gratitude for the gift of faith, the gift of community, and the promise of eternal life.

Congratulations to our St Patrick’s Medal recipients who were awarded their medals on Sunday last during the final session of our Week of Hope. The recipients were Kathy Donnelly, Bridget Smith, Geraldine McCrory and Willie Nugent. These volunteers represent the many people who make our parish community the vibrant and welcoming place of hope that it is.

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

£6381 & €236.83

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Seamus McQuade, Pat Woods, Cathal McQuade,
Seamus Knipe, and Paul Mackey

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Brendan White (12th), Margaret Kelly (12th) & Sean Boylan (17th)

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.

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 & community. Rosary at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Cathedral Fundraising The campaign to raise much needed funds for St Patrick’s Cathedral is ongoing. Thank you to all those who have supported us to date. Anyone who is in a position to support the fundraising please contact Fr Barry, Caroline in the Parish Office or scan this QR Code .



RCIA 2025/2026 The Parish RCIA group welcome new members for this years programme. RCIA is for people who have not been Baptised or have not received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We also welcome Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to learn about their Faith. To register your interest please call the Parish Office on 02837522813 or email armaghparishoffice@gmail.com

Legion of Mary welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12-17yo's) groups on Mondays 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. For more info contact Denise 07856 172206

Parish Youth group (LEAP) Our Parish Youth Group, together with our youth coordinator, are beginning a Youth Alpha programme for young adults aged between 17 and 30. This 10 week programme will take place in the Parochial Hall. Week 1 of the Alpha Programme is on Happiness and Living Life to the full and will take place on Tues 14th October at 8pm in the Parochial Hall.

Annual Christmas Draw This weekend we are delighted to launch our Annual Christmas Draw. The top prize is £5,000. Proceeds from the draw will go towards our Parish Outreach. Tickets cost £10 each or 3 for £20 and can be purchased at the Parish Shop, Parish Office or any of the Sacristies.

Christmas at the Cathedral Tickets are now available for Christmas at the Cathedral which takes place on 12th December in the Cathedral, Malachi Cush will be joined by special guests for this special moment in our Advent Calendar. Tickets available from Ticketsource or by scanning the QR Code



Let’s Talk About Faith is getting together Thursday 16th October, at the SVP Centre for a round table chat on 'Man's capacity for God' from the Catechism. We'll start off at 7:15 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—a calm, peaceful moment to pause and reflect before the conversation begins. After that, it’s tea, good company, and a relaxed, thoughtful talk where everyone’s welcome to join in. Whether you want to explore big questions, meet new people, or just hang out in a friendly space, this is your spot. Everyone’s invited—hope to see you there!

Armagh Rural Transport celebrate “Positive Aging Month” with a walk and a chat on the Mall on Friday 17th October at 10:30-12noon. Refreshments at Armagh Cricket Club. All welcome.

Evora Hospice wish to thank all those who contributed to the recent church door collection in the Parish and to all those who volunteered to collect. The total collected was £2573.91. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament Dates 2026

February 24th/26th Ceremonies of Light @ 7pm - Cathedral

First Confessions

March 2nd St Patrick’s P.S. – Cathedral @ 6pm
March 3rd CBS P.S. – St Malachys @ 6pm
March 4th St Malachy’s P.S. – St Malachy’s @ 6pm
March 5th Mt St Catherine’s/Armstrong P.S. – Cathedral @ 6pm
March 9th Our Lady’s P.S. – Tullysaran @ 7pm
Saints & Scholars P.S. - St Malachy’s @ 6pm

March 13th Irish Confirmation – 5pm – St Malachy’s Church

April 18th Lisanally Special School - St Malachy’s Church
11am—First Holy Communion
1pm - Confirmation

First Holy Communion

April 25th Our Lady's P.S. - 11am - Tullysaran
Mt St Catherine's/Armstrong - 1pm - Cathedral
CBS - Bunscoil - 11am - St Malachy's
CBS - English - 1pm St Malachy's

May 9th Saints & Scholars – 10:30am - St Malachy's

May 16th St Patrick's PS - 11am - Cathedral
St Malachy's PS - 11am - St Malachy's

Confirmation in St Patrick’s Cathedral

May 23rd 3pm – Mt St Catherine’s, Armstrong, Our Lady’s & CBS
May 24th 2pm – St Malachy’s, St Patrick’s & Saints & Scholars

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila Feast Day - 15th October

Lord, grant that I may always
allow myself to be guided by You,
always follow Your plans,
and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.
Grant that in all things, great and small,
today and all the days of my life,
I may do whatever You require of me.
Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,
so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour.
May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me,
in me, and through me.
Amen.