



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,
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Dear Friends,

"Pray continually and never lose heart" these words from today's Gospel are a reminder that we can unite with God regardless of what we are doing in our everyday life. Whether we are at home, at work, at school or in our community we can be witnesses of the Good News in our words and our actions. In these simple words we are also reminded of the need to trust God - we must never lose heart because all our prayers are answered 'in God's time' and more importantly all are prayers are heard.

Over the last week I have been reminding people of the need to be thankful - the fragile peace in the Holy Land, all the little miracles in our own lives are all reminders to us that God hears and responds to our prayer, often not in the way that we demand but always in ways that teaches us to trust in His great plan for us. Suffering and pain are often part of life's journey and this can be difficult for us to understand, however we must know that even in the darkness of life God's light continues to illumine our hearts, if we let it.

Over these days we are called to reflect on our lives, on the hurts that we carry and the darkness that we feel and to invite Jesus to heal us, to bring about a sense of his presence in the midst of the troubles that we face and to ensure that we never lose heart.

These past weeks in our parish have seen some important "green shoots" as we have renewed our chaplaincies and begun some important outreach to our young people through our new youth team headed up by Ryan McParland. We are planning to arrange a youth centred Mass in the next few weeks that will encourage our young adults to join (keep an eye out) - it can be difficult for us when we see fewer young people attending church however we each have a role to play in extending the invitation - our young adults are often searching for something, we know that when we deepen our relationship with our loving God, who loves us unconditionally - that search is over, lets encourage our young to engage in this journey.

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
£5860 & €248.56

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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 2 of the Alpha Programme looks at "Who Jesus was and is" and will take place on Tues 12st 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



November Lists for the Dead will be available in the coming days and can be returned to any of the Churches.

Parish Masses for the Dead

2nd Nov - Church of the Immaculate Conception - 10am
3rd Nov - St Malachy's Church - 7.30pm
8th Nov - St Colmcille's Church - 6pm

All are welcome to attend these special Masses as we remember in prayer all those who have died in the Parish in the last year.

The Legion of Mary invite you to join them in praying a Rosary for the Holy Souls each Sunday during November at 3pm in St Patrick's Cemetery.

Holy Cross Group—Bethlehem A missionary group from Bethlehem will be visiting the Cathedral on the 1st & 2nd of Nov to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes , Rosary Beads , Plaques & Nativity Cribs) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families. Any help you can give them is highly appreciated

Calling all Saints! The Missionaries of Charity are holding their All Saints Party on Saturday 1st November at 2pm in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral. Please come dressed as your favourite Saint, Blessed or Angel. We will celebrate Mass and have games, singing, and refreshments. All welcome. For enquires contact the Sisters on 02837528654.

Youth, Family & Faith Congress In preparation for the Youth, Family & Faith Congress being held in the Archdiocese in the Spring next year, we will hold a special evening on Thursday 30th October in the Synod Hall at 7pm to discuss the topic of what we as a community can do to increase the engagement of our young adults. Please come along to this special evening and invite your younger family members to join also.

Weddings Couples planning their wedding over the next few years are invited to book your date with Claire in the Parish Office and contact a priest to discuss the process and begin the paperwork.

Westenders Social Dance on Wednesday 29th October 2pm-5pm in Sherry's Field Hall. Music from the Gold Ring Band. £5 per person, inc. food. All welcome.

Prayer to Pope St John Paul II - Feast Day: 22nd October

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven,
grant us your blessing!

Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided,
courageously leading her along the paths of the world
in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus.

Bless the young, who were your great passion.
Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to
find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless each and every family!

You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and
indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth.

St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and
every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions,
wars and injustice.

You opposed war by invoking dialogue
and planting the seeds of love:

pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window,
where we see you beside Mary,
send God's blessing down upon us all.

Amen.