



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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Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. This year is especially significant, as it marks the 100th anniversary of the feast's institution by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

In the encyclical that introduced this celebration, Pope Pius XI reminded Catholics of the call to be "a people who seek the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ." The feast was established in connection with the anniversary of the Nicene Creed—now 1700 years old—which proclaims a Kingdom of God that has no end. In the aftermath of World War I, the world was shaken: atheism was on the rise, nationalism was intensifying, and global stability was fragile. In many ways, we find ourselves again in a world that needs to refocus on the universality of Christ's kingship. We live under His reign, and we place our trust in His plan.

As we enter the final week of the Church year, let us pause to look back with gratitude—for the blessings, the opportunities, the moments of joy, and for the community that has supported one another through sorrow and challenge. As we prepare for the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year, let us commit ourselves to shaping a brighter tomorrow for our families, our community, and our world. And let us rely on God's grace as we set out on this renewed journey together.

*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.

A large selection of Christmas gift items and cards are available in the Cathedral Shop. Please consider giving a faith gift this year. Mass cards and Mass Bouquets are available in the shop and in all the parish sacristies. Your support for Parish Mass Cards is greatly appreciated. Mass is celebrated each Saturday at 10am in the Cathedral remembering all those for whom Mass Cards / Bouquets were offered.



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.

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 Collection £6407 & €175.09

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Joe Kelly, Anne Kernan, Mick Duggan, Jim Roarty,
Peter Devlin, Paul McKeever, Gerard McCoy, Eileen McGahan, Maureen Conlon,
Anne Dineen, Danny Gribbon and Gerry Lennon.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Christopher Daly (23rd), Ian McAvinchey (23rd)
and Eileen Mallon (25th)

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 beginning after morning 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.



Parish Fundraising Last weekend we were pleased to publish our Annual Accounts Summary. Fr Barry spoke at some Masses to explain the challenges that we face and the outlook for the coming year and beyond. We take this opportunity to thank all those who support the Parish for we are aware that without your support we couldn't minister to the community. We continue to encourage parishioners to avail of the option to donate by Standing Order or the weekly envelopes where we can claim 25% tax rebate from the government.

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 week we will look at "How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?" Join us on Tues 25th November at 8pm in the Parochial Hall.

November is the month when we remember our beloved dead. We will gather each Wednesday in November at 2pm in the Parochial Hall to remember and pray for our beloved dead. Our next gathering will take place on Wed 26th Nov at 2pm. All are welcome to join for a chat, a cup of tea and to pray for our beloved dead.

Lectio Divina continues after the 10am Mass each Thursday until 18th December in the Parochial Hall. All welcome to join for any or all gatherings.

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.

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.

Rosary The Legion of Mary children will pray the Rosary for the Holy Souls in Tullysaran Cemetery on Sunday 30th November after 10am Mass. All are welcome to come pray for deceased relatives and friends.

Christmas Crib Exhibition There is a special tradition in Rome of exhibiting Crib in Churches. The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting anyone with a 'spare' Crib to donate it to the Parish where we can display it in the Synod Hall during the Christmas Season.

Christmas Bingo Mount St. Catherine's Primary School are hosting a Christmas Bingo in the school hall on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm. All welcome.

Willie Nugent's Children's Christmas book is now on sale "Santa, Maisie and a wee kitten called Daisy". Proceeds will be divided between three charities. The books are £5 and are available from all the usual outlets.

Christmas Food Hamper Appeal Together with our social outreach partners, the Parish is hoping to prepare food hampers for Christmas to give to those who need them. Items to donate: Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Beans, Tinned Vegetables, Cereal, Porridge, Tins of Sweets, Tinned Custard, Rice, Biscuits. (Non-perishable items only). Please leave your donations in the sacristy of any of our Churches. We are accepting donations until Sunday 14th December.

"Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and shall call him Emmanuel - God with us!" In preparation for Christmas, all are welcome to join for an Evening of Prayer and Contemplation in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd December, Thursday 11th December and Thursday 18th December.

Coffee Morning in aid of Stanton Pregnancy Care will be held in the Synod Hall on Sat 6th Dec at 10.30am. All welcome

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.



Christmas Draw

TICKETS: £10.00 EACH OR 3 FOR £20.00

PRIZES: 1st: £5,000

2nd: £1,000 ★ 3rd: £500

4th: AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2: Castle Leslie, Monaghan

5th: AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2: Four Seasons, Monaghan

6th-10th: CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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