



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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Dear Friends,

Happy New Church Year!

Today we begin a new liturgical year, and like all “new years,” it gives us a moment to look back with grateful hearts—to remember those who have gone before us with prayerful thanksgiving, and to ask that the wisdom we’ve gained over this past year may inspire us to grow in courage and deepen our relationship with Jesus as we continue our eternal pilgrimage.

Advent is a season of preparation and renewal. The candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love remind us of the true gift of our faith and invite us to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, who embodies each of these blessings most profoundly in the Eucharist.

This Advent, I invite you to do something intentional each day: set aside time to bring a blessing to someone—perhaps through prayer, fasting, a simple act of kindness, or by surprising someone with a thoughtful message. I also encourage you to read the Gospel of St. Luke at this time of year. With its 24 chapters, beginning tomorrow will allow you to complete the entire Gospel by Christmas Eve.

Whatever you choose to do this Advent, do it with an expectant heart. Jesus—our hope and our salvation—who has given us every blessing in our lives, now invites us to step once again into the wonder of the Christmas story. We are invited to walk with Mary and Joseph as they prepared for the birth of the Child who would change the world.

It is easy to forget that God is present in our ordinary days. Advent is a time to remind ourselves and those we love that Jesus came to bring us Good News—a message of hope. So don’t shy away from Him this season. Don’t let the decorations and gifts overshadow the One who is the true gift. Be a gift—offer the gift of faith.

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 Shop. Please consider giving a faith gift this year.



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 £5346 & €154.77

Cathedral Maintenance & Repairs Collection £4170 & €67.50

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Briege Daly, Mary Claire Daly, Pat Daly, Brian Tennyson,
Joe Kelly, Anne Kernan, Mick Duggan, Jim Roarty and Peter Devlin.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Maureen Conlon, Eileen McGahan,
Danny Gribbon, Gerard McCoy, Anne Dineen,
Paul McKeever & Gerry Lennon

May they rest in peace



First Friday Friday is the first Friday of the month. All sick & housebound will be visited as per normal arrangements. First Friday Holy Hour after 7.30pm Mass on Friday. First Saturday Mass at 9am in St Malachy's Church. A rosary for peace will be prayed at the Grotto in St Malachy's on Saturday at 3pm.

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. Adoration from 7-10pm each Thursday in the Adoration Chapel to pray for priesthood & vocations.

Parish Young Adult Group (LEAP) continue their Youth Alpha programme for young adults aged between 17 and 30. Join us on Tues 2nd December at 8pm in the Parochial Hall.

LEAP Clothing Collection The Parish Young Adult group are collecting new or pre-loved sleeping bags, hats, gloves, jumpers and coats only. These items will be delivered by the group to the People's Kitchen, Belfast to be distributed to homeless people living on the streets. Items can be left to the Parochial Hall on Tuesday 2nd & 9th December between 12noon and 6pm.

Divine Mercy Monthly Mass We cannot do without the mercy of God. All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on 4th Dec. Confessions starts at 7PM; featuring also Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Adoration and Holy Mass. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families, friends and ourselves to the mercy of God.

Lectio Divina continues after the 10am Mass each Thurs until 18th December in the Parochial Hall. All welcome to join.

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.

Christmas Crib Exhibition There is a special tradition in Rome of exhibiting Cribbs 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 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.

Schools Singing Programme will hold a special Advent Mass on Wednesday 3rd December at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral. All P6 children from five primary schools involved with the Schools Singing Programme will participate in this most unique mass and showcase what they have achieved since September. Do come along to celebrate their beautiful singing as a Pilgrim of Hope.

Archdiocese of Armagh, Congress on Youth, Family & Faith 2026 More information on www.armaghprays.com. Please keep the congress in your prayers and encourage others to have their say.

St Malachy's Primary School - Open Day Parents of children enrolling for P1 in Sept 2026 are invited to our Open Day on Fri 12th Dec 9.30-10.30 am. There will be a guided tour of the school & an opportunity to meet our pupils and staff. Principal's address at 9.40 am. If you are unable to visit on this date, please contact info@stmalachys.armagh.ni.sch.uk or 028 37523847 and we can arrange a visit for you on an alternative day.

Apostolic Work would like to thank Principal Ciara Farley & her staff for all their help at our sale last Saturday. Thank you to all who donated gifts & items for raffles, cakes & buns, jams, plants, fruit & vegetables. To all who transported & sold goods & tickets & to the canteen personnel - a huge thank you! This money is now going out to our missionaries who are in great need.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph The next meeting of the Society will be held on Wed 3rd Dec in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. New Members are always welcome to join in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

St Patrick's Grammar School presents "Elf The Musical" on 13th, 14th, 16th & 17th Dec. Tickets are £12 and are available from the school office.

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 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

20th DECEMBER 2025

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