



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,

This weekend we reflect on John the Baptist and his mission of preparing the way for Jesus. John drew on the Scriptures of the Old Testament to show how God's long-awaited promise would be fulfilled in the person of Jesus, whom all creation had yearned for. As the herald of the Good News, he bore witness to the God of our ancestors while pointing toward the One they awaited.

We, too, have an important role in announcing Christ's presence in the world today. Many around us remain unaware of Jesus' nearness—in the Church, in the Sacraments, in the world that surrounds us, and in each person made in His image and likeness. Countless people we encounter have yet to realise the need to deepen their relationship with Jesus in this life, preparing for full communion with Him in the next.

The days of Advent are a gift to us. They invite us to slow down, to reflect on the season ahead, and to renew our relationship with Christ. They call us back to what matters most: faith, family, and community. As we think about how we celebrate Christmas—the decorations, the gifts, the food and the gatherings—may we keep the true meaning of the season at the heart of all our preparations. This year, let us place Jesus at the centre and seek to share the gift of faith with those we love.

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. **The shop will be open after 11am Mass each Sunday of Advent.**

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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday 8th December is a Holy Day of Obligation. Normal Mass Times.

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.

Weekly Collection
£5796 & €201.23

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Mary O'Connor, Frank Somers, Fionnuala Watters, Briege Daly,
Mary Claire Daly, Pat Daly, Brian Tennyson and Joe Kelly.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Peter Devlin, Jim Roarty, Mick Duggan
and Anne Kernan

May they rest in peace



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) Youth Alpha programme continues for young adults aged between 17 and 30. Join us on Tues 9th December at 8pm in the Parochial Hall.

LEAP Clothing Collection LEAP are collecting new/pre-loved sleeping bags, hats, gloves, jumpers & coats only. These items will be delivered 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 Tues 9th Dec between 12noon and 6pm.

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

Bambinelli Sunday On Sun 14th Dec, the third Sunday of Advent, we light the Joy Candle. This is Gaudete Sunday. We encourage parishioners, especially families, to bring the infant Jesus figure from their crib at home to be blessed at Mass. This is a lovely tradition begun in Rome by St Pope John Paul II. Parishioner will be able to view the Parish Crib display after all Masses that day.

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, 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 & Contemplation in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran at 7:30pm on Thurs 11th Dec and Thurs 18th Dec.

The Legion of Mary invite you to candlelight Rosary at Our Lady's statue in Dalton on Monday 8th of December at 8.15pm after the 7.30pm Novena Mass.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at the Synod Hall on Tues evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth & community. Rosary at 7.45pm. 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.

Annual Carol Service Our Annual Carol Service will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 14th Dec at 5pm. It will be led by St Patrick's Cathedral Choir and there will be an opportunity for congregational singing. **The 5:30pm Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church**

Confessions for Christmas Armagh Parish Penitential Service for Christmas will take place on Thurs 18th Dec from 6pm-8pm in St. Malachy's Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers. Confessions also on Saturday 20th December in St Malachy's Church at 12noon-3pm. Please note there will be no first Thursday confessions on 1st January.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Vigil Masses

St Patrick's Cathedral - 6:30pm & 11pm
St Colmcille's Church - 6pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception - 7:30pm
St Malachy's Church - 8:30pm

Christmas Day

St Patrick's Cathedral - 11am & 12:30pm
St. Malachy's Church - 8am & 9:30am
Church of the Immaculate Conception - 10am
St. Colmcille's Church - 10am

St Stephen's Day - Friday 26th December

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am

Saturday 27th December – Feast of St. John

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am & 6:30pm

Sunday 28th December (Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Normal Sunday Schedule including Vigil Masses

Monday 29th December

St Patrick's Cathedral – 10am
St Malachy's Church – 7:30pm – Mass of the Angels

Tuesday 30th December

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am

*Please note there will be no
Prayer Service on 30th Dec &
1st Jan in St Malachy's Church*

Wednesday 31st December

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am
St Malachy's Church – 7:30pm – Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday 1st January - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St Patrick's Cathedral - 11am

Sunday 4th January – Normal Mass Schedule

St Patrick's Cathedral – 11am – Closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope

Please note there will be no 8am Mass from Friday 26th December. It will resume on Tuesday 6th January.

Mass of the Angels As part of our preparation for our Mass of the Angels on Monday 29th December at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church, a basket will be placed by the crib in St Malachy's. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a child are invited to write down the name of the child and place it in the basket which will be placed on the altar and prayed for at that Mass.

Parish Christmas Draw Tickets £10 each or 3 for £20. 1st Prize: £5000. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Parish Shop, before & after Masses or by scanning the QR code. Tickets will be drawn at our Parish Social Morning in the Synod Hall on Saturday 20th December after 10am Mass.



Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan, you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.