



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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Baptisms & Weddings

To book a baptism or wedding,
please contact the Parish Office.

www.armaghparish.net

SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is a significant feast, as it invites us to recall our own baptism—the moment we were welcomed into the family of faith and began our journey of aligning our lives with God's loving plan for us. When Jesus was baptised by John in the River Jordan, he heard the voice of the Father declaring him as Son. In the same way, through our baptism, we are brought into relationship with God as his sons and daughters, chosen and called to be witnesses of his love in the world.

Our parish is very blessed with many baptisms each year, and we thank God for the renewal of faith that comes through new members of the Church. This celebration also encourages us to reflect on our own baptism and to give thanks for all those who were present at that moment—our parents and godparents, grandparents, extended family, the priest/deacon, and the wider parish community—each of whom supported us in the early steps of our faith journey. The Sacrament of Confirmation is closely linked to Baptism, as it is the moment when we personally affirm the profession of faith once made on our behalf. With this in mind, I invite every parishioner this weekend to renew that commitment and to recommit ourselves to serving God and our neighbours in faith.

As our Archdiocese prepares to gather for the Congress on Family, Faith and Youth this coming March, I again invite you to reflect on ways you might encourage family members and younger people in our community to reconnect with the faith. This might be through a personal invitation, a word of encouragement, a faith-filled gift, or simply by praying each day for those you hope will return to the practice of their faith. Each of us shares a real responsibility in handing on the faith. As a great friend of mine often said, “Do one thing—do something.” Let us take that to heart as we begin this year, inviting those we love to encounter and trust in God's unconditional 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.

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.

Priests' Dues Collection

£7343 & €163.52

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Cathy Duffy, Sean Murphy, Mary Mackey, Colm Hackett,
and Thomas Haverty

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Eoin McManus

May they rest in peace



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 Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel.



Aifreann Gaeilge Léifear Aifreann Gaeilge amach anseo ar an tríú Satharn de gach mí in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaoldhóg, Ard Mhacha, ar 4.00 i.n. Dé Sathairn 17ú Eanáir a bhéas an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge eile. Fáilte roimhnh chách - Gaeilgeoirí agus lucht foghlama na Gaeilge.

Irish Mass Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the third Saturday of every month at 4.00pm. The next Irish Mass will be on Saturday 17th January All welcome- Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish.

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 Tues evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth & community. Rosary at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Let's Talk About Faith is getting together Thursday 15th January, at the Parochial Hall for a round table chat 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!

Parish Draw

Thanks to all who supported the parish draw. Our winners:

- 1st £5,000 Conor McCoy
 - 2nd Caoimhe Powell, Lisduff Lane, Benburb £1000
 - 3rd Bridie McKenna, Edward Street £500
 - 4th Kathleen Comiskey, Magheraville Road, Castle Leslie voucher
 - 5th Conor Dunne, Woodford Park, Four Seasons voucher
 - 6th Michelle Curry, Artasooley Crescent, Hamper
 - 7th Aine Black, Woodford Gardens, Hamper
 - 8th Kayla Caherty, Keady, Hamper
 - 9th Lorraine White, Benburb, Hamper
 - 10th Nuala Mc Williams, Hawthorn Drive, Hamper
- Congratulations to all!

St Patrick's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima Leaving 8th October for 7 nights. £895 per person sharing. Direct flights from Dublin, full board and full religious programme. For more information and to book your place, please contact Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468.

Blessing of the Graves 2026

Knockaconey - 6th June at 6pm
Tullysaran (Old Graveyard) - 5th June at 7.30pm
Tullysaran (New Graveyard) - 7th June at 10am
St Patrick's Cemetery - 28th June at 12noon

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
Our Lady's P.S. – Tullysaran @ 7pm
March 9th 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 Catherines/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

Do This in Memory Masses

Our Do This in Memory Masses for P4 Children and their parents continue at 6:30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on the following dates:

- Saturday 31st January
- Saturday 28th February
- Saturday 28th March - Palm Sunday
- Saturday 2nd May
- Sunday 7th June - Corpus Christi

Armagh Diocesan Congress Prayer

God our Father We your people, take time to be still and to bid ourselves to pray, listen and learn. In the stillness of our searching, you remind us that all journeys of faith begin in your Word ...“Love one another as I have loved you”. And so, Father, through you, with you and in you, full of love and respect for each other and all you have created, we go forward renewed as pilgrims of hope. With hearts full of hope and anticipation, we your people in the Archdiocese of Armagh pray for your blessing and guidance for our Congress on Youth, Family and Faith. As we strive to meet the pastoral needs of the young in our faith community at this time and in this place, send your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. May this Congress, empower our youth in their faith journeys, strengthen their families of origin and foster deeper encounters with your love and grace. Through our prayer and dialogue, let us grow in understanding of our calling as your people and align our plans with your divine will. May we be a Church of families living and working for justice, peace and love in the world. We ask this through the intercession of the saints of Armagh, Patrick, Brigid, Malachy and Oliver and the protection of our blessed mother Mary. We have God's work to do. So, rise, let us be on our way. Amen