



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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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

“Look, there is Jesus.” Today’s Gospel invites us to recognise Jesus in our own lives — to notice and acknowledge his presence in the ordinariness of each day. When we think about miracles, it is easy to focus on dramatic events or well-known stories. Yet each of us experiences moments where we encounter Jesus in quieter, more personal ways: the answer to a prayer, a moment of healing, the unexplainable peace of knowing we are held in his hands, the first breath of a newborn child, or the final breath of a loved one.

Jesus walks with us today just as he walked with the disciples in Scripture. The challenge is to remain open to recognising him, as John the Baptist did in today’s Gospel — to see beyond the surface and say with faith, “There he is.”

In today’s Psalm, we are invited to go forth in Jesus’ name and bring the Good News to those we love. As a parish this year, I believe we have a real opportunity to encourage younger members of our families, and young families themselves, to become more involved in parish life — to return to Mass and the Sacraments. If we truly make the words our own, “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will,” then we recognise that we are a missionary Church. Each of us has a role to play in encouraging others, but this begins with understanding who Jesus is in our own lives.

Do we believe that Jesus knows us personally, loves us unconditionally, and walks with us each day? If we do, then there can be only one response — to love him in return.

At the start of each new year, I often make the same resolutions. This year feels different. This year, I resolve to be more thankful — to count my blessings daily and to share the Good News in new ways. I invite you, if you have ideas about how we might reach out to those who have grown distant from the practice of faith, to share them with me or with any member of the parish team. Together, with God’s help, we can make a real difference and help others to recognise Jesus in their own lives.

Let us also challenge ourselves to remember the moments when we knew, without doubt, that he was holding us in his hands.

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

£6731.00 & €113.29

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Bernadette O’Doherty, Mattie Lennon, Cathy Duffy, Sean Murphy,
Mary Mackey, Colm Hackett and Thomas Haverty.

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.



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.

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.

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 10th-15th May 2026. If interested, please contact Ann 07736415305

Weekly Parish Envelopes We are currently ordering next year's envelopes and take this opportunity to encourage anyone who supports the Parish financially to please consider using an envelope or a Standing Order. Using either of these methods enables us to claim 'Gift Aid' a government scheme which allows us to claim 25p extra for every £1 donate. Please see the website https://www.armaghparish.net/parish-envelopes/ for more information. Special thanks to all who support the Parish financially in any way - your contributions assist us to make a difference in the community and working together we can do much more.

Archdiocese of Armagh Congress on Youth, Family & Faith will take place in Armagh City Hotel between March 20th & 22nd next. This is an important opportunity for us as a faith community to consider how we can encourage greater participation by our young adults and young families. Please keep the congress in your prayers during these weeks of preparation. Here in our Parish we will include a special prayer each Monday evening at the Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal during the next 9 weeks to pray for the success of the congress. This 9 weeks of prayer will begin tomorrow evening with Mass celebrated by Bishop Micheal Router.

Altar Servers Any P5/P6 children who would be interested in becoming an Altar Server in either the Cathedral or St Malachy's Church are asked to leave your contact details in the Parish Office. We will begin a training programme for our servers over the next few weeks.

Parish Ministries Anyone interested in becoming involved in a Ministry in the Parish are invited to contact the Parish office or any of the Priests/Deacons. Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Stewards and Collectors, Collection Counters, Altar Society, Choirs, Tour Guides, Cathedral Shop. New volunteers are always required to ensure that our Parish remains vibrant and life giving. A special word of thanks to all those who already give of their time so

generously. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful team reaching out to the community - please consider joining the team - you won't regret it !

Cathedral Fundraising Update We are currently working on prioritising the recommended work that needs undertaken as listed in our recent Architect Quinquennial Structural Report. We continue to seek support from Businesses / Individuals in a position to financially assist this work. We are now in a period where Tax deductible donations can be made that will reduce tax payable by businesses / individuals and we would hope that you might consider supporting the ongoing works that are taking place at the Cathedral and each of our Church buildings. Project specific donations are also welcome should you have a desire to support a specific Church or project ie. Youth Ministry etc.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir We are delighted that the Cathedral Choir have launched a CD of Sacred Music - favourite pieces that we are so blessed to hear each week in the Cathedral and some special compositions. The CD is available in the Cathedral Shop and is a really beautiful compilation - a timeless gift for yourself or someone who is abroad or maybe not able to attend the Cathedral in person. Congratulations to Colm Murphy (Director of Sacred Music) and the Choir for this beautiful addition to our Parish offering.

Mass Card Intentions We have been contacted by a number of parishioners asking about Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards - Please be assured that the names enrolled in the St Patrick's Mass / Prayer Guild are included each Saturday morning in the Mass Intention of the Priest and all those named are included in the Masses for 1 year. There appears to be Mass Cards from non descript priests where there is a question over whether the names of the recipients or the souls of our beloved are actually prayed for. We thank those who continue to support the Parish by giving Parish signed Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets. Anyone interested in becoming a supplier of Mass Cards / Mass Bouquets are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Lislea Drama Group presents “MOTHER KNOWS BEST” in Lislea Community Centre. Fri 23rd Jan, Sun 25th Jan, Sat 31st Jan and Sun 1st Feb. Tickets £10. For Ticket Sales contact: Sean - 07801 436 239; Bernie - 07933 157 450; Berni - 07714 202 631 or Maura (after 1pm) - 07801 859 457.

Christmas Trocaire Gift of Change Appeal Thank you to all those who purchased a Gift of Change at Christmas. The £1282 and €130 raised will bring real hope and opportunity to families living in poverty, and a chance to create lasting, positive change. Thank you for your generosity.

Willie Nugent’s Christmas book “Santa, Maisie and a wee dog called Daisy” has raised £3000 for charity which was divided equally between “ Friends of the Cancer Centre Belfast City Hospital, Little Heroes Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie