



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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, a powerful reminder of the model of hope and love offered to us by the Holy Family of Nazareth. We know all too well that family life can be challenging and often marked by trials; yet within every family there exists a sacred bond. The Holy Family themselves faced many difficulties, but Jesus was always at the centre of their life together. We, too, are called to make a place for Jesus in our families, in our homes, and in our hearts.

As we look back on the year that has passed, we are keenly aware of the many challenges faced by individuals and families alike. At the same time, we recognise the many blessings we have received. This time last year, we opened the Jubilee Year of Hope, and it has truly been a year of renewal and strength within our parish community. We have begun new initiatives, completed important projects, and taken meaningful steps forward in our outreach programmes, encouraging those on the margins of our faith community to "Come Home" to their parish.

Today, I wish to take a moment to sincerely thank all who have worked so tirelessly in service of our parish over the past year. To our parish staff, volunteers, and parishioners - thank you. A parish of our size could not function without such a dedicated and generous team, and we are truly blessed by all who serve. I wish to acknowledge those who minister in our churches: our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, stewards and collectors, Altar Servers, Altar Societies, prayer groups, choirs and musicians; our parish staff and shop volunteers; the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee; the staff of our parish schools; our young adults LEAP group; and all who quietly assist in the daily life of the parish. To each and every one of you, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

On your behalf, and on my own, I also wish to express our gratitude to the clergy — our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons — who minister so faithfully among us. Your dedication is deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless your ministry and send labourers into His vineyard.

Finally, I wish you and all those you love every blessing for 2026. May the light of hope, kindled during this Jubilee Year, continue to inspire your words and actions in the year ahead.

Beannachtaí agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.
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. Months Minds are remembered at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday following the Months Mind. Please 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

We pray for all our recently deceased loved ones and friends: In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Maritta Quinn & Tony Donnelly



MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Fionnuala Watters, Frank Somers, Brigitte Hamlett and Mary O'Connor

May they rest in peace

Parish Young Adult Group (LEAP) The next gathering of LEAP will take place on 6th January at 8pm in the Parochial Hall.

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.

Parish Office The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Break and will reopen on Friday 2nd January at 10am.

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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

Please note there will be no Prayer Service on 30th Dec & 1st Jan in St Malachy's Church
St Patrick's Cathedral - 11am

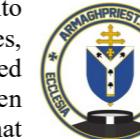
Sunday 4th January – Normal Mass Schedule

St Patrick's Cathedral – 5:30pm – 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.

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.



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.



My Lord Jesus Christ, I adore You, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. Amen.

A New Year's Prayer

Holy God, as we enter this New Year, we thank you for your presence with us in all the years of our lives. We have known joy and also sorrow, success and failure, and through it all, you have been with us, the companion on all our journeys. Much of life is fleeting and so we thank you for things that endure – the love of faithful friends, wisdom gained from experience, the reliability of nature and your steadfast love. We thank you for this year which awaits us. Take us by the hand and lead us on.

Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

