



# 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.

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**SVP Helpline:** 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

This Christmas season has been a truly blessed time in our parish. We have taken time to recognise Jesus present in our fragility and in the ordinariness of daily life, and we have invited Him to play a deeper and more central role in our lives. Today we gather with thankful hearts, seeking God's blessing upon ourselves and our community as we enter the New Year 2026.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God is the Creator of all things and that it is He who sets before us the path we are called to follow. As we begin a new year, we ask for His guidance, that we may trust in His plan and walk the path laid before us to the best of our ability.

Today also marks the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Hope. This evening at 5:30pm, Archbishop Eamon will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral, giving thanks for a year that has invited us to reflect more deeply on the hope that flows from our lived relationship with Jesus Christ. Even in times of suffering, we are reminded that hope endures through the life-giving message of Jesus. Our eternal salvation awaits us, where there will be no more suffering, only everlasting peace.

As we look back on the past year with gratitude, we recall a time of both sorrow and joy: the sad farewell to Pope Francis, and the joyful welcome of Pope Leo. We give thanks for the many additional visitors who joined us in the Cathedral during our Archdiocesan Parish Pilgrimage Days, and for the growth we have seen in our parish as we sought to reach out more intentionally to those on the margins and to share the Good News more widely.

As we begin this new year, I invite you to join with me and the parish clergy in making a "Parish New Year Resolution." This year, our Archdiocese places a special focus on youth and family. I ask that, as a community, we reflect on new ways to encourage families and young adults to return to the regular practice of the faith. Each of us has a role to play in fostering a deeper relationship between the young people of our faith community and the God who loves them unconditionally. Together, with God's help, may we gently encourage, support, and guide them.

Finally, I ask you to keep in your prayers the Archdiocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith, which will take place here in Armagh from March 20th to 22nd.

*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.

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.

## MONTHS MIND

*We pray this week for:* Maritta Quinn and Tony Donnelly

*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.

**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.



**Feast of the Epiphany** Tuesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and a holy day of obligation. Mass Times:

- St Patricks Cathedral: 10am
- St Malachy's Church: 7:30pm
- St Colmcille's Church: 6pm
- Church of the Immaculate Conception: 10am.

## A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this home and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ

That our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Sacrament Dates 2026

February 24th/26th Ceremonies of Light @ 7pm - Cathedral

### First Confessions

St Patrick's P.S. – Cathedral @ 6pm

CBS P.S. – St Malachys @ 6pm

St Malachy's P.S. – St Malachy's @ 6pm

Mt St Catherine's/Armstrong P.S. – Cathedral @ 6pm

Our Lady's P.S. – Tullysaran @ 7pm

Saints & Scholars P.S. - St Malachy's @ 6pm

Irish Confirmation – 5pm – St Malachy's Church  
Lisanally Special School - St Malachy's Church  
11am—First Holy Communion  
1pm - Confirmation

### First Holy Communion

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

Saints & Scholars – 10:30am - St Malachy's

St Patrick's PS - 11am - Cathedral

St Malachy's PS - 11am - St Malachy's

### Confirmation in St Patrick's Cathedral

3pm – Mt St Catherine's, Armstrong, Our Lady's &

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

**College Farm Nursery School** Open Afternoon on Thursday 15th January 2026 4pm - 6pm. Come along view our setting and meet the staff.

### 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