



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh



Merry
CHRISTMAS

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.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

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

Sun 28th Dec (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

Please note there

will be no Prayer

Service on 30th

Tuesday 30th December

St Patrick's Cathedral - Dec & 1st Jan in St

10am

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 - 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.**

The Parish Office is closed for the Christmas
Break and will reopen on Fri 2nd Jan at 10am.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of myself and the entire Parish Team, may I wish you and all whom you love every blessing for Christmas and for the New Year 2026. This season always stirs a sense of nostalgia as we look back not only over the year that has passed, but also over the moments and traditions that have shaped our lives. We remember the customs of our childhood, the people who formed us, and the communities that helped to make us who we are.

Many of the traditions that shaped my own life revolved around the rhythm of the Church's year. As a family, we always looked forward to Christmas—a time to pause and count the blessings God had given us. Over the past few weeks, as we gathered for Carol Services and Nativity Plays, I found myself reminded of what truly matters: spending time with those we love and thanking God for them. The joy found in the simplest of moments brought me back to the humble scene of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a cold stable, surrounded by animals, warmed not by comfort but by love. It is often in the small, ordinary moments that we discover the deepest joy.

Throughout this past year, our community has shown once again how deeply it cares for one another. We have prayed together, laughed together, and, at times, cried together. The Sacramental celebrations of the year were moments of great grace—beautiful reminders that God walks with us at every step of our journey. At each Mass, we have united in prayer for peace in our world. We were especially moved by the powerful message from Fr. Gabriel, the Parish Priest of Gaza City, reminding us of the strength that comes from unity in prayer. I ask you to continue to pray for all who suffer, especially the children of Gaza—that the joy of the Infant Jesus may fill their hearts and bring hope where it is most needed.

I also had the great blessing of attending the St Patrick's Festivities in New York on your behalf and this again reminded me that our community does not stop at our Parish border but rather extends throughout the world to all who have a link to St Patrick.

This Jubilee Year of Hope has brought both sorrow and joy. We mourned the passing of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, and yet soon after rejoiced in the election of Pope Leo XVI, who has already shown himself to be a beacon of hope in his short time as our Holy Father.

Our parish has experienced many moments of grace this year, especially through the wonderful involvement of our young people. Our Parish Youth Group, LEAP, has been a shining example of faith in action—journeying together through the Alpha Programme, supporting the food hampers and clothing appeal, and showing us the powerful impact young people can have in a faith community. Their enthusiasm is echoed in the joyful witness of our Jubilus Choir, the Legion of Mary Youth, our Family Mass teams, and so many of our parishioners and schools. The newly opened section of the Parochial Hall has already become a blessing, providing space for these programmes to grow and flourish.

This Christmas, my prayer for our community is simple: that we may experience the true joy of the season, that we find time to be with those we love, and that we recognise Jesus at the centre of all we do—in our homes, our families, and our parish. May we make a place for Him not only at Christmas but throughout our lives. Let us be courageous in sharing the joy of His birth with those around us.

Once again, on behalf of our Parish Team, I wish you and your loved ones every blessing this Christmas and a renewed joy and peace in 2026.

A very happy and holy Christmas to you all.

Fr Barry Matthews Adm.

