



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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Dear Friends,

“God loves us. God loves you all, and evil will not prevail. We are all in God’s hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and with one another — let us go forward.”

These words from Pope Leo on May 8th last offer a beautiful starting point for our reflection as we consider our Lenten observances for 2026.

Many years I begin Lent with great enthusiasm and good intentions, only to falter midway through. Perhaps you can relate. I have often said that Lent can feel like reading a book or watching a film when you already know the ending. We are an Easter people. We know how the story ends. We walk hand in hand with God — not only during the glory days of Easter, but also, and perhaps more importantly, during those days when we are united with Jesus in carrying a heavy cross.

Recently, while speaking with a group of young adults, we reflected on God’s unconditional love. It is a concept many of us struggle to grasp because unconditional love is rarely experienced in today’s world. Our conversation soon turned to how we respond to such love, and we agreed that the only true response to unconditional love is to return love.

Lent is a sacred time to step back and reflect on how we can deepen our relationship with God. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we express our desire to grow closer to Him. We unite the crosses we carry with the Cross of Jesus. Lent has always held an essential place in the Church’s calendar as we prepare for the greatest feast of the year — Easter.

We know the glory that awaits us. Yet too often we fail to prepare our hearts fully for that joy. This Lent is a new opportunity — the first days of the rest of our lives. Together, with hope and joy, let us resolve to make this season a meaningful time of grace, a true renewal of our relationship with Jesus.

Just because we know the ending does not mean we cannot be transformed by the journey.

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

£6957 & €147.20

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Stephen Rooney, Dymna McCreesh, Nicola Brady, Josephine McAleavey, Eamon Rafferty, Deirdre Toner, Angela Golding, Mary Duffy, James Toal and Sinead Convery

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Stephen Smith

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.



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

7am - St Malachy's Church
10am - St Patrick's Cathedral
10am - Church of the Immaculate Conception
1pm - St Malachy's Church
6pm - St Colmcille's Church
7:30pm - St Malachy's Church



Lenten Mass & Service Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday-Saturday - 10am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 3pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

St Malachy's Church

Monday - Friday - 7am & 1pm
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday Prayer Service - 7:30pm

Monsignor Raymond Murray RIP The first anniversary Mass for Monsignor Murray will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the O'Fiaich Library. All are welcome

Aifreann Gaeilge Léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge eile in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaodhóg Dé Sathairn seo chugainn 21ú Feabhra ar 4.00 i.n. Fáilte roimh chách - Gaeilgeoirí agus lucht foghlama na Gaeilge.

Irish Mass The next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, at 4.00pm on Saturday 21st February.. All welcome- Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish.

Welcome We welcome Fr Alexander to our Parish this week. Fr Alexander will join our team as part of his orientation programme into the Archdiocese. Please extend a warm Armagh welcome to him. Fr Alexander will support the priests of the Parish through extended Confession times during Lent and will be available to assist in all areas of Parish Ministry.

Baptised and Sent in Lent Our Tuesday & Thursday Liturgy team are preparing a lovely programme of prayer & reflection which will take place each Tuesday during Lent at 7:30pm in St Malachy's Church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & sacred music will orientate our hearts on the Lord. All are welcome and invited to join these special evenings.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral at 7:30pm-9pm on Tuesday evenings from 10th February - 24th March. Week 2 – “Salvation” with Bishop Michael Router. All welcome.

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

Songs of Peace

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir and Jubilus Choir, accompanied by the Cathedral Sinfonia, for the opening concert of the 2026 Home of St Patrick Festival on Sunday 8 March at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Experience an inspiring evening of choral music featuring extracts from 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace,' by Karl Jenkins, alongside other works drawn from the rich Celtic tradition. Set within the breathtaking surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, this special concert promises to be a memorable start to the festival. Book now and join us for an unforgettable evening of music. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code. Please do come along and support this special evening.



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 20th-22nd March. This is an important opportunity for us as a faith community to consider how we can encourage greater participation by our young adults and 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 to pray for the success of the congress.

Lenten Lectio Divina There will be Lectio Divina on the Lenten Sunday Gospels after 10am Mass on Thurs 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March and 26th March in the Parochial Hall. All welcome to attend any or all of the gatherings.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7th -14th May 2026. £590 per person sharing. For info & booking contact Kevin: 07732220632

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir have recently launched their new CD which is available in the Cathedral Shop. A special gift for yourself or someone who might enjoy listening to the sacred sounds of the Cathedral from the comfort of their homes.

Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound We are aware that many people who are sick/housebound wish to receive Holy Communion regularly. We encourage family members who are regular Mass attendees to purchase a pyx in the Cathedral Shop and to speak with any of the Priests/Deacons about bringing Holy Communion to their loved one weekly. Priests and Deacons visit the sick monthly. If you wish to add a name to our list please contact the Parish Office.

Let's Talk About Faith is getting together Thursday 19th February at the Parochial Hall for a round table chat from the Catechism. Beginning 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. Everyone's invited—hope to see you there!