



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,

Growing up in Dundalk, St Brigid's Day has always held a special place in my calendar, just as St Brigid herself holds a special place in my heart. Born in Faughart, just outside Dundalk, around 450 AD, St Brigid is one of the co-patron saints of Ireland. Her shrine in Faughart—only a short distance from the M1 motorway—is visited daily by pilgrims, including many from our own parish who gather there each year on 15th August for our Vocations Mass.

There are close and beautiful connections between St Brigid and St Patrick. While St Patrick is credited with bringing the message of Jesus to a once-pagan land, St Brigid, through her care for the poor, the sick, the elderly, and through her deep connection to the land, showed people how to live the Christian life fully and authentically.

Many legends surround St Brigid's life and works, but what is clear is that she was filled with the courage of the Holy Spirit. She was a woman of deep conviction who recognised that the Ireland of her time could be a cold and heartless place, and that true fulfilment could only come through an understanding of God's love for each of us. Her message was simple yet powerful. Using rushes and reeds, she formed the Brigid's Cross to teach of Christ's sacrificial love—a love so great that Jesus gave his life for us.

St Brigid's message remains simple, yet profoundly challenging. She was a leader and a peacemaker who embodied generosity, compassion, and kindness. Nourished by God's grace, she lived her faith through service, bringing hope and healing to others, and handing on the greatest gift of all: God's love. In times of conflict, she chose peace; in a world of limits, she followed God's call with courage, breaking barriers and leading in ways made possible only through grace.

This weekend, we are invited to reflect on how we might model our lives on the great saints of our land—how, in simple and practical ways, we can be transformative within our families and communities. May we be courageous yet gentle, faithful yet joyful, leaders who serve with the humility of the apostles.

*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

£6431 & €135.62

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Stephen Smith, Jacek Januszewski, Bernadette O'Doherty,
and Mattie Lennon

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Sean Murphy and Cathy Duffy.

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.



Divine Mercy Monthly Mass All are welcome to join for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass in St. Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on 5th February. February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This month will feature a special prayer and Mass dedicated to our families. Confessions: 7pm and Chaplet/Mass: 7.30pm. Come let us together commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

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.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph The first monthly Branch meeting of 2026 will take place on Wed 4th February in the Parochial Hall, immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. New Members are always welcome to join in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life. **Please note the change of venue.**

Monthly Rosary We gather on the first Saturday of each month at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray a rosary for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Our next gathering is on Saturday 7th February at 3pm. All welcome.

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!

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

Prayer to Saint Brigid

Brigid, You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
you brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and
anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

