



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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Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Good News as it is revealed to us through Sacred Scripture. Saint John reminds us that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." These profound words call us to remember that at God's command all that exists came into being, and that every blessing we enjoy flows from His creative Word. At God's word, all things are possible. Scripture continually reminds us that all life comes from God and is ultimately answerable to Him.

As we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded of the unifying power of the Word of God. We remain conscious of our Old Testament Judaic roots and of the deep bonds we share with other Christian traditions through our common reverence for Sacred Scripture. In our daily lives we know well the power of words: words can build up or tear down, wound or heal. The Word of God, however, is always life-giving. It is given to nourish, sustain, and guide us. Each of us has been graced with the capacity to receive God's Word as it is intended, though at times even Scripture can be misused or misquoted in ways that run contrary to God's loving plan. When our words reflect God's Word, we become true witnesses to His presence among us — indeed, we become "fishers of men."

This week we also celebrated Catholic Schools Week, a timely opportunity to reflect on the vital role our school communities play in the life of our parish. The ethos of Catholic education ensures that all are welcomed and included, that every child is valued and respected for who they are, and that they are supported in reaching their full potential in accordance with God's plan for their lives. We are deeply grateful to the leadership teams, staff, and boards of management of all the schools in our parish, and we ask God's continued blessing on all those involved in education here in Armagh.

On this Sunday of the Word of God, may I share with you a short passage of Scripture that has been a particular source of strength in my own life. From Saint Luke's Gospel (18:1), Jesus invites us "to pray continually and never lose heart."

*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

£6539 & €345.97

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Thomas Haverty, Colm Hackett and Mary Mackey
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.

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 Brigid's Crosses Join us on Saturday 31st January after 10am Mass in the Synod Hall to make St Brigid's Crosses.

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. Annual Church Door Collection for Lourdes at all Sunday Masses the weekend of 1st February.

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 !

Cathedral Fundraising Update We are currently working on prioritising the recommended work that needs undertaken as listed in our recent Architect Quinquennial Structural Report. We continue to seek support from Businesses / Individuals in a position to financially assist this work. We are now in a period where Tax deductible donations can be made that will reduce tax payable by businesses / individuals and we would hope that you might consider supporting the ongoing works that are taking place at the Cathedral and each of our Church buildings. Project specific donations are also welcome should you have a desire to support a specific Church or project ie. Youth Ministry etc.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir We are delighted that the Cathedral Choir have launched a CD of Sacred Music - favourite pieces that we are so blessed to hear each week in the Cathedral and some special compositions. The CD is available in the Cathedral Shop and is a really beautiful compilation - a timeless gift for yourself or someone who is abroad or maybe not able to attend the Cathedral in person. Congratulations to Colm Murphy (Director of Sacred Music) and the Choir for this beautiful addition to our Parish offering.

Mass Card Intentions We have been contacted by a number of parishioners asking about Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards - Please be assured that the names enrolled in the St Patrick's Mass / Prayer Guild are included each Saturday morning in the Mass Intention of the Priest and all those named are included in the Masses for 1 year. There appears to be Mass Cards from non descript priests where there is a question over whether the names of the recipients or the souls of our beloved are actually prayed for. We thank those who continue to support the Parish by giving Parish signed Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets. Anyone interested in becoming a supplier of Mass Cards / Mass Bouquets are asked to contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Tullysaran wish to all those who contributed so generously in order to help those in need. The Annual church Collection raised £5,770 with donations over the Christmas period, bringing the total to £8,000. A very sincere thanks to each and everyone, your help is really appreciated by many in need at this time!

Dog Fouling on Parish Grounds In order to maintain the dignity of our sacred grounds we ask parishioners to please ensure they clean up after their dogs.

Prayer to St John Bosco

Feast Day: Saturday 31st January

Friend of the young,
Teacher in the ways of God,
Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.
Help me to work for a better world,
where the young are given the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you
and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.
Amen.

Saint John Bosco,
Pray for us!