

**Evening of support for all affected by Addiction** A special evening to help those affected by addiction in our community will take place in **St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, Armagh** on **Thursday 5 October at 8pm**. The evening will be of particular interest not just to those who have struggled or who continue to struggle with an addiction but also family members and friends who have been affected by it. It promises to be a very worthwhile evening and we encourage people to come along for this special evening of support and care.

**Grand Variety Sale & Coffee Morning** in aid of Mary's Meals, Sat 23rd September, 10am, Armagh Community Centre, Dobbin Street. Donations of furniture, household goods, jewellery and other saleable items gratefully accepted. Jean :- (028)87784597, Pauline (028) 7548716 /07713358295

**Armagh Breast Cancer Support Group** next meeting on **Wed 20th September** at 8pm in the Dobbin Street Community Centre. New members welcome.

**Guitar Tuition** All ages and abilities. Tel. Eamon 07900295979. RGT@LCM Registered.

**Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin **Sun 1st Oct**. Bus departs St. Malachy's Church at 10.45am. £12 return. Booking with Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** to Knock will take place on **Sun 24th Sept**. Bus leaving St. Malachy's at 7am sharp. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking: 37524202. £15 per person.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

**St Pio's Prayer Group** meeting in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm on **Thurs 14th Sept**. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

**St. Cillian's Mother & Toddler Group** starting back on **Wed 13th Sept** in Mullacreevie Community House from 10:30am-12noon.

**Annual Southern Area Hospice Coffee Morning** in Armagh Golf Club on **Thurs 21st Sept** from 10am-1pm. Everyone welcome.

**Couch 2 5k** commences on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at the War Memorial on the Mall, it runs each Monday & Wednesday for 9 weeks. £1 per session. All participants must register on [www.getactiveabc](http://www.getactiveabc) for more information contact Edel Ferson on 02837 529636.

**Armagh Diabetes Support Group** will take place on **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** in Dobbin Street Community Centre at 7.30pm. Admission is free and open to everyone.

**LOUGH DERG DAY OF FRIENDSHIP & PRAYER Wednesday 13th September**. Arrival 10:30am / Departure 3:00pm. This ecumenical day of friendship & prayer is an opportunity to gather as a Christian pilgrim family. Guest Speaker – Revd Dr Isaac Thompson, First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (0035371 9861518) Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting** in Sacred Heart Convent on **Tues. 12th Sept**. at 8.15pm.

**Irish language classes** for all levels start **Wed 20 Sept** 7pm at St Catherine's College 12 week term £30 or £15 concessions. Info [sean@cairdeteo.com](mailto:sean@cairdeteo.com) 028 3751 5229.

**Family Care Adoption Services** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. Contact us at: T: 028 71 368592 Email: [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org)



**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 4/19/21/22** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,350

**Abbey Lotto: 1/13/24/27** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1950

**Tullysaran Lotto: 3/9/10/24** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1675

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 6/8/11/17** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1950



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**10th September 2017**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Reflection**

Matthew 18 is a discourse on relations within the Christian community and today's Gospel gives some very practical advice about a problem we all encounter: conflict. The lovely phrase "you have won back your brother" highlights the importance of resolving our differences with one another; love sometimes involves confrontation. We may involve others to help mediate but only when the first stage has failed. To seek help requires great humility and involving the wider community may seem harsh, but we shouldn't be naive, lasting peace sometimes requires mediation.

There's an unusual verse referring to tax collectors and Gentiles and the drastic steps that are taken in order to protect the community. Perhaps it's these groups of people who are calling on the community to face facts and to move forward.

Mediation isn't an easy task, whether it be a parent dealing with conflict in the family; a diplomat brokering peace-keeping deals in conflict zones; a counsellor journeying with two people; conflict is all around us. Today's Gospel urges dialogue, patience, perseverance and the space to allow grace to enter.

On a different note, during the summer, I visited a Church where there was a reflection on a notice board as a reminder to all of us of the importance of observing silence and showing respect when we are in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. I wrote it down and I offer it to all in this week's bulletin and as we visit our Churches, we should cultivate the habit of keeping quiet after all Masses to allow people to pray quietly and without distraction.

**Sacred Silence:** In the presence of the mysterious, the sacred or the divine, the human being has always been rendered speechless!

**Silence** is our automatic response to wonder and awe. In a world that is fast losing its sense of the mysterious, the sacred and the divine, we attempt to fill the gap with talk. Central to our belief as Catholics is the fact that the Church building contains the REAL PRESENCE of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, this is a SACRED PLACE – A PLACE OF SILENCE.

Silence out of respect for the presence of the Divine.

Silence to allow self and others to speak to God.

Silence to allow God to speak to us.

Silence between strangers is embarrassing.

Silence between friends is conversation.

God is our forever friend.....I will come to you in the SILENCE.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

### **Blessing of School Bags**

Lord we thank you for your goodness to all your children. Be with these children throughout this new school year. May your blessing be upon these schoolbags, which the children will carry to and from school each day. Watch over the children in their coming and their going; keep them safe always; help them to be kind; bless their learning and their play. Enfold them at all times in your love. We pray through Christ our Lord, AMEN.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sean Hart, Fr. Oliver Breslin, Pat Joe McKenna, James McKenna, Jim McRory and Joanie Gribben.

**Priest Dues Collection amounted to £ 11535.51 & € 220.76**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

**Sacristy** Any visitors to the sacristy of any church in the Parish **must sign the visitors book.**

**All requests for Prayers/Masses to be arranged in the Parish Office. Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office by 12 noon on the Thursday of the week prior to the intention being remembered are guaranteed to be included on the list.**

**Baptism Course** All parents of children being baptised in the parish **must attend** a short course before the baptism. For info & booking contact the Parish Office.

**Hospital Visits** In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

**Adoration Adorers needed to cover:**  
**Wednesday: 7pm, 11pm and 12midnight**  
**Thursday: 1am & 5am**  
**Friday: 7am**  
Please contact Nora 37525265

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** meet each **Tues @ 7pm** in the Synod Hall. All welcome.

**Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.** People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Parish Trip to Lough Derg (One Day Retreat)**

Leaving from Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on **Sat 23rd Sept.** Tea & scones on arrival & light lunch served. A day of prayer, reflection, confessions & the celebration of Mass. Pilgrims are advised to wear warm, waterproof clothing. Bus will return to Armagh at approx. 6pm. Cost: £40 per person. Limited places. Booking at Parish Office. **Payments no later than Fri 18th September.**

**Volunteers Needed** to assist with the Offertory at 12noon Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please contact Parish Office.

All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto:armaghparish@btconnect.com) or leave in the Parish Office. Due to a high volume of requests we cannot guarantee that notices submitted will be published in the Parish Bulletin.

**Ordination of Permanent Deacons**

Five more men will be ordained permanent deacons on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at 3pm. The men, all from different parishes in the diocese, including Martin Brennan, Armagh, will be ordained by Archbishop Martin for service in the Archdiocese. We wish each of the men well & pray that God may bless & guide them in their future ministries.

**New Deacon for Armagh Parish**

Paul Mallon is from Edendork in the Parish of Dungannon. He is married to Dympna and they have five children & one grandson. He currently works as NI Sales Manager for Gallaghers Bakery. The GAA has been a big part of Paul's life since early childhood, having played for his local club & he has held various committee roles, finally opting to represent his club as Referee for the past fifteen years. Paul loves music and he plays a little guitar & in recent years, he has developed a great passion for Church and Liturgical Music. As Paul prepares to be ordained a permanent deacon on Saturday 16th September, he says: "This is a very humbling, yet exciting time in my life. I'm grateful to God for the gift of my calling and I very much look forward to my new ministry and to working in the Cathedral Parish of Armagh".

**Welcome to Rev Louise Donald** from Bangor who is being installed this weekend as the new Methodist Minister in Armagh. We wish Rev Donald many long and happy years in her new ministry in the local community and we assure her of our prayers.

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday from 8-9pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.

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**Celebration of Sport**

We invite all sporting groups in the Parish to a special evening in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 8 Oct** at 5.30pm celebrating the Family of Sport. All sporting clubs and organisations in the parish are invited to this special celebration and it promises to be an evening of great colour and joy! Everyone is asked to wear their sporting colours on the evening.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

**ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office**  
**Cake Sale/Coffee Morning** will take place on **Sun 24th Sept** after Mass in Tullysaran Community Centre. All proceeds going to *Shine & Hugs* Charity.  
**Novena Mass** on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

**Children's Liturgy Group—Volunteers Needed**

*'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these'* Mark 10: 13-16

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a Children's Liturgy Group in the parish at the beginning of October. We plan to start the programme in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and then extend it to the other churches later on in the year. A Children's Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. We invite children from Year 1 to Year 4 to participate. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Claire in the Parish Office (Tel 37522813) leaving your name and number.



**Tullysaran Comhaltas Music Classes** resume on **Thurs 21st Sept** in Tullysaran Community Centre. 7:30pm-8:30pm. Tin Whistle, Flute, Singing and Fiddle. Anyone interested in Irish Language contact Bridie 37548392. Membership will be due.

**Community Centre** Mon - Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tues - Corebox 7-8pm; Tues - Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed - Pilates 7-8pm. NIBT - next blood donation session on Mon 18 Sept 2.30-4pm & 5.15-8pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your name into the sacristy in Tullysaran, or contact Mary or Bronagh on 37548999 or 37548786. It's really not a huge commitment, you would only be on duty once every 5 or 6 weeks. We will arrange a blessing of hands, and any training or practice you require. Four names needed now, many more would be welcome!

**Tullysaran Cycling Club** recently cycled from Tullysaran to Sligo raising a staggering £6020 for Southern Area Hospice. They would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported & sponsored them, especially Austin McCusker from Mary Ann's & to Hugh McGahan who kindly kept everyone well fed on the return trip back to Tullysaran.

**Meeting for all parents of Primary 4 children**

An invitation is extended to a special meeting of parents of children who will be celebrating their First Penance and First Communion in our parish this year. The meeting is to introduce parents to the lovely "Do this in Memory" programme which is a parish based preparation programme in preparation for both sacraments. Parents may attend a meeting on either **Monday 18 September or Wednesday 20 September in The Synod Hall at 8.00pm.** It's hoped that all parents of P4 children will make every effort to be present on one of the evenings as we hear more about the programme and as we learn of how we can support our young people all the more at this important time in their lives.

**The Enrolment Ceremony for all Primary Four Children in the parish will take place at the 7pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Prayer for Grandparents**

God, our heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on our grandparents. They are valued links between the past and present. They are treasured gifts and strong models. May they be anchors that provide stability and a sense of identity for us. May their wisdom guide us. May their lived example challenge us. May their witness to their faith strengthen us. May they always be surrounded by the love, respect and support of their families. Lord, bless and empower our grandparents. Keep them in your love. Give them your joy and peace each day, so that they may forever follow your Son Jesus.



Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in heaven, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. AMEN