

**St. Joseph's Young Priest Society** Annual Pilgrimage to Knock **Sat 24th June**. Bus leaving Tullygoonigan at 6.45am & St. Malachy's Church at 7am sharp. Fare: £20. Please bring a packed lunch. For info contact: Maura T. 07752409636 or Lily T. 38891484

**Dromantine Summer Camp 2017** Boys camp: 16th-21st July & 23rd—28th July; Girls Camp: 30th Jul-4th Aug, 6th-11th Aug & 13th-18th Aug. Contact: 02830821224.

**Lough Derg** Three day pilgrimages begin **Thurs 1st June** until **Sun 13th August**. If you're interested in taking part in a one day pilgrimage, the Parish will be organising a trip to Lough Derg in September. More information to follow.

**Armagh Cathedrals Partnership** to The Seamus Heaney Visitor Centre in Bellaghy, Co Derry on **Thurs 15th June**. Bus leaving Moy Rd Car Park of St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.30am & will return no later than 5pm. The day will include morning coffee, tour of the centre, visit to Heaney's grave and a visit to the local Church. Cost: £15. LIMITED SPACES.

**SMA Summer School 2017 7-9th July** at Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre. Lectures and Workshops delivered by nine expert speakers including: Justin Kilcullen, Dr Fainche Ryan, Paul Vallely & Fr Gerry O Hanlon SJ For more info & booking details contact [laity@sma.ie](mailto:laity@sma.ie) or telephone 048 3082 1024

**Armagh Carmelite Lourdes Group** are holding a Coffee Morning in Mulberry Bistro on **Sat 17th June** from 10.30am-1pm and a Quiz Night in Devlin's Bar **Wed 21st June** at 8pm. All proceeds to raise funds to take sick pilgrims to Lourdes. All welcome.

**Armagh Widows** next meeting **Tuesday 13th June** in Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. 7pm -9pm. New members welcome.

**Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers** Would you be willing to offer 2-3 hours a week volunteering in the Cathedral Gift Shop? Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813.

**'So You Can't Forgive: Moving Forward Towards Freedom:** A special talk will be given by Brian Lennon, S.J. on **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11am** in **St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane**. This talk marks the launch of the 2nd edition of his book by the same title. If you have been bothered by issues around forgiving, or feel you are stuck, or just want to learn more about the issue, come along & take part in the discussion.

**Our Lady of Fatima** A talk, hosted by the Knights of St. Columbanus, will take place in St. Catherine's College on Our Lady of Fatima on **Tues 13th June** at 7pm. All welcome.

**Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St Oliver Plunkett, Drogheda** on **Sun 2nd July**. Procession of Relics leaves Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove at 3pm. Mass in St Peter's Church at 4pm with Archbishop Eamon Martin. All pilgrims, and concelebrants of the Mass, warmly welcome. St Oliver Plunkett, pray for us.

**Knock Shrine** Monday 7th August, Sr Breige Mc Kenna, Sunday 10th September, Grandparents day. For booking & info Gabrielle 07933521105/02887784964.

**The Westenders Group** will be hosting an Early Summer tea dance on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June** from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at the Cathedral Road Recreation Centre, Armagh. Cost £2pp, includes refreshments and music. Everyone welcome.

**Mount Saint Catherines School Support Group** are holding a Summer Fair on **Thurs 15th June** 6-8 pm in school grounds admission £1 activities include funfair, disco, ice cream van, chip van, special guests Paw Patrol & lots more All welcome Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on Tues. 13th June at 8.15pm.



**Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 5/7/8/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2900  
**Abbey Lotto: 5/10/14/28** One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1300  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 4/7/13/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1350  
**St Colmcille's GAC Lotto: 3/4/10/17** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2450



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11th June 2017

### Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

In today's Gospel, God is described as one who is very close, as one who loved the world so deeply that he was willing to give everything to it. We wonder why would someone love in such a way? In St John's Gospel we're told that God's love is ongoing in each of our lives. This giving from the Father is so that we might be free from our own brokenness, that we might know how infinitely loved we are and so live a life that is full and everlasting. Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the impossible, on the mysterious. We can know something of what it means to experience God's love in our lives; to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to feel God's Spirit dwelling within ourselves. We can experience that same Spirit in each person that we meet, that Spirit of God indwelling in all of creation. The Trinity speaks to us of relationship, community, of fully giving and receiving.

I remember reading once that a mystery is something that cannot be explained and it's something that we can't fully understand. Many of the most valuable things in life cannot be explained completely, but they can be experienced and appreciated. Today's feast of the Holy Trinity is about appreciating and savouring the intimate love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit rather than trying to understand it. Such savouring cannot be rushed or manipulated...it is a gift of God. In prayerful solitude, we remind ourselves that we are in the presence of God; we quieten our minds and hearts to make space for God; we simply listen in stillness and peace. Nothing extraordinary may happen but what a loss it would be if we didn't take time to attune our spirit to God's Spirit. As we celebrate this special feast we pray.... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

To conclude, the feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that the God of mystery and majesty reveals himself to us as Trinity of persons, yet one God. This little reflection from a woman's perspective makes the point well: "I am a daughter and a wife and a mother. Three things, yet I am one totality. To my parents, I would always be their child, to my husband, a companion and mate. To my children, the one who gave them birth and nurtured them till they reached adult state. I seem to each of them a different person. They each know a different kind of "me". But I am one, within myself a trinity, and each of them finds unity in me".

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018, Dr. Tony Hanna will lead a day of reflection in Dromantine Retreat Centre on **'The Joys and Challenges in Marriage & Family Life Today'** - June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-5pm. Cost £25. Contact 02830821964 for more info.

**Elder Glee Club**, a choir of 200 young people from America, will be singing at 10am Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June**. They will continue to sing Sacred Music after Mass. All welcome.

**SMA Family Fun Day** at Dromantine on **Sunday 11th June**. All welcome!

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Desmond McManus, Patricia Ryan, Lily McSorley, Jean Kelly & Oliver Kerr.

**Weekly collection amounted to £6557.23 & €137.40.**

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

**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.

**Adoration Adorers needed to cover:**

**Wednesday: 11pm and 12midnight**

**Thursday: 1am, 3am, 5am & 6am**

Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Missionary of Charity House** One hour of prayer, scripture & song before the Blessed Sacrament **every Wed** from 8-9pm

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group**

welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

**Fatima Devotion** On the 1st Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

**Ministry of the Word/Eucharist** Anyone who wishes to be a Minister of the Word/Eucharist in any of the Churches in the Parish is asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Ordinations to Priesthood**

We remember in prayer Rev. Barry Matthews from Dundalk who will be ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Armagh in St Patrick's Church, Dundalk on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in St Patrick's Church, Dundalk on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. We also remember Rev Michael Donnelly from Armagh who will be ordained a priest for The Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France on Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June. Michael will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in St Malachy's Church,

Armagh on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm. As we remember both men in prayer, we continue to pray for more vocations to priesthood, the diaconate and to religious life.

**Prayers for Vocations**

To coincide with the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima, people across Ireland are encouraged to pray a decade of the Rosary at 12 noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month, for an increase in vocations to priesthood. Take the time at 12noon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June to remember this special intention in prayer.

**Blessing of Graves 2017**

**Armagh: Sun 25th June 12noon**

**Armagh Parish Cemetery**

Due to a number of recent complaints, please ensure that dogs are kept on leads at all times in the Parish Cemetery. It's important for dog owners to clean up when dog fouling takes place! We wish to also stress that no **household waste or unwanted items** are to be disposed of in the skips in the Parish Cemetery.

**Do this in Memory Programme** The final gathering for the Do this in Memory Programme will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. With it being the feast of Corpus Christi, we invite all of the First Communicants of this year to wear their First Communion outfits on the evening and there will be a short procession with the Eucharist, inside the Cathedral after the Mass. We will be joined at the Mass by members of The Knights of St Columbanus from Drogheda and they will bring a special Relic of St Oliver Plunkett which will be available for individual veneration after Mass.

**Archdiocese of Armagh** is currently accepting applications from those interested in the Permanent Diaconate. **Fri 7th July** is the closing date for applications. After this date it will be a further 3 years before any new applications will be considered. Do you feel called to serve as a Permanent Deacon in the Armagh Archdiocese? For further information contact Fr. Brian White, Parochial House, Main St. Blackrock, Co. Louth (Tel No. 00353429322244) - or enquire from your local priest or deacon.

**AIFREANN NA GAEILGE: Sos an tSamhraidh.** Léifear Aifreann deireannach an scoilthearma seo Dé Sathairn seo chugainn, 17ú Meitheamh. **IRISH MASS: SUMMER BREAK** Mass next Saturday, 17 June, will be the last one before the Summer Break.

**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.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

*ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office*

**Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm.**

**Tullysaran Community Association:** Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin; Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm;

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**Bookings** All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office 37522813.

**Annual Blessing of Graves in Armagh**

On Sunday 25 June, we celebrate the annual blessing of graves in Armagh and therefore, it's a special weekend for all who have loved ones who have been laid to rest in our city cemetery. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition and parishioners are to be complimented on the way in which they attend their family plots at this time of year. Again, I encourage all parishioners to continue to maintain the different graveyards in our parish after the blessings and dispose of dead flowers etc in a proper way, by taking them home or putting them in the skip. It's very encouraging to see people visiting the graveyards and praying for their deceased relatives and friends throughout the year. For some, the graveyard can be a lonely place, for others, it can be a sacred place for quiet reflection.

For those attending the blessing of graves in Armagh, I ask you to cooperate with the stewards and with the PSNI who will be present on the day. I encourage all to be prayerful and respectful during the celebration of the Mass as we remember all our loved ones who have gone to their place of rest. The proceeds of the Cemetery Sunday collection which will be taken up at the entrances to the cemetery by the Knights of St Columbanus will go towards the upkeep of our parish cemeteries throughout the year.

We hope and pray that the Lord will bless us with fine weather on the day and as well as it being a lovely opportunity to remember our departed loved ones, I think it's a wonderful community celebration and a great opportunity for families and friends to reconnect each year. As we remember all our dead we pray: **Risen Lord, because of your infinite love, you were obedient even to death on a cross and so bring to life all who are sleeping in peace. Keep all the dead in your care, those we have loved and those no one remembers. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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**PAROCHIAL HALL PROPOSAL STILL BEING EXPLORED**

Ambitious new plans are still being explored to bring one of the City's most important and iconic social spaces back into community use.

The old Parochial Hall site on the Cathedral Road, once a hive of social and recreational activity in the Armagh parish, has been vacant for many years, but a dedicated working group of local community volunteers have been working tirelessly to try and revive the local landmark building.

Following the consultation events held in Nov 2015 the group, involving members of the Armagh Parish Finance Committee, local residents and members of the business community have been building a steady momentum on the project to the point, of identifying the much needed finances to develop this ambitious project.

Feedback from the consultations has provided the evidence of the obvious need for this type of community resource and has been and will be used to inform applications to potential funders. The continued support from the public, community groups, sport and recreation clubs and any other interested parties is still of vital importance to the future development of the project.

Committee member and Parish Administrator Fr Peter Mc Anenly said: "feedback from a recent application to a potential funder was positive. While the application was unsuccessful, it highlighted areas the group needed to work on. Securing the much needed finances and successful delivery of this project will require the participation of the entire community in Armagh. He encouraged everyone to get involved and assist the working group in promoting this project at every opportunity possible, to transform this historical building back to its former glory and importance".

For further details on the project please contact group secretary Stephen Fields on 07759949314.