

Cathedral Webcam Our webcam providers have created a new app, compatible with Roku devices, that will make it possible to watch our webcam. Anyone who had previously purchased a Roku device in order to view the Cathedral webcam is asked to contact Church Services TV: Email info@churchservices or 0800 048 1825 (Freephone) to organise getting this new app.

World Meeting of Families 2018 Whilst celebrations will be taking place within our own Parish in the coming months to prepare for the WMOF18, the main celebration will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. This will assure you admission to the main celebrations in Dublin in 2018.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place each Tuesday in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane at 8pm

THIS WEEK: 13th Mar - Growth with Patricia Kelly (testimony also from Martin)
20th Mar - Transformation in Christ with Fr. Owen Gorman.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Annual One Day Retreat with Cardinal Seán Brady will take place on **Sun 25th March** 10am-5pm in The Ryandale Inn, Moy. Price £25 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Please contact Nuala Somers: T 028 3754 8382. Places are limited. Booking essential.

Time for a New Challenge Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses? Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award) Accredited by: Pontifical University, St Patrick's College Maynooth. Please contact Accord Armagh Centre on 02838 334781

Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on Tues. 13th Mar. at 8.15pm.

Volunteers Needed Would you like to volunteer for approximately half a day a week, excluding holidays, to offer support and encouragement to newly-released prisoners? These face a lot of challenges on release, and encouragement can help them reintegrate into the community. This helps them get their life together, be less likely to re-offend, and thereby reduces the number of people who suffer from the trauma of crime. We need people who are non-judgemental and have access to a car. For more info contact: Fr Brian Lennon, s.j. 07834 997 011, bdlennon@gmail.com.

Quit and Get Fit: Make No-Smoking Day 2018 the day you stub out your cigarettes for good. Come along to our free 6 week **Quit and Get Fit programme** starting Thursday evening, 15th March at Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh. For more information and to book your place: Contact Stephanie on 028 3756 4487 or email stephanie.allen@southerntrust.hscni.net.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE App “Radio Maria Ireland”, streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Belfast. Price £579. **17th June** for 1 week. Contact Anthony 07753406356

Armagh Credit Union is seeking any memorabilia, photos, paper, articles...etc that members may have for an exhibition later in the year. These can be left in the Credit Union Office and will be returned to their owners.

Rosary at Mass Rocks On Sunday 18th March many people will visit Mass rocks throughout the country to pray the rosary for the preservation of life and faith on our land. It's encouraged that people visit the Mass rock closest to their home and join in this act of devotion.



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11th March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflection

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, miles will be bridged by visits, phone calls, flowers and gifts as we celebrate Mother's Day. The lucky can express appreciation and gratitude in person; a graveside prayer will be the lot of others. Despite the commercial excesses, it is good that each year we set aside one day to offer a special word of thanks to mothers. Mother's Day brings us in touch with the wonder of being alive. We can be thankful today for the gift of life, and for all the particular qualities of our personalities we got from God through our mothers. The life of most mothers is by and large a record of sacrifice and service:

A mother is...
Someone who cares, when others care less.
Someone who encourages, when others ridicule.
Someone who appreciates, when others fail to notice.
Someone who defends, when others condemn.
A mother is a friend for all time, to cherish and protect
for her achievements will linger for generations.

Mother's Day owes its origins to Mother Church. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates her motherhood, as mother of all nations and all people. Lent is a very special season for catechumens ie those preparing for Baptism at Easter. On this day, the Church rejoices that many people around the world and especially in mission countries are preparing for “their new birth” at the Easter Vigil. Like any good mother, the Church serves her children with life, with truth, with faith, with love and with forgiveness. Because the church is so much a mother, this Sunday became known in many traditions as “Mothering Sunday”.

God of grace and love, we pray your richest blessing upon all those preparing for Baptism and on this Mother's Day, we ask the fullness of new life on mothers who have died and we pray your protection for all mothers:
For those with difficult homes, whose children are more of a problem than a blessing;
For those who find it hard to make ends meet, or go short themselves for the sake of their families;
For those mothers who are trying to make Christ real to their families;
For those who are frail and broken, and those weighed down by the burdens of life.
For each one according to her need, hear our prayer, and draw all mothers closer to you today.
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ who is our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Every blessing,
Rev. Peter McAnenly Adm

Prayers for Life

This weekend we pray for all of human life, that it may always be respected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. We will also offer prayers for life on the weekend of **Sat 7 and Sun 8 April**.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Collins, Colette Hughes, Una Cosgrove, Kevin McBride, Seamus Leonard, Teresa Watters, George Coulter, Nuala Kerr & Colette Toner
MONTHS MIND: Jackie McConville (11th), Patsy Fields (12th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 3/10/26/27 Next weeks Jackpot £1450
Abbey Lotto: 3/4/9/12 Next weeks Jackpot £3250
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/4/14/17 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/10/16/21 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £800

Priests' dues collection amounted to £10,617.84 & €242.52

Emigrants Collection The annual Emigrants Collection will be taken up at all Masses on St Patrick's Day. The proceeds will be used to support the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and vulnerable emigrants.

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.**

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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 Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Mon: 8am; Thurs: 7am; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

JOY Youth Group All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

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Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

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The Camino de Santiago de Compostela: 25 September- 2 October

Walk part of The Way of St James for the week. Beginning at St Jean Pied-de-Port, the route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns. Pilgrims will walk approximately 130 km & on the last day, we will be brought by coach for our walk into the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela to visit the tomb of St

All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to 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.

James the Apostle. Booking through www.marian.ie

Dates of First Penance

St Patrick's PS - Wed 14 March @ 6pm
Tullysaran PS - Tues 13 March @ 7pm

Parish Envelopes 2018/19 The new year envelopes begin on Sunday 1st April. Envelopes will be available for collection by distributors from **Tuesday 20th March at 10am** at Parish Office.

The Do this in Memory Programme continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 24 March at 7pm for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents.

Ceremony of Light for all P7 Pupils and their parents has been rescheduled for St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 12 April at 7.30pm.

AIFREANN AS GAELIGE: Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge san Ardeaglais Dé Sathairn, Lá Fhéile Pádraig, ar 9.00 m agus beidh fáilte roimh chách. Mar sin, ní bheidh Aifreann sa scoil Dé Sathairn 17ú Márta. Ní léifear Aifreann ansin arís go dtí **14ú Aibreán**. MASS IN IRISH: As there will be Mass in Irish in the Cathedral at 9.00am on St Patrick's Day, there will be no Irish Mass in the SPGS chapel at 5.30pm that evening. Irish Mass in the school will not resume until after the Easter Break on **Saturday 14 April**.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm. & each Wed of Lent at 10am

Children's Liturgy Group continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday mum & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm; Yoga 7-8pm; Thursday mum & daughter class 7-7.45pm, music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor bowls 8-10pm Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Flower Arrangers Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging in the Church of St. Colmcille, Knockaconey is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the Church.

St. Patrick's Festival 2018

An Evening with Patrick - The Market Place Theatre: Wed 14 Mar 7.30pm Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to an evening of music, story, poetry & prayer to celebrate St Patrick. Guest speaker, Fr Peter McVerry, will invite us to reflect on the words of St Patrick in his Confession "I am Patrick...utterly worthless in the eyes of many". Light refreshments after. Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre.

St Patrick's Vigil - St Patrick's Cathedrals: Friday 16 March commencing at the COI Cathedral @ 9pm where Archbishop Clarke will lead a prayer. Visitors will then be led by both Archbishops in torchlight to the RC Cathedral where Archbishop Martin will conclude with a prayer. Light refreshments will be served in the Synod Hall after this event.

St Patrick's Lecture - The Market Place Theatre: Friday 16 March, 11am On the eve of St Patrick's Day, Archbishop Richard Clarke and Archbishop Eamon Martin will speak about what St Patrick means to them in a modern world. In conversation with Sarah Clarke from UTV, the two will discuss how St Patrick's words still resonate and have relevance for many of the challenges we face today. Booking through the Market Place Theatre.

St Patrick's Tea Party, The Synod Hall, St Patrick's R.C Cathedral: Saturday 17 March, 3 - 5.30pm Free admission A special tea party to celebrate St Patrick in the lovely surroundings of this unique hall. Enjoy a special afternoon tea as well as a feast of Irish traditional music and song. People are encouraged to wear something green and come along and enjoy the afternoon's festivities as we celebrate the feast of our national apostle and what's a special day in our yearly calendar.

Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

Friday 16th Evening Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral at 6pm. No 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church

St Patrick's Cathedral

9am (Irish) 11am
Our Lady's, Tullysaran
7.30pm (Friday) 10am

St Malachy's Church

8am, 10am
St Colmcille's, Knockaconey
11am

Cathedral Gates: Please note that the main gates to St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed on St Patrick's Day from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Novena to St Patrick continues

A Novena to St Patrick is taking place in St Patrick's Cathedral and in St Malachy's Church until Friday 16 March. Novena Prayers are being offered at all Masses during these days and people are encouraged to join in offering this special Novena for their own personal and family intentions. The Novena will close at a special celebration in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Friday 16th March** at 6pm. The main celebrant of the Mass will be Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the new Papal Nuncio to Ireland. As part of the Novena, a special statue of St Patrick has been placed in the sanctuary of St Patrick's Cathedral and people are invited to place a little pot of shamrock in front of the statue in memory of those who, like St Patrick, have passed onto us the great gift of our faith!

Novena Prayer

God, Our Father, we thank you for the gift of faith brought to Ireland by Patrick. Amid the problems and confusion of this present age, by his intercession and the power of Your Spirit, keep us, the Irish, strong in that same faith in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen
St Patrick, pray for us

Confirmation We remember in prayer the 40 students from the CBS Bunscoil who are to be confirmed in their faith in St. Malachy's Church on Friday 16th March at 3pm.

Easter Penitential Service The Annual Penitential Service in preparation for Easter will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on **Monday 26th March** at 7:30pm. A number of priests will be present on the evening.

Parish Office Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 19th March** and will reopen on Tues 20th March at 9:30am.