

Hour of Prayer for Life in St Malachys Church on **Wed 14th Nov** from 8pm until 9pm (after 7.30pm Mass).

Apostolic Work Christmas Sale & Coffee Morning will take place on **Sat 17th Nov** in Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. from 10am-12noon. Adm: £1.50 (adults) 50p (children). Raffles/Cakes/Knitted Goods/Christmas Gifts/Books/Lucky Dip/Plants/Vegetables. Please come and support the Missions.

Evening of Christmas Music & Song with the seminarians of Redemptoris Mater House, Dundalk in St Malachy's Church on **Thurs 6 Dec** at 7.30pm. All welcome. There will be NO 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church, the Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral that evening.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership Advent Celebration An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer will take place in The Market Place Theatre on Tues 11 Dec at 7.30pm with guest speaker Mr Francis Campbell, former British Ambassador to the Holy See. A Guest Choir & Traditional Group will be present on the evening. Admission: free, but booking is essential. To book tel. Market Place Theatre on 028 37521821.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tues at 8pm at SVP Centre for prayer & praise.

Public Rosary will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be Dec 1st.

Lobby for Life Postcards have been placed in all our Churches. These postcards petition the NI Secretary of State Karen Bradley to ensure that abortion will not be imposed on Northern Ireland from Westminster. We ask as a matter of urgency that each parishioner would take and sign one card to protect the unborn in Northern Ireland. Thank you. (Precious Life Armagh).

Benburb Priory 'Quiz Night' Fri 16th Nov and 'Bingo Night' **Thurs 22nd Nov**. All welcome!

Charity Christmas Fun Bingo in the Pearse Og Club **Sunday 9th Dec**. Admission £3 per book. Prizes inc. Turkey vouchers, hampers...etc. Entertainment & a special visit from Santa! Proceeds to Children's Orphanage & Sister Muriel, Medugorje.

Pop Up Craft Shop for Armagh Georgian Festival. A selection of handmade Christmas crafts and gifts by Breege Shaw. 52 Irish Street, Armagh (formerly Colour Copy Shop) **Fri 23rd Nov** 3-8pm & **Sat 24th** from 12noon. Proceeds towards Lourdes Easter Group.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for parents and families who have bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby or child in Daisy Hill Hospital will take place on **Sun 18th Nov** at 3pm in Newry Town Hall.

Feast of Families in Knock Shrine! Come to Knock on the **17th of November** for a day filled with faith, food & fun! The celebration will include Mass, individual talks for parents, young adults and children, games, adoration and individual blessing for each family. Knock is important for families as it is the place that Our Lady brought her family to bless the people of Ireland. The celebrant of the mass is Fr.Shane Sullivan & the speakers on the day are Fr.Mark Byrne (SOLT) & Pure in Heart. Bring a packed lunch. For info contact Michelle on 0852032711 or michelletherese3@gmail.com

Knock Shrine All Night Vigil takes [7th December. Coach £20 Gabrielle (028) 87784964 /07933521105 or Catherina 07899810181

Armagh Diabetes Group next meeting will take place on **Wed 14th Nov** at 7.30pm in Dobbin Street Community Centre. Maria Gallery, Diabetes Specialist Dietician, will give a talk on Healthy Eating and how to survive Christmas. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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

Quiz Night in aid of School Aid Romania (St Patrick's Grammar School), **Fri 16th Nov** at 8pm in County Armagh Golf Club. Entry £5 per person.

Little Buds Playgroup based in Mt. St Catherines P.S have spaces available for children 3 years & over & limited spaces available in November for children 2 years. Tel. 02837511003 for info.

Medjugorje style Holy Hour with music and reflections in St Patrick's Church Keady on **Friday 16 November** at 8.30pm. All welcome.



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 6/7/9/20. Next week's Jackpot £1500
Abbey Lotto: 6/12/14/24. Next week's Jackpot is £1450
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 9/10/11/18 Next week's Jackpot is £2550
Tullysaran Lotto: 15/16/20/24 Next week's Jackpot £2000

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11th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

The scribes, mentioned in today's gospel, were expert lawyers, who interpreted and applied the written law though a complicated system of traditions. Many of them were devoted and selfless scholars, anxious to save people from transgressing the Law; others were ambitious for their own advancement, anxious only to satisfy their own vanity. It's the latter group that Jesus confronts in today's Gospel.

He criticises their habit of wearing distinctive dress, which marks them as different from others and is calculated to win people's attention. He criticises their custom of taking the places of honour at religious and civil functions. He criticises their habit of long-winded prayers, made not to God but for the benefit of their immediate audience. Finally, he denounces their practice of exploiting helpless widows by living off their savings. The pious frauds who abused their religious status by devouring the property of widows could take a lesson from a woman who had no status in religion or society, a poor widow.

Today's Gospel scene is set in the temple area. Around the walls of the Temple court were thirteen collecting boxes, known from their shape as "trumpets". They were set up for people's contributions towards the costs of the sacrifices and the running expenses of the Temple. Many rich people put in large sums of money – some, no doubt, keen that others should know the amount. Jesus observes a poor widow who puts in two of the smallest coins in circulation. In the arithmetic of the Kingdom, the widow's offering is worth more than all the other contributions. Whereas the others give from their surplus, she gives everything – "all she had to live on".

Her reckless generosity cannot be bettered. For Jesus, true generosity is measured not by what people give but by what they have left after they give. The poor widow leaves herself with nothing. She cannot give more, for she has nothing more to give. She is commended to us as a model of discipleship. Jesus hopes that we, his followers, will be equally generous with our own resources. Those resources aren't always measured in money or material things. We're called on to give of our time, our talents, our understanding. We're called to be generous with our love, our forgiveness and our patience.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

The Priests in Concert

The Priests are returning to St. Patrick's Cathedral to present their hugely popular Christmas Concert, featuring much loved classics & seasonal songs on **Thurs 13th Dec @ 8pm**. Tickets are £25 each and are now available to purchase in Armagh Parish Office (Cathedral Gate Lodge) and in Dungannon Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sean McCoole, Oliver Cullen, Ciaran Cullen, Charles O'Hagan,
Sheila O'Reilly and Joseph Murphy

MONTHS MIND:

Terry McNeice (12th), Philip Jones (12th), Patricia Keenan (17th),
Rosemary McShane (17th), Donnell Corrigan (18th) & Doreen Murtagh (18th)



The Priests Dues Collection amounted to £11,415.94 & €170.19

Anniversary Requests

All Anniversaries & Month's Minds 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.** You can leave anniversaries in as early as you wish, but anniversaries left in after this time are considered **late**, and therefore there is **no guarantee** that they will be read out at Mass. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: 07895460797 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: Tuesday 9pm, Friday at 11pm, & Sunday at 11pm. Please contact Nora 37525265

Due to clergy conference there is NO 8AM MASS on Tues & Wed in St. Malachy's this week.

The **Do this in Memory Programme** continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 24 Nov at 7pm for all of this years First Communicants.

JOB VACANCY St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh wishes to recruit a full-time Cemetery Groundsman. A job description and job application is available from the Parish Offices, Cathedral Gate Lodge, 41a Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QX. Telephone 028 3752 2813. Closing date for applications is Monday 12th November 2018 at 12.00 noon.

The fifth & final national collection is being taken up at all Masses throughout the country this weekend to help cover the costs of the recent World Meeting of Families.

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

VOLUNTEER

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick We have many sick & housebound parishioners who rely on our Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick to bring them the Eucharist each Sunday. We are in need of more volunteers to carry out this vital ministry in our Parish. If this is something you feel you could do, we would appreciate if you could please leave your name in the Parish Office. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee all those who put their name forward will be eligible. All those interested must be approved by the Administrator and the Safeguarding Team and checked by AccessNI.

Mass for all the deceased in the Lislea area in Lislea Community Center on **Wed 28 Nov** at 8pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary in the Cemetery on all Sundays in November at 3.30pm

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.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass There will be NO Novena Mass in Tullysaran on Monday 12 November

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday in the Community Centre, where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit children. All primary school children are welcome. All leaders have been vetted.

Community Centre Activities this week: Mon: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues: Corebox 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wed: Parent Toddler Group 10.30am-12; Pilates 7-8pm. Thursday: Music- Fiddle 7-8pm- Tin whistle beginner; 7-7.30pm advanced 7.30-8pm; Pips Charity Mental Health Workshop for young people - HOPE programme Fri 16 Nov 7-9pm. For more information contact 07542509624

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Month's Mind Mass for Terry McNeice will take place on **Mon 12th Nov** at 8pm.

Grange Ladies Winter Clothes Collection on **Wed 28th Nov** from 6pm - 8pm at the clubrooms.

November Masses in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm

12th Nov - Cuchulainn Hurling Club & St. Brigid's Camogie Club

13th Nov - Road Bowlers

19th Nov - Legion of Mary

20th Nov - Indoor Bowls

23rd Nov - Knights of St. Columbanus

26th Nov - Armagh Harps

27th Nov - Pioneer Group

Any groups who wish to book a Mass should contact the Parish Office

An Altar Servers Celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 25th Nov**, the eve of the Feast of St John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers, at 5.30pm. On the evening, there will be a commissioning of all new altar servers & an acknowledgement of the good work that they do. All current altar servers are invited to this special celebration. As we continue to reflect on the recent World Meeting of Families, we encourage families of Servers to join for this "family celebration".

World Day of the Poor Pope Francis has assigned Sunday 18th November as being World Day of the Poor. As we remember all who are struggling with poverty, we keep in mind the words of the Holy Father "Let us love not with words but with deeds".

Red Wednesday 'Aid to the Church in need' invites us to join on **Wed 21st Nov** to light up our Churches & wear something red as we remember Christian martyrs and those who have died for their faith. On that day, St Malachy's Church, Armagh will be lit up red and people are asked to wear something red (a sweater, a cardigan, a jacket, a scarf or a tie) as a symbolic reminder of all those Christians who have suffered & died for their faith over the years. As we remember the sacrifice of many wonderful martyrs and all who have died for their faith, a special Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church at 7.30pm on that evening and all are encouraged to join for the celebration on this day of special remembrance.

Building for the future! On **Sat 3rd Nov** parishioners gathered in The Synod Hall to reflect on the role of a Parish Pastoral Council and to plan for the future of our parish. The day was facilitated by Sr Anne Lyng & Mrs Sharon Dunne (Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk). We were reminded that a PPC is a structured way for the people of a parish to have a voice & help shape their parish in the future. A PPC can set the tone of a parish; it needs to listen to the people of the community & it needs to be open & constantly self renewing. A PPC needs to be continually finding creative ways of spreading Gods message of love within the parish community.

We were challenged to reflect on some of the things that our PPC has been doing in the past & some of the things a PPC might do in the future e.g. How does our parish respond to people who feel that they don't belong or people who may feel on the edge? Within our parish and with the ongoing decline in the number of priests, does everything have to be celebrated with Mass? Are there other ways in which people can come together without a priest to celebrate their faith and to worship God? The role of the PPC is about pastoral planning and as part of the day's work, different roles within the PPC were explored. As the current PPC in the parish is being renewed at this time, those present were asked to give thought and consideration to becoming a member of the new Council. As the day came to a close, people were asked to imagine their Parish in 2022 and identify one or two things they would like to see happening in their parish in four years time. This was done to help put in place what might be a working map for a new PPC over the next few years.

All in all, it was a very fruitful day and thanks to those who gave of their time to attend the meeting and help plan for future.