

NI Blood Transfusion Service next blood donation sessions in St. Mark's Crozier Hall **Mon 13th & Tues 14th Feb** 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm.

Monastic Contemplative Life Discernment Weekend: Dominican Contemplative Nuns **10th – 12th March** We welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house and offer the opportunity to experience our life of Prayer. Those who cannot come for full weekend are welcome to join us on Saturday 9.30am-7pm (Early booking advisable as places are limited) Venue: Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth Contact: Sr Breda OP – siena3@eircom.net or Phone 041-9838524

Pilgrimage to New York A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock **8th-14th May**. For more information please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0035312410800 or email bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie

Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin, **Sat 25th Feb**. Speakers, Adoration, confessions & Mass, healing service. For info & booking for coach contact Catherina 02887784188 /07899810181.

Ballymacnab Dramatic Society presents "The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley" a hilarious funny comedy by Jimmy Keary in Ballymacnab Hall on **Fri 17th, Sat 18th, Sun 19th & Fri 24th Feb** at 8pm. Pay at the door.

Vintage Afternoon Tea in support of the Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in Corran Hall on **Sat 18th Feb** from 12 noon – 3pm.

Alone Again, Separated or Widowed? Beginning Experience helps people work through their grief to be healed and free to live again. A Beginning Experience weekend programme is scheduled to take place from **24th-26th Feb**. Contact **Cora 07934 871 718**

Historical Tour and Pilgrimage to London: Remembering the life and martyrdom of St Oliver Plunkett. Haggardstown & Blackrock Parish are organising an historical tour/ pilgrimage to London **Mon 1st May-Fri 5th May**. Travel by coach and ferry, three nights 4* Hilton accommodation in London and one night in Chester on a B&B basis. Cost: €380 p.p sharing with a supplement of €190 for a single room. Info: www.hbp.ie or Tel. Fr. Brian White on 00353429322244

Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine. Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide an opportunity to reflect & pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Dates: **Sat 11th March**. - Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA or **Sat 1st April** – Led by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA. Time 10 AM -5 PM. Cost: £25 including lunch, teas/coffee. All are welcome. Bookings to: (028)30821964.

Prayerfest 17 Drumcree Pastoral Cetrne **Sat 4th March @ 9:30am**. The Prayer & Spirituality Commission will lead a day of prayer for all. Come & try different forms of prayer suited especially to your personality and temperament. Please bring along a packed lunch.

Mary's Meals baskets are back in the Cathedral and St Malachy's. We are very grateful for your ongoing support. Please note that we can ONLY take the following items: backpacks, small towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, copybooks, pencil cases and/ or contents, tennis balls, spoons, rulers, flip flops/ sandals, dresses or skirts/ tops (girls), trousers/ shorts and tops (boys), all to fit 4 -12 years old. Anyone willing to help can contact us in the old clinic in Dobbin Street on Tuesdays or Thursdays 2-4 pm. Thank you! www.marysmeals.org

SVP are hosting a coffee morning on St. Valentine's Day at 10:30-12:30pm in Vincent's Shop, Thomas Street. All welcome. Special thanks to all who continue to support the shop.

Permanent Diaconate: Do you feel called to serve as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Armagh? Contact Fr Brian White at 0035342 9322244 or speak with your local priest.

Cuchulainn Hurling Club News National Draw Tickets available from any committee member (£10 entry) Club Registration & Breakfast Morning in Pearse Og Club - **Sun 19 Feb** (10am-1pm)



Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 15/17/18/19 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2050

Abbey Lotto: 5/10/19/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2400

Tullysaran Lotto: 2/3/7/16 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £925

St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 5/14/18/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1600



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12th February 2017

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Be honest – are there times when you approach Mass with a niggling feeling that something isn't quite right? Perhaps you've fallen out with someone, or been less than fair in your dealings with a friend or colleague. Then there are times when we go along to Sunday Mass, without giving any thought as to how we lived that week. Jesus has strong words for us in today's Gospel. We must first reconcile with our brothers and sisters and even be on good terms with our opponents before we approach the altar of God. How can we be in communion with God if we're not in communion with our neighbours?

If we believe that all that's expected of us is to go to Mass on Sunday and "follow the rules", we have missed something important along the way. Jesus doesn't want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? There's more to living out our Christian life than obeying the rules. This is what Jesus challenges us to see in today's Gospel.

As we listen to the Gospel, Jesus is calling each of us to deep reflection on our lives. He warns against the hypocrisy of offering gifts and rituals at the altar when we may have huge anger and resentment towards another. Is the real sacrament not in reconciling that relationship first? Which offering is more life-giving? It's not enough to "not murder", but we must watch our anger which can lead to violence. Jesus is calling on people to watch their thoughts which can lead to serious actions like murder and adultery.

I think it's true to say that we're being constantly challenged by the life and ministry of Pope Francis. His actions speak as loud as his words and he challenges us again and again to look at how we're living our lives and how we treat one another. Very clearly, the Gospels aren't a rule book but rather, they're a blueprint for a radical way of life.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Celebrating the Joy of Love A special celebration for all who are living out a commitment in love will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Mon 13th Feb at 7.30pm**. All married couples & couples who have celebrated their marriage in this parish over the past year are invited. We encourage couples who are engaged, those preparing for marriage & all who are living out a commitment in love at this time to attend. We will be joined on the evening by Archbishop Martin. We pray for all who are striving to live out a commitment in love at this time and we encourage all to join for what promises to be a very memorable evening



RECENTLY DECEASED: Jim Kirk, Timothy Woods, Anthony Digby,
Anna Murtagh & Maureen Haugh

MONTHS MIND: Mary Grimley (12th), Willie Harker (13th) and Raymond Wilson (15th)

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6080.86 & € 135.78.

The Order of Malta will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses next weekend.

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.
Parish Safeguarding The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen & Maura, they can be contacted @ armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or 07895 460797.

Sacristy Any visitors to the sacristy of any church in the Parish **must** sign the visitors book.
All requests for prayers and Masses to be arranged through the Parish Office. The list of intentions is sent to the churches on a Friday morning, containing all intentions from the Saturday night vigil Mass until the following Saturday morning. **Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office 12 noon on 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. The course is on the first Monday & third Wednesday of every month. All Baptisms **must be booked through the Parish Office.**

Adorers required for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Thursday's at 4pm & 11pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

Cathedral Webcam All our Cathedral Liturgies are broadcast live on our webcam. To access our webcam visit our website www.armaghparish.net and click on 'Cathedral Webcam'.

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

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

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet each Tues evening at 8pm in the SVP Centre at Chapel Lane. All welcome!

First Saturday's Devotion In celebration of the

100 years since the appearance of Our Lady in Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.30am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

BBC Radio Broadcast The 10am Mass in St Malachy's Church will be broadcast on the morning of **Sun 26 Feb** on BBC Radio Ulster.

Records We ask anyone who has moved house recently to please contact the Parish Office to update their records. Or alternatively if you're new to the Parish or think you might not be registered, please contact us so we can register you.

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate Valentine's Day: Tuesday 14th February! In his document on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis refers directly to St Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices. It invites couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. As part of the preparations for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this Valentine's Day in a special way. You can download a Joy of Love gift token for your loved one from the World Meeting of Families 2018 Website www.worldmeeting2018.ie or find them at the back of each of our Churches.

Pope Francis on the secret of a successful relationship!

Speaking to engaged couples on St Valentine's Day 2014, Pope Francis offered the following helpful advice:

"Growing in love together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love...Rather, it is precisely there where it begins!"

Pioneer Lenten Challenge Many people abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Why not take the short term pledge? Contact your local pioneer centre representatives Stella: 38891002 or Brian 37524853.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office - Novena Mass Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Tullysaran Community Centre Activities this week: Mon 8-10pm: Indoor Bowls; Tues 4-5pm: Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm: Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm: Spin (fully booked); Wed 10.30-12pm: Parent/Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm: Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Total Body Workout & 7:30-8:30 Traditional Music Classes. **AGM** will take place Sun 19 Feb at 10.45am in Community Centre. **St Patrick's Ceili Club Armagh** are holding a Ceili in Tullysaran Community Centre on Sat **11 February** 9.30-12.30. All welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Booking Open! Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina last year, another Parish Trip will take place from **Mon 5th – Thurs 8th June**. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in the 4* Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. During the few days, the trip will include visits to Achill, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey and other places of interest. Further details about the trip and booking at Armagh Parish Office.

Ignatian Guided Retreat for Lent Are you seeking something special in your life? Do you want to deepen your relationship with God? Why not consider taking part in a guided retreat this Lent. You will be given a short scripture passage to meditate upon each week and then will meet with an experience guided to chat about it. The meetings are confidential and no prior knowledge of scripture is required. There are 12 places available. All meetings will take place in Mount St. Catherine's P.S. Open Information on **Sun 26 February** from 6pm-7:30pm. For more information contact Fr. Brian Lennon at bdlennon@gmail.com or for booking contact the Parish Office.

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council

COFFEE and FAITH Lenten Programme

Saint Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane -- 11.00am to 12.30am

1st March -- Lent: A time to Pray -- Cardinal Sean Brady

8th March -- Lent: A time to Repent -- Sr Bernadette

15th March -- Lent: A time to Fast -- Fr Peter Kerr

22nd March -- Lent: A time to Reflect -- Sr Kathleen

29th March -- Lent: A time to Give -- Rev M Mc Elmeel

5th April -- Lent: A time to Renew -- Sr Nora

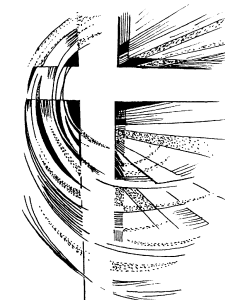
Come along during the Lenten season and join in a relaxed environment, to reflect on the different themes. Booking for programme at Armagh Parish Office.

What are you planning for Lent? Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group are running Life in the Spirit Seminars at 8pm each Tues between **14th Feb-4th April** in the SVP Centre. In the Seminar you can take steps which will allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore or deepen a relationship with you. We welcome you to join us.

Sale of hand crafted articles Hand crafted olive wood articles (Crosses, Rosary Beads, Nativity Cribs and Statues) will be on sale after Masses in St Patrick's Cathedral & St Malachy's Church on the weekend of **Sat 25th & Sun 26th Feb**. All proceeds from the sale of the articles will help support Christians in the Holy Land.

Thanks to Kathy Donnelly A sincere word of thanks to Kathy Donnelly as she steps down this week after serving for the past five years as President of the local St Vincent de Paul Conference. We thank Kathy for her commitment to the role and for the wonderful work that she has done since becoming President of the Conference.

Maintenance of Parish Grounds Anyone interested in tendering for the maintenance of the grounds at Tullysaran and Knockaconey Churches during the Spring/Summer season are asked to contact Caroline at Armagh Parish Office. All tenders are to be submitted **no later than Fri 17th Feb at 1pm.**



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.