

**Annual St. John Paul II Awards Ceremony** for the young people of our Diocese. **Tues 21st** at 7pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please join in celebrating all our young people!

**What are you planning for Lent?** Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group are running Life in the Spirit Seminars at 8pm each Tues until **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.

**Armagh Parish Pastoral Council**  
**COFFEE and FAITH Lenten Programme**  
**Saint Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane -- 11.00am to 12.30am**

15<sup>th</sup> March -- Lent: A time to Fast -- Fr Peter Kerr  
22<sup>ND</sup> March -- Lent: A time to Reflect -- Sr Kathleen  
29<sup>th</sup> March -- Lent: A time to Renew -- Sr Nora  
5<sup>TH</sup> April -- Lent: A time to Give -- Rev M Mc Elmeel  
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.

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina One Day Retreat** with Cardinal Sean Brady **Sun 9th April** 10am-5pm in the Ryandale (Moy) £25 inc. coffee & lunch. Relic available on the day. Limited places. Book with Nuala 37548382

**Catholic Grandparents Association 1st Annual Retreat/Conference.** Theme - Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times. **26th & 27th April.** Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. Day only and overnight attendance options available. Inspiring talks, lively discussion. Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale. Contact Connie at 9824877 or [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

**Vision Programme** Benburb Priory **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 9.30am-5pm. The programme is a journey of transformation using the Beatitudes to discover who we really are and our attitude to life. Cost £25. Contact Eilish on 07759690405 or Benburb Priory.

**Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting** in Sacred Heart Convent on Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15pm.

**Get fit for the Summer.** Couch to 5k is back. 9 week programme each Monday & Wednesday evening starting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.30-7.00pm at the War Memorial on the Mall. £1 per night per session. For more info contact Edel Ferson on 02837 529636

**Inaugural Conference of The Iona Institute Northern Ireland** The topic of the conference will be 'Faith in the Public Square'. The keynote speaker will be the Archbishop Eamon Martin. The conference will be opened by Alban Maginness, addresses also by Baroness Nuala O'Loan, Tracy Harkin & David Quinn. **25th March @ 9:30 am – 1:15 pm.** St Bride's parish Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast To register: Please email [info@ionainstitute.ie](mailto:info@ionainstitute.ie) or phone 00 353 1 661 9204

**Home Start** Can you spare 2-3 hours a week? Home-Start volunteers visit families in their own homes. Apply now for free preparation course starting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 offering information, self development and transferrable skills. For more information Tel. Ros on 028 8778 9489

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** 7nights from Belfast **2nd August** £579. Contact Anthony 07753406356

**Accord NI Marriage Preparation Course** The next course scheduled in the Diocese are at Quinn's Corner, Dungannon **12th, 19th & 26th Sept & 7th, 14th & 21st Nov.** Info & Booking tel. 02838334781.

**Volunteers Needed** Are you a tradesperson aged 20-68 years? The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is seeking your help. We will travel to Kenya in January 2018 to build a Rescue Home for young boys. Would you like to be part of our building team? Cost €3000 which covers flights, accommodation, insurance and all the materials for the build .Visit [www.rayofsunshine.ie](http://www.rayofsunshine.ie) or contact Olive on 0876994599 for more information.



**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 6/10/17/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2200

**Abbey Lotto: 5/6/19/26** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2600

**Tullysaran Lotto: 4/7/9/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1025

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 12/15/16/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1800



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12th March 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends,

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays in Lent always give us a glimpse of two of life's extremes, good and evil. We move from the wilderness with its temptations to the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. I'm sure it's no accident that good and evil, temptation and transfiguration are juxtaposed in this way in the early days of Lent.

On Mount Tabor, the sky was clear. Jesus was praying. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes dazzled. On one side of him was Moses – the great law giver. On the other side was Elijah – one of the most outstanding prophets. And as if that wasn't enough, there was the voice of the Father. No wonder Peter exclaimed, "It is wonderful for us to be here".

But there came another day and another hill. This time the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His clothes did not dazzle – they had been taken from him. For companions he had two thieves. There was no voice from heaven; only the scoffers were heard to mock and jeer him. The disciples were terrified and disappointed and didn't want to be there. However the one thing in common between the two events was that Jesus once again was praying. What sustained him in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with the Father. This special relationship is now open to each of us. It will sustain us through all our dark moments until the glory of Easter shines fully on us. As we continue our Lenten journey, it's important that we keep the goal of our journey before us. The gospel of the transfiguration is read on this Lenten Sunday each year, to remind us to hold firm to a vision of glory, on dark and difficult days. Easter and its joy will follow the season of penance, just as his resurrection followed the passion and death of Jesus. At the same time, we are challenged to build a better world where we envisage a transfigured way of living for all God's people.

"Eternal God, give us a vision of your world as love would make it, a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry; a world where benefits are shared so that everyone can enjoy them; a world where people of different cultures live with tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice and justice is fired with love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen"

Finally, I would like to mention that the Life in the Spirit Seminars being offered by the Holy Spirit Prayer Group during this Lenten season, continue on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in The St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. The Lenten "Coffee and Faith" Programme which has been organised by the Parish Pastoral Council continues on Wednesday mornings in The St Vincent de Paul Centre at 11am. The guest speaker this week will be Fr P Kerr and his theme will be "Lent – A time to fast". All are welcome to these gatherings!

With every blessing

Peter McAnenly Adm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eileen Hannon, Marie O'Neill, Pat Donnelly, Daniel Schiller, Cardinal Connell & Pat Lenagh,

**MONTHS MIND:** Daniel Patrick McGlinchey (15th) & Sean Moore (16th)

Weekly collection amounted to £ 12,100 & € 387.19

Armagh Scouting Group will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses on the weekend of Sat 18th/Sun 19th March.

Lenten Masses continue each day in St Malachy's Church at 7am & 7:30pm and in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am.

The 2nd National Collection to help fund the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018 will take place in parishes on the weekend of 1 & 2 April 2017

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 by 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.**

**All Baptisms must be paid for in advance in order to secure the booking.**

Adorers required for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meet each Tues @ 7pm in the Parish Office. All

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.

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

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 9.15am, 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.

Church Bells will ring throughout Ireland on Sun 19 March at 11am as a gesture of love & peace to refugees & immigrants across the country.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 28th May. Further details to follow.

The Do This In Memory programme continues for all P4 pupils & their parents on Sat 18th March @ 7pm in the Cathedral.

Cathedral Gift Shop is now stocking gifts and tokens for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A number of Fatima items have now been made available as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. Opening hours: Monday – Saturday: 10.30am – 4.00pm. Sunday: 12 noon – 5.30pm.

Temperance Sunday Following on from Temperance Sunday, anyone who may be interested in working to promote a greater spirit of temperance in our community is asked to give their name/contact to Claire in the Parish Office. We thank our local PTAA for the good work that they do and anyone who may be interested in coming together to look at possible ways of addressing the issue of substance abuse is asked to make contact with the Parish Office in the coming days.

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Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 17th March and will reopen on Monday 20th at 9:30am.

## 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 Mon 8-10pm Indoor bowls; Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin (fully booked); Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm Total Body Workout; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm Music classes; Jiving classes begin 24 March 8-9pm. Running 24 & 31 March & 7&21 April

Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tullysaran each Wednesday at 10am during Lent Annual Poc Fada event will take place Sat 18 March starting at 12 noon at Drumsallen Church. Teams of 3 - £10 per person (u16 £5)

### CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina last year, another Parish Trip will take place from Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **Only Twin/Double Rooms left!**

#### St. Patrick's Festival

An Evening with Patrick – Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to An Evening of music, story, poetry and prayer. Guest speaker, Archdeacon Gordon Linney, will invite those present to reflect on “Patrick and Ireland today. Light refreshments afterwards. The Navan Centre & Fort: **Wed 15 March**, 8pm. Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre.

St. Patrick Lecture: St Patrick the Exile Archbishop Richard Clarke & Archbishop Eamon Martin speak about what St. Patrick means to them in a modern world **Thurs 16th March** Market Place Theatre 1pm. Pre-booking essential.

St. Patrick's Torchlit Peace Walk The Vigil will commence at the Church of Ireland Cathedral at 9pm where Archbishop Clarke will lead a prayer. Visitors will then be led by both Archbishops in torchlight to the Roman Catholic Cathedral where Archbishop Martin will conclude with a prayer. This symbolic expression of the unity of the Churches is a reflection of Patrick's own journey of uniting the Irish people with Christianity. Light refreshments will be served in The Synod Hall after this event.

#### Cathedral Gates on St. Patrick's Day

The main gates into the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed to the public on St Patrick's Day from 1.30pm – 3.30pm to help accommodate the St Patrick's Day Parade as it passes through the town.

#### St Patrick's Tea Party, The Synod Hall, Fri 17

**March, 3 – 6pm. 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. Refreshments served by Lourdes Committee. Raffle & Prizes on the day in Aid of Lourdes Fund

#### Mass Times on St Patrick's Day

St. Malachy's Church 7.30pm (Vigil), 8am & 10am.

St Patrick's Cathedral 9am (Irish) and 11am.

Tullysaran 7.30pm (Vigil) and 10am

Knockaconey 11am

**Aifreann na Gaeilge:** Léifear Aifreann speisialta as Gaeilge san Ardeaglais ar 9.00 r.n. ar Lá Fhéile Phádraig. Beidh fáilte ar leith roimh chách, go mórmhór rompu siúd a bhíonn ag Aifreann na Gaeilge i Scoil Phádraig

#### Prayer to St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

Dear St Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.