

Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

Legion of Mary invite you to join them each Sunday in November at 3:30pm to pray the rosary in the Cemetery. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Shop is now based in Ogle Street. The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929

Bereavement Retreat A day of reflection on Grief & Bereavement in Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre on **Sat 18th Nov** 9.30am – 5pm. The day will be facilitated by Sr Fiona Galligan RSM & Rev Graham Stockdale (Chaplains Newry Hospice). This Cost £30 inc. tea breaks & lunch. Booking: 30821964

Dromantine Advent Retreat Weekend: 8th -10th Dec. Frances Hogan will present an Advent Retreat based on the theme of “the three comings of the Lord”. *He came in mercy in the Incarnation. He comes daily in love in the Eucharist. He will come in Judgement at the end of time.* We have to be ready for each of His comings! Booking at 028 30821964

KNOCK SHRINE All night vigil **December 7th/8th.** For info & booking: Gabrielle 07933521105 / (028)87784964 Catherina 07899810181 or Grace (028)87784942.

Trocaire Romero Family Award! Spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018 aiming to provide families with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world. Pope Francis encourages us to welcome the stranger into our home and to view them members of our own family. By undertaking the Romero award, you are doing just that! Please log onto www.trocaire.org/romeroaward to register your family. You will receive your “Family Journal” and will share breakfast in Ethiopia with the Abamos family, dinner in Kenya with the Ondari family & supper in Syria with Jules & Camilla. This award is centred around meal times in our family homes and affords family members the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue around social justice and the meaning of family spoken about in Amoris Laetitia.

Samaritans Volunteer Information Evening to find out more about the work of the Samaritans and how to get involved. **Wed 29th Nov** at 7:30pm, 162 Thomas Street, Portadown.


Does Christ matter? A dialogue between an Anglican and a Jesuit! Launch of a new book by Brian Lennon S.J and Rev Tim Kinahan (Church of Ireland) in The Synod Hall, St Patrick’s Cathedral on **Thurs 23 Nov** at 8pm. The book will be launched by Rev Tony Davidson, Presbyterian Minister in Armagh. The book is a dialogue between a Jesuit Priest and a Church of Ireland Minister who have known each other and ministered together for many years. The book begins by looking at the life of Christ and it teases out, how we are called to live life within our Churches and in the social/political world. All are welcome to join!

Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on **Tues 14th Nov.** at 8.15 pm.

Cill Chluana History Group are holding a lecture “ Medieval families in Lisnadill and Kilcluney Parishes ” including names such as Loughran, Rocks and Trodden. Guest speaker is Gerry Oates in Ballymacnab Hall on **Tuesday 14th November @ 8pm**

Westenders Group are hosting a FREE Energy Efficiency info session at Cathedral Road Recreation Centre **Thurs 23rd Nov** 10.30am – 12.30pm (followed by light lunch). To book a place please contact Tracey Powell, SHSCT Tel: 3756 4495.

Day of Prayer for Family in Servite Priory – Benburb hosted by Fr Pat Collins. Starting at 10 am ending with Holy Mass at 4 pm. Cost for day £ 10 includes light lunch. To book your place contact Seamus 00353 863023526

 **Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 5/7/24/28** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3950
Abbey Lotto: 4/9/18/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2400
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/11/16/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1900
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 5/7/12/16 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3550



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12th November 2017

32nd Sunday of the Year

Prisoners Sunday

Reflection

It's a dreadful feeling to be too late, to see the last bus go, the door closed or the person whom we wanted to meet take off and we say “If only I had been a bit sooner” or “If only I had left a little earlier”.

It must have been a similar feeling for those who had no oil in their lamps in today's gospel and we might feel that the five bridesmaids were harshly treated or hard done by and we might ask, why did the others not share at least some of their oil?

The story reminds us that there are certain things that just can't be found at the last minute and a relationship with God is one of those things. Sometimes we might leave God until we have to, until we need God for a particular reason in life. Very often we say “Live for the day” or “Take each day as it comes”, and while there is much truth in that, we must acknowledge that some day each of us will die, just like all those whom we think of in this month of remembrance and in this month of the Holy Souls. We can't live life as if there is no tomorrow but we need to live in a way that prepares for it.

Think of the story of the person who was tending to the garden and was asked by a passer by “what would you do if you had only an hour to live” and they answered, “I would continue to do my work here”. The truth is that each of us needs to be ready like that, at peace with ourselves and at peace with God.

Have you oil in your lamp, is what the bridesmaids were asked in today's gospel and it's a good question for us too. Have we oil in our lamps? What will keep us going in our search? What is the wisdom that guides our lives? Is it a wisdom that searches for a deeper meaning to faith or do we just stay as we are, and keep God at arms length?

Sometimes you hear people who have had a near death experience say that their fear of death is gone. They have come to a deeper understanding of what life is. God invites each one of us to be awake to that as well, for the more oil of wisdom and understanding we let become a part of our lives, the greater the brightness of the light that will shine from us.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Annual Mass for all Our Deceased Family & Friends, especially those who have died in our Parish over the year **Friday 17th Nov** at 7.30pm in St Malachy's Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maisie Grimes, Bill Hughes, Maureen Brannigan, Patrick Starrs, Barney Traynor, Billy McGarvey and Sorcha McEnteggart,

Priests Dues collection amounted to £11299.05 & €156.14

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

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.

Reader of the Word needed for 10am Mass on Saturday Mornings in the Cathedral. Alternate months. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Mon: 8am; Wed: 8am, 11pm; Thurs: 8am. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

RISE Youth Group will continue this Wednesday 7-9pm in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! All 1st—3rd years welcome!

Celebration for all Altar Servers in Armagh Parish A special celebration for all Altar Servers in the different Churches in the parish and their families will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 26th Nov** at 5.30pm which is the Feast of St John Berchmans, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. We ask all Altar Servers and their families to keep this date free and further details will be available in due course.

Annual Diocesan Clergy Gathering will take place in Enniskillen from **Sun 12th– Wed 15th Nov**. We pray for the success of the gathering.

Lislea Community Association are having their annual Mass for all the deceased in the Lislea Community in Lislea Community Centre on **Wed 15th Nov** at 8pm and all are welcome.

Red Wednesday Appeal "Aid to the Church in need" invites us to join on **Wed 22nd Nov** to light up our Churches & wear something red as we

remember Christian martyrs & those who have died for their faith. On that day, St Patrick's Cathedral will be a blaze of red & people are asked to wear something red as a symbolic reminder of all those Christians who have suffered and died for their Christian faith over the years. As we remember the sacrifice of many wonderful martyrs & all who have died for their faith, Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a special Prayer Vigil in St Patrick's Cathedral at 8.30pm on **Tues 21st Nov** & people will have an opportunity to venerate and be blessed by special Relics of St Dymphna and St Oliver Plunkett, both of whom died for their faith.

Do this in Memory Programme the next gathering will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 25th Nov** at 7pm for all P4 pupils & their families.

Feast of Christ the King will be celebrated on **Sun 26th Nov**. To mark this special Feast, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral from 2–5pm. During this time people are encouraged to make a special effort to visit the Cathedral to thank God for all the graces & blessings of life, especially the many graces we have received over the past year. There will be prayers led on each of the hours & Benediction will take place at 5pm. Please join with our Parish Family as we come together to honour the King of our Universe!

World Day of the Poor Pope Francis has assigned **Sunday 19th 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".

AIFREANN NA GAELIGE Cuireadh tús le hAifreann na Gailge i gColáiste Phádraig arís ar 4ú Mí na Samhna agus leanfaidh sé ar aghaidh gach Satharn go dtí sos na Nollag.

IRISH MASS at SPGS has recommenced and will continue every Saturday evening until the end of the school term.

Christmas Card Competition Congratulations to our five winners - Aoihe NicCraith, Matthew Greene, Macha McCone, Clodagh Harney and Sofia Scullion. The overall winner, whose design will be turned into this years Parish Christmas Card, will be announced on Saturday evening at 7pm Mass. Prizes will be distributed to all winners. Thanks to all who took part!

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 ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Grange Ladies Annual Winter Clothes Collection at the clubrooms **Wed 15th Nov** 6pm - 8pm. Men's/ladies/kids clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains must be in good order. Many thanks for your continued support.

Presentation Senior & Minor Team Presentation Night **Sat 2nd Dec** in the Club. All welcome.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Community Centre Mon Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues mum & me fitness class & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am (fully booked), Corebox 7-8pm, Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Total Body Workout 6.30-7.30pm, Music 7.30-8.30pm; Ladies night Fri 17 Nov @ 7pm in Community Centre. "Making sense of colour & fashion" Xmas gifts, makeup, jewellery, fashion. For more info contact 07542509624.

Children's Liturgy Group takes place each Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils. Families are encouraged to come along & have their children join in the special Catechesis. The leaders are already very pleased with the response to this new initiative and they encourage parents across the parish to bring their children along. Anyone who wishes to volunteer with the group should contact the Parish Office.

Tullysaran Combaltas Christmas Traditional Session will take place on **Fri 17th Nov** at 8pm in Maryanns Lounge. All musicians, singers and storytellers welcome. Supper served, followed by raffle. All welcome.

13th Nov - Pearse Ogs

14th Nov - Road Bowlers

17th Nov - Parish Harps

20th Nov - Armagh Harps

21st Nov - Legion of Mary

23rd Nov - Armagh GAA & Knights of St Columbanus

28th Nov - Indoor Bowling Club

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

Any groups wishing to book a Mass should contact the Parish Office.

An Advent evening with Armagh Cathedrals Partnership An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer in The Market Place Theatre on **Tues 5 Dec** at 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Padraig O'Tuama, of the Corrymeela Community. We will be joined on the evening by a Choir from St Catherine's College. It promises to be a special evening to reflect on Advent as a time to prepare for Christ's coming. All are welcome to join.

St. Catherine's College host Praying Your Beads Exhibition To celebrate the bicentennial of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Catherine's College would like to invite the local community to visit the school for the Praying Your beads exhibition on **Wed 15th Nov** 2.30-5.30pm. Praying Your Beads is a living, praying experience with Holy Icons & Prayer Beads, reflecting on the use of beads in the major world religions as a means to help all deepen their journey of faith.

St Malachy's Primary School Open Night "A Digital School of Distinction" invite all prospective pupils & their parents to our Open Night on **Thurs 30th Nov** from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm.

Mount St Catherine's Primary School would like to invite all children starting primary school in September 2018 to come along to their open night **23rd Nov** 6pm-7:30pm. **Little Buds playgroup** (based in the grounds of the school) are also inviting children aged 2-3 years to their open night on the same evening.

Armagh Diocesan Liturgy and Church Music are hosting a series of sessions to rehearse a new Mass setting for Choirs and Musician's with the aim to promote congregational singing. These sessions will take place as follows: **Nov 21st** in St Brigid's Parish Centre, Cookstown at 7.30p.m; **Nov 28th** in St Peter's Parish Centre, William St, Drogheda at 7.30p.m & **Dec 5th** in Parish Centre, St Patrick's Church, Stonebridge at 7.30p.m. Copies of the full score of the Mass: £3.00/ €3.00 each & Trifold cards (Melody line) for Choir members: £1.00 /€1.00 will be available each evening.