

Catholic Schools Week From Sun 27th Jan – Sun 3rd Feb, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week by reflecting on the work of our Catholic Schools and the impact they make on our communities. In our parish, we are indebted to all of our schools, which faithfully serve the families of our parish and beyond. We pay tribute to the principals, their teaching colleagues and the ancillary staffs for their commitment to the values of Catholic education and the enormous contribution they make to the life of our community. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is Celebrating the work of our Catholic Schools!

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meetings recommence on **Tues 15th January** at SVP Centre Chapel Lane @ 8pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - there is no meeting in January. Next meeting on **Mon 11 Feb** - further details to follow.

Thanks Willie Nugent would like to thank everyone who bought his Christmas Charity CD A total of £600 was raised. "The Friends of the Cancer Centre City Hospital Belfast" and "The Royal Hospital for Sick Children Belfast" each received £300.

Justice & Peace Commission Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ will give a talk on his recent book, "The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis: A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland?" in the O Fiaich Library, Armagh, on **Saturday 19th January** from 10am – 1pm. All are welcome.

Saint Catherine's College, Armagh. OPEN NIGHT – Monday 21st January 2019. First Session (4.00pm – 6.00pm) for local schools including Our Lady's PS Tullysaran, Bunscoil na mBráithre Criostaí, Bunscoil Eoin Baiste and Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias. Second Session (6.30pm – 8.30pm) for all other schools including Bunscoil an Iúir and Gaelscoil Phádraig Naofa.

The Relics of St. Francisco & St. Jacinta Marto of Fatima and the National Statue of Fatima will be available for veneration in the Missionaries of Charity Convent, 19A Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QX, from 10am-12noon and 3pm-7pm from **12 December until Thursday 28th February**.

Craigavon Samaritans Volunteer Information Evening **Wed 16th Jan** in the Craigavon Branch, 162 Thomas Street, Portadown. This event aims to provide individuals with an opportunity to find out more about who we are, what we do and how they can get involved. Our volunteers are vital to enable us to; increase our capacity, raise awareness, raise funds and be available 24 hours a day to provide emotional support to those in distress and at risk of suicide.

Knock Shrine Day of Prayer given by Fr. Kilian Byrne Theme: "Lord to whom shall we go?" in Knock Shrine - St. John's Rest & Care Centre. Saturday 2nd Feb, 10am-5pm; The day includes Talks, Rosary, Adoration and Mass. Further Info:Helen 0861678027/hellywilliams@gmail.com

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes Under the Leadership of Archbishop Eamon Martin our pilgrimage will take place from the **16th - 21st May**. Armagh City & District are taking names for Pilgrims and Assisted Pilgrims (those who are sick). Cost for Pilgrims: €730 + plus single room supplement. Please contact Ann 07736415305 or any committee member. Our church door collection will take place on the 2/3 Feb at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support

Armagh Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 15-21 May 2019. Be part of something special. For more info contact: armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Divine Mercy Conference RDS, Dublin. **Sat 23rd Feb**. €30. Coach organised £20. Contact Gabrielle (028)8778 4964 /07933 521105, Catherina 07899 810181.

St. Patrick's Grammar School Open Day takes place **Tues 15th Jan**. 1st Session: 3:30pm-5:30pm for Mt. St. Catherine's, St. Patrick's, St Malachy's & CBS Primary Schools. 2nd Session: 6:30pm-8:30pm for all other schools. For more info contact 02837522018

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples. The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts **8th – 10th Feb**. For info Email - info@retrouvaille.ie

Third Level Course Information Morning @ DkIT Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is holding its annual Course and CAO Information morning on **Sat 19th Jan** 10am-1pm. The information morning is an opportunity for prospective students to find out more info on courses as well as getting help and assistance with filling in their CAO application form. For more information please visit www.dkite.ie/opensdays.



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 16/18/22/26. Next week's Jackpot £2000
Abbey Lotto: 2/5/17/23. Next week's Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 4/9/12/15 Next week's Jackpot is £3000
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/7/17/18. Next week's Jackpot is £2000

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord

Reflection

There are few of us who can recall the day of our Baptism. In the early Church, however, it was usually adults who were baptised. This followed a period of intense preparation which began during Lent and ended with the baptism of the new Christian at the great festival of Easter. When you attend the baptism of an infant today, you will see how its symbols contain all of the most important elements that explain and express what being a follower of Christ means.

At the beginning of the ceremony, we have the anointing with oil of catechumens on the child's breast. In the sports arenas of the ancient world, oil was used liberally by wrestlers and athletes to keep their bodies supple and to help them slip through the grasp of their opponents. Using oil in baptism reminds us of God's power and strength which we share and the support of God's help, to enable us escape the clutches of whatever evil things might hurt or enslave us on our journey through life. The oil is a power-filled symbol of God's partnership with the new Christian: "I have taken you by the hand ..." says the Lord.

The most readily understood symbol of baptism is water. We know that we could not survive without this precious gift which brings new life to the earth and freshens and cleanses us in so many ways. We are also aware of the destructive power of stormy waters and the devastation of heavy floods. The waters of baptism remind us not only of its fertile and cleansing powers, but of the mastery of God over life's turbulent and dangerous moments. We need only recall Jesus standing with outstretched hands over the angry waves saying, "Be still!" or reflect on the words of today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of the waters...the voice of the Lord full of power...the Lord enthroned on the waters".

Towards the end of the ceremony, we use the oil of chrism, a reminder of the oil used to anoint prophets, priests and kings of old. It signified their authority and holiness. The newly baptised person is given grace to be a priest, a bringer of God to others, a prophet, one who speaks the Word of God especially in matters of justice; and finally a royal person, one who is very special, not because of royal blood, but because of what St Peter says to Cornelius in today's second reading: "The truth I have come to realise is that God does not have favourites". By virtue of our baptism, we are adopted as children of God and we are called to carry on the work of his Son, the beloved. May the Lord enable us to be faithful to our baptismal commitments and witness to Gospel values in everything we do and say.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Keenan, Dympna McCague, Terry Fox & Thomas Fegan

MONTH'S MIND
Colette Clarke (18th)



The Priests Dues Collection amounted to £11,503.97 & €141.05
The Irish Bishops Conference Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

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: Friday at 11pm & Sunday at 11pm. Please contact Nora 37525265 if you can commit to a time.

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

Baptism Reflection

Lord, bless all tiny infants brought to us each day. And teach those tiny little feet to follow in your way. May they be nourished in faith from the moment of birth, enjoyed as a gift from above, dedicated to Christ and brought up with love. Lord, bless the baby's parents too and with your loving care, grant them all the happiness a family can share.

AMEN

Celebration of Married Couples

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area will have a special celebration for all married couples in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 10 February** at 5.30pm. All married couples are invited to join and especially couples who have celebrated their marriage within our Pastoral Area over the past year. We look forward to celebrating with couples from the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Middletown and Tynan and Killeluney on the evening. The celebration will be an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of marriage and to pray for God's blessing on all couples present in the years to come.

World Youth Day Panama To mark the close of World Youth Day 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 27 January at 5.30pm. Young people from across the diocese are invited to join in this special celebration of faith.

Do this in Memory The next Do this in Memory celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 26th Jan** at 7pm.

Parish Records Please help us to keep our system up to date by letting us know your change of address! If you have moved house in the last year or are planning to soon, please call Claire in the Parish Office.

Home Visits/First Friday calls If there is anyone who is seriously ill and/or confined to their home & would like to receive a home visit from one of the priests, please leave details at Parish Office so that the visit can be arranged.

Parish Contributions As we begin a new year, we thank parishoners for their financial contributions over the past year. We remind all who haven't registered in the Parish to make contact with the Parish Office. We also wish to remind tax payers who haven't already signed up to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme to please do.

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.

Cemetery Sunday 2019: Dates

Sat 1st June - 7.30pm-Tullysaran Old Cemetery
 Sun 2 June - 10am -Tullysaran New Cemetery
 Fri 7 June - 7.30pm- Knockaconey Cemetery
 Sun 30 June - 12noon -Armagh Cemetery

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm

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 / classes this week: Monday: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm. Tuesday: Bootcamp 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday: Pilates 7-8pm. Thursday: Music- Fiddle 7-8pm- Tin whistle beginner 7-7.30pm, advanced 7.30-8pm; Friday: Walk the Extra Mile exercise class for all ages & abilities @10.30am. Free 4 week programme for older people starting Tues 5 Feb 10.30am-12.30. Table-top gardening/ music/IT/ activity session. Light lunch provided. To book a place text your name to 07542509624.

Celebration for all the newly baptised All children who have been baptised into our Parish Community over the past year are invited to a special celebration in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday **13 Jan** at 11am. We encourage all parents who have had a child baptised within the Parish over the past year to bring their child along for a special blessing.

Christian Unity Week The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from 18 – 25 January. The theme chosen for this year is: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" Throughout the Christian world, people of different denominations come together during this special week for conferences, prayer services & social gatherings. As we celebrate the week, we recall how an Episcopalian Franciscan priest from America, Fr Paul Watson, started these gatherings in 1908 by praying for Christian Unity. This year our Ecumenical Service will take place in St Patrick's RC Cathedral on **Wed 23 Jan** at 7.30pm. The guest preacher will be The Right Reverend Kenneth Good, Bishop of Derry & Raphoe. All are welcome to join for the special service.

PRAYER

God our Father, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit ever more deeply into our hearts and minds that we may think thoughts of peace, speak words that build up and do the truth always in love, the truth that sets us free, the truth that gives us hope. AMEN.

Dates of First Penance 2019

St Patrick's P.S. Thurs 28 Feb @ 6pm
 St Malachy's P.S. Tues 26 Feb @ 6pm
 Mt St Catherine's P.S. Tues 12 March @ 7pm
 CBS P.S. Wed 13 March @ 6pm
 Our Lady's P.S. Wed 20 March @ 7pm
 Saints & Scholars P.S. Wed 27 Feb @ 6pm

Dates of First Communion - 2019

Sun 5 May	11am	Mt St Catherine's P.S.
Sat 4 May	11.30am	Christian Brothers P.S. (Bunscoil)
Sat 4 May	10am	Christian Brothers P.S.
Sun 12 May	10am	St Malachy's P.S.
Sun 5 May	10am	Our Lady's P.S., Tullysaran
Sat 11 May	11am	Saints and Scholars P.S.
Sun 12 May	11am	St Patrick's P.S.

Dates of Confirmations - 2019

Saturday 8 June - 2pm - Christian Brothers P.S., Mt St Catherine's P.S. & Our Lady's P.S., Tullysaran
 Sunday 9 June - 2pm - St Malachy's P.S., St Patrick's P.S. and Saints & Scholars P.S.

IMPORANT DATES

'Choose Life' Prayer

Prayer to consecrate yourselves, your homes and our country to the heart of Mary the Mother of God:

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, Help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us. All the Saints of Ireland, pray for us.

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.