

Pioneer Association to gather in honour of the Sacred Heart The Pioneer Association from the parishes of Armagh, Keady & Derrynoose, Killcluney & Tynan & Middletown will come together for Mass in St Malachy's Church on **Wed 6th June** at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to join on the evening, to pray for a greater spirit of temperance in our world & in our local communities. A special invitation is extended to all P7 Pupils from the Pastoral Area who have become young Probationers this year. They will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to the pledge they have made. Anyone due to receive silver, gold or 60 year pins, or wishing to join the pioneers, please ring: Stella 38891002 or Brian 37524853.

The Stop Gaps Choral Ensemble from Mumbai, India will perform a programme of classical and spiritual pieces in St. Patrick's Cathedral **Wed 23rd May** at 7pm. Retiring collection will be taken up.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes '160 years of emotions' - Armagh Group - 27th September, 5 nights full board. £660. For further info contact Gerry Gribbon 07980628696.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet at 8pm each Tuesday in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free info pack please contact us at: 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133 Monday to Friday: 9 – 5 p.m www.familycaresociety.co.uk

SMA Dromantine Summer Camp for boys and girls aged 11 – 17 years. The Camp is FAITH based. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to spend a week in glorious surroundings and to take part in the many activities available. Info: summercamp@dromantineconference.com or tel: 02830821224.

Special Screening of 'All or Nothing: Sister Claire Crockett' will take place in Ballymacnab Community Hall on Sun 20th May at 6pm. Sr. Claire, who battled alcohol addiction, was a 33 year old nun from Derry who died tragically when her school in Ecuador collapsed during an earthquake. After her death, many people contacted her order to say how much Sr. Claire continued to help them with their life struggles. They have made this film in her memory. Admission is free.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society To mark the 100th Anniversary of the death of our Foundress Olivia Mary Taaffe, Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass on Saturday 26th May at 12noon in the Church of St. Catherine, Ballapousta, Ardee, Co. Louth. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the local Primary School. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library/Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Annual Dinner, Canal Court Hotel Newry, **Sunday 27 May** 7pm. Guest Speaker: Prof. Francis Campbell, Vice Chancellor, St Mary's University London. Former UK Ambassador to the Holy See. Tickets (£25) available from Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh.

Hurling / Camogie Club Summer Camp 2018 Monday 6 - Thursday 9 August 2018 at Pearse Og Park. Children leaving P1 or P2 10am - 12noon; Children Leaving P3 -Year 8 10am - 2pm. Further information from Cuchulainn HC Secretary on 07776140794

Westenders Group will be hosting a tea dance on **Wednesday 23rd May** from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the Cathedral Rd. Recreation Centre. Cost: £2 pp inc. refreshments and music. All welcome.

Legion of Mary Home Visits Members of the Legion of Mary will visit homes in the coming weeks in different areas of Armagh. They will be distributing Novena Prayer Cards and also promoting a Novena to the Sacred Heart in June. This week they hope to visit the Callanbridge area.

Legion of Mary continue to lead a Rosary at Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate on Monday evenings at 8.10pm throughout the month of May.



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13th May 2018

Ascension Sunday and World Communication Day

Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension and the story could easily disturb us as it's a story of leave taking and farewell. Like the disciples gathered on the outskirts of Jerusalem, we too find ourselves at times, in strange and frightening places, where we feel lonely and ill equipped to carry on or keep going. In writing about the Ascension many years ago, St Augustine wrote: "You ascended from before our eyes. We turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts". In effect, that's what we're celebrating today and the feast reminds us that if we're looking for the Lord, we need a new way of seeing and a new way of following and that's what we call faith.

If we're looking for Jesus, our faith tells us that we will find him in the community that follows him and especially when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. As we listen to the words in today's first reading: "Why are you standing here looking into the sky?" we realise that we must not wait around in loneliness or puzzlement but rather, we must get up and get on with the task. The parting words of Jesus call us to give witness and his words challenge us to live our lives in such a way that others will become aware of God's presence in our lives.

The fear experienced the women and the disciples at the end of Mark's Gospel shows us that even when we have profound spiritual experiences, fear can often force us into silence. Today's account of the ascension urges us not to be afraid but to go out. The Gospel of Mark is a Gospel for hard times, for those who are struggling and this ending aims to empower us and gives us courage even when the world around us tells us otherwise. It urges us to "Go" and tell.

The disciples went out, bringing "good news" everywhere and we too are called to be Easter people because we live with an assurance that pain, death and grief won't have the last word and we dare to shine the light of hope and wholeness into the empty tomb.

As we celebrate this special feast, we might ask ourselves, where have we encountered Easter people in our own lives? How do we communicate the risen Jesus to others? How can we be Easter people to others? This is the challenge of the Gospel today...to bring Christ's love and assurance to all whom we meet.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Gentle Mary, we pray for hearts of courage that we may always accept the will of God.
Attentive Mary, we pray for hearts of wisdom that we may always hear the word of God and respond to it in our lives.

Loving Mary, we pray for hearts of love that we may always act in a spirit of charity and service.
Mother Mary, we pray for hearts to be true disciples that we may always be led to live in God's ways. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack O'Hagan, Patrick Kelly & Arthur Mallon,
MONTHS MIND: Tommy Didders (15th), Patrick Campbell (17th)
and Joan Kearney (18th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 1/6/18/27 Next weeks Jackpot £1000

Abbey Lotto: 3/9/18/19 Next weeks Jackpot £3700

Tullysaran Lotto:

St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 4/13/18/24 Next weeks Jackpot is £11250

Priests' Dues Collection: £10780.10 & €141.85

The Knights of St Columbanus will take up their Annual Church Door Collection at all Masses in the Parish next weekend.

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.**

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

Silence in our Churches We ask people to be respectful when visiting our Churches and keep noise levels to a minimum in these Sacred spaces.

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:
Sun: 3pm & 6pm; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Celebration will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st August. More details to follow.

Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE. Final payments due on Friday 18th May.**

One day pilgrimage to Lough Derg A pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Armagh Parish on **Sat 22 Sept**. Details to follow.

'33 Days to Morning Glory' by Fr. Michael Gaitley has been made available, free of charge, at the back of all our Churches. It is 33 days of spiritual reading & prayerful pondering, with the

end goal being Marian Consecration - consecrating yourself/your family to Jesus, through our Blessed Mother. "The act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary marks the beginning of a gloriously new day, a new dawn, a brand new morning in one's spiritual journey. It's a fresh start, and it changes everything." Please pick up a copy.

Diocesan Meeting on Human Trafficking

A special meeting will take place, to explore ways of responding to the ongoing situation of human trafficking - meeting in Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, Dundalk on **Thursday 24 May** at 7pm. All are welcome.

People's College Choir a mixed voice choir from Dublin will sing at 5:30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 20th May.

Confirmation the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 19th and Sun 20th May at 2pm. All pupils who are to be confirmed are asked to be in their seats no later than 1.45pm on both days. We remember all those who are to be confirmed and their families at this time.

The **Cathedral Gift Shop** carries a large range of 1st Communion & Confirmation gifts, as well as religious gifts, candles, statues, books, cards and more! We encourage you to support the gift shop and the fantastic work of our shop team!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes We remember in prayer the many pilgrims from our diocesan who have gone on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week.

Annual Rosary Relay for Priests will take place in St. Malachy's Church on **Fri 8th June** at 8:30am. All welcome.

25th May Referendum As the referendum in the Republic of Ireland approaches we continue to pray for the protection of life from the moment of conception to natural death.

We pray for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to approach my exams with a clear head and a calm mind. Give me your strength and your peace, and let me do justice to all that I have learned. Thank you Lord for all my gifts and talents. Amen.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Months Mind Mass for Patrick Campbell on Thurs evening at 7.30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass on Sunday morning for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday music 7-8.30pm;

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Grange Ladies & Underage would like to thank everyone for their continued support in their Spring Clothes Collection. **Cake Sale & Raffle** tickets on sale now & can be purchased from any of the ladies teams. Draw will take place on **Fri 8th June** after the Blessing of The Graves

Remembering all our First Communicants We remember in prayer the many young people in our Parish who are celebrating their 1st Holy Communion. May these weeks be a time of joy and blessing for our young people & their families.

Lough Derg 2018: Season opens for One Day Retreats on **Sat 5th May**. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.

World Meeting of Families 2018 will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sun 27th May**. Families are encouraged to consider being part of the pilgrimage, especially young people who are being confirmed in their faith along with their families! A bus, organised by the Knights of St. Columbanus, will be traveling on the day from Armagh Parish. Booking at Parish Office. Leaving Cathedral Gates, Cathedral Rd at 7am. £10 per person. **Places are limited. All names should be booked no later than Wed 16th May.**

Armagh Cathedral Partnership Annual Trip The Annual Trip is to Downpatrick on Thursday 21st June. The coach will leave Armagh at approximately 9:30am and return late afternoon. Further details to be confirmed.

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area: Corpus Christi Procession As we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families, the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan will gather in St Patrick's Cathedral for a special celebration of Mass on **Fri 1st June** at 7pm. After the Mass, there will be a Corpus Christi Procession & the First Communicants of this year from each of the four parishes are invited to lead the procession. People are encouraged to join with their families on the evening to give praise & thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist.

Confirmation Dates

Saturday 19 May @ 2pm

St Malachy's PS

St Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

Sunday 20 May @ 2pm

Christian Brothers PS

Mt St Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

First Communion

Saints & Scholars PS - Sat 12th May @ 11am

St. Malachy's PS - Sun 13th May @ 10am

St. Patrick's PS—Sun 13th May @ 11am

Blessing of the Graves 2018

Saturday 2 June Tullysaran Old Cemetery

Sunday 3 June Tullysaran New Cemetery

Friday 8 June Knockaconey

Sunday 24 June Armagh

Parish Census Armagh PPC are beginning to undertake a Census throughout the Parish. Work on this will begin on Rock Road, Armagh. Census Forms will be delivered by members of our Parish Pastoral Council and Knights of St Columbanus between 7pm and 9pm on **Tuesday 29 May** and they will be collected between 7pm and 9pm on **Thursday 31 May**. Parishioners are asked to cooperate with the Census and complete forms fully.

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.