

ADYC The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place **12th–17th May**. The Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission will be leading young pilgrims, aged 16 – 18, at a reduced rate of €600.00, part of which can be fundraised. For info <http://www.armagharchdiocese.org/lourdes-2018/>

Diocesan Trip to Knock will take place on **Sunday 27th May 2018**. Further details to follow.

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts **2nd – 4th February 2018**. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email iinfo@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

A Mass for ‘Healing of the Family Tree’ will be celebrated by Fr Gerry Campbell at Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group on **Tuesday 16th January** at 8pm in the new SVP Centre, Chapel Lane (just off Ogle Street). All welcome to join us

Pilgrimage To Medjugorje taking place **Wed 13th June** for 7 nights €689. Spiritual Director: Fr Paul Montague, Adm. Holy Redeemer Church Dundalk. Contact James 00353 872202173.

Irish Language Evening Classes St Catherine's College, Armagh. Wednesdays 7pm - 8.30pm from 17 January. 12 weeks £30 Info sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

Irish Language Intensive Course and Shared Language Roadshow Armagh Athletic Grounds **Sat 20 Jan** 10am - 3pm Info sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

The 11th Brigid of Faughart Festival will take place in Faughart, Brigid's birthplace and various locations in Dundalk, from **Sat 27th Jan - Sun 4th Feb** with a varied range of exciting and creative events for all. For further info/bookings visit www.brigidoffaughart.ie or phone Karen 00353 87 6821664.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Our mission is to help spread the Gospel message of Joy & Hope with a mixture of Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews & Testimonies. We broadcast 24/7. Join live from 9am with live Morning Prayer followed by daily 10am Holy Mass. Radio Maria Ireland is available to download free by App ‘Radio Maria Ireland’ or free streaming on www.radiomaria.ie. Welcome to our Family – tune in, listen and join in the faith conversation!

The Westenders Group will be hosting a tea dance on **Wed 24th Jan** from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at the Cathedral Road Recreation Centre, Armagh. Cost £2pp, includes refreshments and music. Everyone welcome.

Cuchulainn Hurling Club Table Quiz will take place on Friday 2 February 2018 in Co Armagh Golf Club at 8.00pm.

Saint Brigids Camogie Club Training U6 & U8's Tuesdays @ Saint Patrick's PS 6-7pm; U10's Christian Brothers PS Thursdays @ 6-7pm; U12 Saint Patrick's PS Tuesdays 7-8pm; U14 Sherry's Field 3G Pitch Tuesdays 6-7pm & Sherry's Field Grass Pitch Saturday 11:30-12-30am £2 per session Family concession. New members welcome. Saint Brigid's Camogie Club are celebrating 50 years in the community. As part of the celebrations, there will be a dinner dance held in Armagh City Hotel on Sat 3rd March, we would like to invite all past, present player & members, parents & friends to this wonderful celebration. Tickets: £20 each. Contact Maggie on 07787 798164.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 3/7/17/26** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1250
Abbey Lotto: 3/9/16/19 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2850
Tullysaran Lotto: 9/11/15/23 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/12/13/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £4000



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14th January 2018

**2nd Sunday of the Year
Reflection**

The Christmas season is well and truly over; today we are back to green vestments and to what is usually called “ordinary time” in the liturgical calendar. Green is the colour of hope, of newness, freshness, revival and life. Yet all around us there is so much gloom and worry and so many days of darkness and anxiety.

We are also aware that our lives are filled by noise and countless distractions. In today's first reading there is a lovely short sentence which might resonate with our experience of life at this time. It reads, “Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli; it was rare for the Lord to speak in those days”. Perhaps we too have come to the reluctant conclusion that the voice of the Lord makes little impact when scores of television channels, endless radio stations and all kinds of gadgets bombard us daily. If we don't hear the word of God then reassurance and hope can evade us. Maybe the fault lies not with God's apparent silence, but with our inability to listen. Like the young Samuel, we need to position ourselves so that our hearts are silent and receptive. A great spiritual thinker of recent times, Thomas Merton, tells us that nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness. God will speak to us in our own silence before his creation and his creatures. The God of all life speaks to us eloquently through the marvels of nature. Christ speaks to us so directly in the words of the Bible, asking us at all times to be attentive to the Spirit who prompts us out of our pessimism into his own wonderful light. It was St Paul who encourages us: “Make the best of the present time....be filled with the Spirit....and always and everywhere give thanks to God” (Eph 5:15-20). Let us be mindful then on this Sunday of the green vestments and second Sunday of ordinary time that this can also be an extraordinary moment of grace if we train our hearts to listen and discern the signs of hope imbedded in our world and in our lives.

On a different note, today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees and it's important that we remember our migrant refugee brothers and sisters who are living in our dioceses, our parishes and especially those who are living in direct provision centres in our country. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis speaks of our responsibility as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future. Pope Francis has often spoke of our brotherly responsibility towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites the disciples to “come and see” where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation, and to spend time with others in friendship.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Tennyson, Rose-ann Rooney, Maura McGleenan and Mary Donaghy

MONTHS MIND: Rosie McKeown (14th), Jim Grimley (15th), Frank McVeigh (18th) & Johnny Poland (19th)

The Priests Dues collection amounted to £ 11,422.20 & € 167.51

Next weekend the Annual Collection to help support Irish Bishops Conference

Church Collectors in St Patrick's Cathedral

In recent weeks there have been areas of St Patrick's Cathedral where the weekly collection hasn't been taken up. It's important that the weekly collection is taken up at all Masses. Anyone who is willing to help with taking up the collection in the Cathedral, at any of the Masses is asked to contact the Parish Office. All help/support will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Mon: 8am; Wed: 11pm; Fri: 11pm; Sat: 5pm. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Floral Society New members required to help with the floral arrangements in our Parish Churches. Anyone interested in assisting with this Parish Ministry is asked to contact Claire in the Parish Office.

Parish Records Help us keep our system up-to-date by letting us know your change of address! If you've changed your address in the last year or are planning to soon, please call Claire in the Parish Office on 37522813

JOY Youth Group All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Vivaldi's Gloria The Senior Girls Choir from St Paul's High School, Bessbrook will present Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by The

Generation Louth String Orchestra in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 21 Jan** at 7pm. All are welcome!

Parking in the grounds of St Malachy's Church

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, parking in the grounds of St Malachy's Church was discussed. Unfortunately some people are parking vehicles carelessly and access around the Church is very often being blocked. Those who park within the Church grounds are asked to park within the parking spaces that have been assigned.

Ceremony of Light

The annual Ceremony of Light for all P7Pupils and their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 1 March at 7.30pm.

Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

Home Visits/House Blessings Should anyone wish to arrange for one of the priests of the parish to visit their home or arrange a House Blessing, please leave details at Parish Office

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

Hospital Visits In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

Lenten Evenings of Prayer and Reflection for Ministers of Word & Eucharist

As we continue to prepare for the World Meeting of Families, two special evenings of Prayer & Reflection will take place for all Ministers of Word & Eucharist in The Synod Hall at St Patrick's Cathedral. The evening for Ministers of Eucharist will take place on Tues 20 Feb & the evening for Ministers of Word will take place on Tue 6 Mar. Both at 8pm. All who are involved in these Ministries in any of the Churches in our parish are asked to attend. Anyone interested in volunteering for these ministries is asked to contact the Parish Office.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass The Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

Community Centre Monday Indoor Bowls. 8-10pm; Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12, Pilates. 7-8pm; Thursday music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor bowls 8-10pm Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm starting wed 17 Jan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from 18 – 25 January. The theme chosen for this year is: "That all may be free". Throughout the Christian world, people of different denominations come together during this special week for conferences, prayer services and 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 and our Ecumenical Service will take place in St Patrick's COI Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 24 January at 7.30pm. The guest preacher will be Fr Kieran McDermott, Administrator of St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin. 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.

World Meeting of Families 2018 Whilst celebrations will be taking place without our own Parish in the coming months to prepare for the WMOF18, the main celebration 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. This will assure you admission to the main celebrations in Dublin in 2018.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray: [We pause and remember family members and others by name]. Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from **Mon 29 Jan – Fri 2 Feb**. We thank God for the Catholic Schools in our Parish and all who work within them, The launch of Catholic Schools Week will take place in St John the Baptist Church, Portadown on Tuesday 23 January at 11am and all are welcome. As we look forward to the World Meeting of Families 2018, the theme for this special week will be "Catholic Schools – Called to be a family of families".

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage Anyone wishing to travel with the pilgrimage either as a pilgrim or assisted pilgrim you are cordially invited to contact Ann Gray 07736415305. Cost €720 + single room supplement. **12th-17th May 2018**. Assisted Pilgrims please submit names ASAP as there are limited places available. Closing date 12/02/1018. Annual Church Door Collection will take place at all Masses on weekend of 3rd February.

Charles Wood Summer School will take place from Sunday 12th August - Saturday 18th August 2018.

Parish Trip This years Parish Trip will take place from Monday 4th June - Thursday 7th June. Further details will be advertised soon.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank parishoners for their kind donation towards the Annual Christmas Appeal which amounted to £9,520.

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.