

**Diocesan Advisers visit Schools** During the week, the three Diocesan Advisers in Religious Education to Primary Schools in the Diocese visited all of the Primary Schools in Armagh Parish. They spoke very positively about each of their visits and they were very impressed by the wonderful work that is being done in each of the schools. They convey their sincere thanks to all associated with each of the schools and they were very grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality during their visits.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** meet on Tuesdays at 8pm at new SVP Centre for prayer and praise.

**Mary's Meals** would be grateful for any of the items on the list beside the baskets in the churches. We especially need small towels for the children's backpacks, new or in good used condition. Donations can always be left into the old Clinic in Dobbin Street any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

**Public Rosary** will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be Nov 10th & Dec 8th. All welcome.

**Mount Saint Catherine's Primary School** have vacancies for childcare places aged 4-12years, at their after school club. We are open 2pm-5pm (Monday-Friday). Cost 2pm-3pm: £2.50, 3pm-5pm: £5.00; 2pm-5pm: £8.00. 3 qualified staff. Healthy snack provided For info tel. 02837511003, between 2pm -5pm.

**SPRED** is a voluntary organisation consisting of small groups of people who share their faith, understanding and friendship with people who have learning needs (whom we call our special friends). Groups meet once a fortnight and each volunteer is assigned a special friend within a group setting. SPRED is open to all ages and offers acceptance, comfort and security. We need more volunteers in our Parish group and encouragement for people with special needs to come along and benefit from the Armagh Parish SPRED group. If you would like to join SPRED, please phone: Lily Conway—38891484 or Gabrielle Maguire—37524226.

**Bereavement Retreat** A reflective time to ponder issues around loss and grief, led by Sr Una Boland, L.C.M. (Formerly Director Hospital Chaplaincy Training Cork). 3rd November – 10am registration & refreshment until 4th November 2pm. Cost £80.00/€95.00. Booking essential: admin@dromantineconference.com or tel. 028 30821964.

**The Legion of Mary** in Down and Connor is organising a 4th conference for young Catholic adults (18yrs-40yrs) at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen's University Belfast on **Sat 20th Oct** from 10am-5.30pm. Contact: cayaconference16@gmail.com or call 07753379110.

**Trocaire** Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile? Trocaire are looking for Parish volunteers in the Armagh Archdiocese to help raise awareness of the challenges facing the world's poorest communities and the difference being made by support from Ireland. For more information telephone Trocaire's Belfast office on 028/048 90808030.

**Benburb Priory** Bingo on **Thurs 18th Oct**. All welcome. **Floral Extravaganza** on **Wed 17th Oct** in Servite Priory at 7pm. Arrangements by Fr. Sean McEvoy and Ann Traynor. Light refreshments served. Admission £8.

**Loughshore Care Partnership's Family Choices Project** supports families whose loved one have received a terminal diagnosis & have chosen to remain or return home for end of life care. There are volunteer roles for men and women. If you have free time you could become one of our Willing Hands Volunteers. For info please email: Loughshorecarepartnership@yahoo.com or telephone: 028 3885 1911



**Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto:**

**Abbey Lotto: 5/15/16/20.** Next weeks Jackpot is £1250

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/13/15/16** Next weeks Jackpot is £2350

**Tullysaran Lotto: 1/9/10/11** Next week's Jackpot £2000

## St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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14th October

28th Sunday of the Year  
Reflection

Today's Gospel incident is unusual; it's unusual because it's a story of failure rather than success. Jesus fails to win the young man's allegiance and the rich young man fails to see the value of what Jesus offers.

The first thing we notice about the young man in today's gospel is that he is good. He's sincere, polite, good living, squeaky clean. He's doing his best...what most of us would like to say about ourselves. And yet, his best is not enough. Jesus asks for more: "Go sell what you have and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure for yourself". Once again we have the paradox of the gospel, the sort of paradox that causes faces to fall and listeners to slink away silently because it's just too difficult to swallow.

Without condemning him, Jesus shows the young man that he's in bondage to his wealth and it has a stronger grip on him than he has on it. Jesus invites him to freedom, but the cost is too much. The young man goes away sad "for he was a man of great wealth" and Jesus makes the strange remark, "It's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God". Apparently in Jerusalem, there was a narrow entrance at the side of the Temple called "The Needle". It was wide enough for a camel to pass through, but only if all the burden was removed from the camel's back. With the satchels of goods the camel carries down either side, it wouldn't be possible for it to pass through the needle. It's equally difficult for someone who's weighed down with worldly riches and cares to enter the Kingdom of God.

I think we can sympathise with the young man. It's not always easy to see things from a different perspective. For that reason, it can be a useful exercise to examine our own lives from the point of view of what we own and what "owns" us. Would you call yourself good natured? Do others see you as having a generous heart? Time is one of today's precious gifts. How do you spend your time? If you look back over the past week and examine how you spend your time and how you spend your money, it can give you a fair indication as to where your priorities lie. It can give you some pointers towards loyalties and commitments.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**Harvest Thanks: We give thanks for the fruits of the earth.**

God of the heavens and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We invite you to view the lovely harvest display in St. Patrick's Cathedral in the coming days. We give thanks at this time of year for the harvest and the fruits of the Earth.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Pat Nicholson, Monica Moore, Edna Fitzgerald, Gareth Mackle,  
Eamon Pattison, Patsy Daly, Martin Henry & Eleanor Fields



**Weekly collection amounted to £ 6375.73 & €139.82** • The Annual Church Door Collection for Southern Area Hospice Services is being taken up at all Masses in the parish **this weekend**. The Annual Mission Sunday 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: 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Silence in our Churches** We ask people to be respectful when visiting our Churches for Masses and other events. Please keep noise levels to a minimum in these Sacred spaces.

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

**Adoration Chapel** Adorers needed to cover: Tuesday 9am, & Friday at 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

The **Do this in Memory Programme** for all Primary Four pupils and their parents continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday evening at 7pm. We pray for all the pupils in our parish who are preparing for their First Penance and First Holy Communion this year.

**Parish Census** Parish Census forms will be delivered in Mullacreevie this week. If you are not at home when the forms are being collected, please return to the Parish Office. If you have already received a census form in your area and have missed your collection day, please return it to the Parish Office.

**Aifreann na Gaeilge:** Léifear an t-Aifreann arís Dé Sathairn seo chugainn, 20ú Deireadh Fómhair, agus beidh sos leath-théarma againn go dtí 10ú Mí na Samhain. **Irish Mass:** There will be Irish Mass as usual next Saturday, 20 October. There will be no Mass during the Half Term Break, until Saturday, 10 November.

**Legion of Mary** will lead a Rosary in the Cemetery on all Sundays in November at 3.30pm

### The Priests in Concert

In 2008, Fathers Eugene O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan and David Delargy became a hit out of nowhere, and are now celebrating their 10th anniversary. The Priests are delighted to return to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh to present their hugely popular Christmas Concert, which features them singing much loved classics, as well as cherished seasonal songs.

Don't miss an enchanting evening of music from The Priests live at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh – Thursday 13th December @ 8.00pm.

Tickets are £25 each and are available to purchase from Armagh Parish Office 02837522813 and Dungannon Parish Office 028 8772 6893.

**Canonisation** This Sunday, 14th October, at a ceremony in Rome, Pope Francis will officially recognise the sainthood of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. It is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary man, whose life still influences the work of Trócaire and similar organisations working for human rights around the world.

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

**Mass** Novena Mass on Monday Evening at 7:30pm.

**Children's Liturgy Group** The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday. The group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All primary school children are welcome to attend. All leaders have been vetted. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.



**Community Centre** Activities / classes this week: Monday: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday: Corebox 7-8pm; Spin Class 8.15-9pm. Wednesday: Parent Toddler Group 10.30am-12; Pilates 7-8pm. Thursday: Music- Fiddle 7-8pm. Tin whistle beginner: 7-7.30pm advanced: 7.30-8pm; Halloween flower-arranging Fri 26 Oct @7pm - £5. To book a place text your name to 07542509624

## CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

**St Colmcille's GFC 75th Anniversary Gala Ball** takes place on **Sat 10th Nov** in Armagh City Hotel. Evening includes drinks reception, 4 course meal and music. Gala Ball Tickets are available by emailing Stephen at [Secretary.grangestcolmcilles.armagh@gaa.ie](mailto:Secretary.grangestcolmcilles.armagh@gaa.ie), contacting Martin on 07801947813 and can be collected from the club every Monday evening (8-9pm).

**Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood** On **Friday 19th October**, there will be a day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood on the weekend of World Day of Prayer for the Missions. It's hoped that the time of prayer will be an opportunity for people to pray for all who are engaged in the mission of the Church as priests and also, a time to pray that more men will commit their lives to the Churches mission as priests at this time. A time of prayer will take place on the day in St Malachy's Church, Armagh from 4pm – 7pm, concluding with benediction.

### Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

### Our Future Parish!

On Tuesday evening, an important meeting took place in our Parish in relation to the role of a Parish Pastoral Council. A small number of people attended and the meeting was facilitated by Sr Ann Lyng and Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. We reflected on many of the wonderful things that our current PPC have done over the last few years and some of the great initiatives they have developed. We were reminded that a PPC is a representative body of people in which the diversity of the Parish is represented and it's a means whereby parishioners can take part in discussions that relate to its parish, its mission and its future development.

Again, I thank the current PPC members for their commitment and dedication over the last number of years and for the many ways in which they have helped to develop our Parish community. Some of the current members have recently indicated their intention to move on from the PPC having been involved for a number of years and so obviously, it's an opportunity for other parishioners to become more involved. The future of every parish of course depends on the active participation of lay people in building the faith community and all of us have God given gifts and talents and every one of us can make a difference.

The process of putting in place a new PPC is an important one and cannot be rushed and for that reason, an open invitation is extended to all parishioners to a day of reflection on Our Future Parish! As part of the day, we hope to identify people who may be willing to become more involved with our PPC for the next few years. The day will take place in The Synod Hall on **Saturday 3 November** from 10am – 4pm. It will be an enjoyable day and again, I encourage everyone to consider coming along to reflect on where we see our Parish in the future and in the coming days, I might ask myself, could I give something more to my Parish or could I become more actively involved?

**All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto: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.**