

Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission invite young adults aged 20-35 to the 2nd Annual CREDO Conference on **Saturday 28th April** in Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre from 10am-7pm (Vigil Mass at 6pm). Cost: £10 per person (inc. lunch). The theme, 'I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord', will be explored by keynote speakers Fr. John Harris OP, Fr. Philip Mulryne OP and Fr. Gary Toman OP (Irish Dominicans). For further information and booking visit <https://credo2018.eventbrite.co.uk/> or e-mail armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Armagh Widows next meeting is **Wed 2nd May** in the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. There will be no meeting in April due to Easter. All welcome.

A thought for the day! Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ will offer a thought for the day on BBC Radio Ulster at 7.55am on the mornings of Sunday 22nd & 29th April. You might like to listen to the reflections.

Healing Service There will be an evening of prayer and healing with Eddie Stones in St. Patrick's Church Keady on Saturday 21 April at 6 Pm followed by Mass at 7 PM. Priests will be available for confession

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - Outing to Portglenone Abbey on **Wednesday 2 May**; Coach leaving from St Malachy's Church at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Thomas McHugh in the Monastery. Free time for shopping in Ballymena. Cost £30 to include Coach Fare, mid-morning refreshments en route and Evening Meal in Cookstown, returning home at 8pm approx. Booking 07752409636

Lost Ladies watch found in Gazette Arcade Car Park on Wed 4th April tel. 07742284400

Mary's Meals Coffee Morning Please support our coffee morning in the beautiful surroundings of the Servite Priory, Benburb, on Saturday 21st April 10am- 1 pm. All very welcome! Help us to feed and educate children in Malawi.

Day Retreat in Benburb Priory on **Sunday 22nd April** 10am to 5pm. Organised by Legion of Mary. Cost £25 includes morning coffee lunch and afternoon tea. Everyone welcome. Tel. Gemma 07541326303 or Margaret 07799867714

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

St.Patricks Community Resource Centre Steering Body in a joint project with the Westenders Seniors have organised a Health Information Event to be held in Sherry's Sports Complex on **Thursday 19th April** at 10am. The information event will last 2-3 hours and lunch will be provided at the end.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group at 8pm on Tuesdays at SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. Speaker on Tues 17th April Fr Eamon Kelly. All welcome.

Anam Cara Northern Ireland, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 25th April** from 7.30pm-9:00pm in Armagh City Hotel. Anam Cara Northern Ireland offers a safe & comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' & be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Ceili in Ballymacnab Community Hall on **Sat 21st April**. Music by Raymond Loney.



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15th April 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Dear Parishioners

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples, Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with "peace" (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that "you are witnesses of these things". Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

"Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening". (Joyce Rupp)

With every blessing,
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Parishioners might like also to reflect on the recent Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate*, *On the call to holiness in today's world* by Pope Francis. Available to download from the Parish Website.

We remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are doing exams in the coming days and weeks. We pray that God may send his Spirit upon all of them and may they be guided in the work that they do.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bridget McCartan, Anthony McKeown, Eileen Kane, Imelda Nugent, Ann Loughlin, Michael Hutchinson, Eileen McClelland, Una Boylan & Catherine Martin

MONTHS MIND: Margot Houlahan (16th) & Ann Powell (18th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 1/3/13/14 Next weeks Jackpot £1900
Abbey Lotto: 2/4/19/24 Next weeks Jackpot £3500
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/2/16/14 Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/2/3/18 Next weeks Jackpot is £1050

Good Friday collection amounted to £ 2655.00 & € 55.00

Easter Sunday collection amounted to £ 9089.50 & € 454.08

Weekly collection amounted to £ 7067.78 & €122.00

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

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.**

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. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela: 25 September–2 October

Walk part of The Way of St James for the week. Beginning at St Jean Pied-de-Port, the route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns. Pilgrims will walk approximately 130 km & on the last day, we will be brought by coach for our walk into the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. Booking through www.marian.ie

Parish Envelopes The new year envelopes began on Sun 1st April. If you have not received

envelopes and wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office

Gift Aid & Standing Order Forms available online and in the Parish Office.

Annual Diocesan Priests Retreat We remember in prayer the priests from our diocese who will be on retreat next week in Dromantine. (22nd-26th April)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations The Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations is being celebrated on **Sunday 22 April**. We continue to pray for more Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life at this time.

O God, Who wish all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, labourers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 27 May 2018**. Buses will be travelling from parishes across the diocese and people are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special pilgrimage in this year when we celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. Families are encouraged to consider being part of the pilgrimage and 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 travelling on the day from Armagh Parish. Booking at Parish Office. Leaving Cathedral Gates, Cathedral Rd at 7am. £10 per person.

Aifreann na Gaeilge: Agus sos na Cásca thart, tá tús curtha leis an Aifreann arís don tríú téarma, agus léifear é gach Satharn ar 5.30 . **Irish Mass:** Mass has recommenced for the third term and will continue each Saturday at 5.30pm.

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

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 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Mass No Novena.

Children's Liturgy Group recommences this Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday music 7-8.30pm

O'Connell's GAC Committee will be running a fundraising weekend for 'Families in our club affected by childhood cancer'. The following events have been organised: **Sat, 21st April** at 2pm 20 mile Cycle £10pp. Departing from Tullysaran Community Centre. Also, a 5 lap walk of our football pitches (donation only) for anyone not interested in cycling. Refreshments served in clubrooms afterwards. **Sat 21st/Sun 22nd April** Car Wash will take place at Vincie Conlon's, Carrickaness Road, **Sun 22nd April** after 10am mass there will be a Coffee Morning in Community Centre. **Sun, 22nd April** Charity Camogie Match at 5pm - Legends v Senior team £5pp. Refreshments served in clubrooms afterwards.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Flower Arrangers Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the Church.

Grange Ladies Spring Collection Wed 18th April from 6pm - 8pm in the Clubrooms, all clothing, bedding, curtains & footwear (pairs) in good order. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

“Celebrating Family Life”

As we continue to prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018, a special evening of celebration for all families in our parish will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 10 May** at 7.30pm. All families in our parish are encouraged to make an effort to attend this celebration, as we come together to give thanks for all of that's good about family life & to pray God's blessing on all our homes and families. As part of the celebration, prayers will be offered for family members who are doing exams in the coming weeks.

All families are invited to bring along a small picture of their family & place it in the Sacred Space in the sanctuary of the Cathedral on the evening. These pictures will be pieced together to make our “Parish Family Collage” & it will hang in the Cathedral. All of the families will be remembered in prayer as we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families. All families who attend on the evening will also be given a ticket and a draw will be made as part of the evening for two families to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August of this year.

All families are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this evening of celebration. A special invitation is extended to all young people throughout our Parish and they're encouraged to attend what promises to be a very uplifting and memorable evening for all.

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

**Important Dates
for 2018**

CBS English Medium - Sat 5th May @ 11:30am
Our Lady's PS - Sun 6th May @ 10am
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

First Communion

Mt. St. Catherine's PS—Sun 29th April @ 11am
CBS Irish Medium - Sat 5th May @ 10am