

**Armagh Widows** No Meeting in August. Next meeting **Thurs 13th Sept** in Community Centre, Cathedral Rd, 7pm - 9pm. New members welcome.

**Charles Wood Summer School** The annual Charles Wood Summer School will take place in Armagh from **Sun 12 Aug – Sat 18 Aug**. A special Mass will be celebrated as part of the Summer School in St Malachy's Church on **Tuesday 14 August** at 7.30pm. Bach at Twilight will be presented in St Malachy's Church on **Tuesday 14 August** at 8.15pm. A Candlelight Concert will be presented in St Patrick's RC Cathedral on **Wednesday 15 August** at 7.30pm. The Summer School will conclude with a special Sung Mass on **Saturday 18 August** at 7pm and the main celebrant will be Archbishop Eamon Martin.

**A Journey through Amoris Laetitia' TV Series** To all families in the Archdiocese of Armagh and beyond: To help your preparation for the World Meeting I invite you to watch the six part series 'A Journey through Amoris Laetitia'. "In Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis asks us to keep walking together, to continue to encourage families in their daily commitments and challenges. I warmly welcome the 'A Journey through Amoris Laetitia' series as a great aid to our on-going reflection and dialogue on family life in the light of what Pope Francis has written for us. (Archbishop Eamon Martin) [You can get in online at https://amoris.ie/tv/](https://amoris.ie/tv/)

**Craigavon Samaritans** are holding an Info Evening in the Branch for new prospective volunteers: on **Wed 15th Aug** at 7:30pm. 162 Thomas Street, Portadown, This event aims to provide individuals with an opportunity to find out more about who the Samaritans are, what they do & how you can get involved. For more info contact SAM directly by email [volunteercraigavonsamaritans@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercraigavonsamaritans@gmail.com) or call 07860453747.

**Youth 2000: Summer Festival** will not take place as planned this year due to limited resources, low bookings and a low response to fundraising. This is a one off occurrence. All retreats and events will resume as normal from September onwards. For more info contact [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie)

**Charity BBQ/Sponsored Treadmill Run** in Milford Old School House on the **17th August** at 6pm to raise funds for Southern Area Hospice Services. There is a suggested donation of £5. Any queries contact Ronan on 07881302066

**Ballymacnab Youth Drama Group** will present John B Keane's powerful play "Big Maggie" in the Market Place Theatre on Wednesday 17th September at 8PM. Tickets on sale at the Market Place Theatre, £10 per ticket, £8 concession.

**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.

### A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!



**Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 20/22/23/28** Next weeks Jackpot £1650

**Abbey Lotto: 5/8/12/26** Next weeks Jackpot £4350

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 2/9/11/14** Next weeks Jackpot is £1900

# St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

Archdiocese of Armagh

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Sunday 12th August

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

When a prophet sits under a bush, it's usually a sign that things are not going well! At a particularly low moment in his relationship with God, the prophet Jonah sits, in an angry sulk, under a bush. While there, he encounters God and learns a valuable lesson about mercy.

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elisha who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid capture and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough. He finds himself begging God to take his life.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey. Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever.

On a different note, Ireland will welcome Pope Francis to its shores next week for the celebration of the World Meeting of Families. The event will take place from 21 – 26 August. The word "family" evokes many different things for different people. The family is the environment where we first learn to love and first encounter the idea that each one of us has been loved into existence. Of course, we all have different experiences of family life. Whatever our particular experience of family is, it is always the term which refers to those who have cared for us and loved us when we needed it most. Therefore all who love and reflect the love of God for us become our family. As Jesus himself said: "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother". (Mk 3:35)

As we look forward to the World Meeting of Families, we pray for the success of next weeks global gathering and we pray for all our own families and indeed all families throughout the world. In the words of the official prayer for the World Meeting:

"We ask God to bless our families with the joy of love. May He make us patient and kind, gentle and generous and welcoming to those in need. May He increase our faith and strengthen our hope and may He keep us safe in His love and may He make us grateful for the gift of life that we share".

With every blessing

Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**World Meeting of Families Diocesan Celebration** will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 21st August**. The festival begins in the Shambles Yard at 5pm with family fun, music, dance, craic and much more! The celebration will continue in St. Patrick's Cathedral from 7:30pm-8:30pm. All are encouraged to join for this special Armagh launch for the World Meeting of Families. Please note there will be no 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's on that evening.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Campbell, Brendan Kirk, Mary Moore, Marion Hughes, Kathleen Magee, Eamon Smyth, Kathleen McKee, Peggy Campbell, Harry Rice & Elizabeth McKinney

### MONTHS MIND

Leo Murphy (15th), Brigid Hayes (17th)



Weekly Collection: £6146.84 & €137.72 • Sick & Retired Priests Collection: £3375.82 & €59.20

Priests Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 1 and 2 September.

### 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: Monday 11am, Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 12noon & Friday at 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wednesday 15 August \*\*Holy Day of Obligation\*\*

#### Mass Times—Wed 15th August

- **St Malachy's:** 7:30pm (Vigil, Tues); 8am, 10am & 7:30pm
- **St. Patrick's Cathedral:** 11am
- **Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran:** 7.30pm
- **St Colmcille's, Knockaconey:** 7.30pm

Parish Bulletin Please note there will be no Parish Bulletin on 19th and 26th August. The bulletin will resume the first week of September.

Parish Cemetery Due to safety concerns, a number of trees have been taken down in the Parish Cemetery. The area where the trees have been removed will provide much needed burial space in the near future.

Parish Office Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Wed 22nd August** (reopening Thurs 23rd) and **Mon 27th August** (reopening Tues 28th).

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

### Parish Trip to Lough Derg (One Day Retreat)

Leaving from St. Patrick's Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on **Saturday 22nd September**. Refreshments provided on the island. Pilgrims will enjoy a day of prayer, reflection, confessions and the celebration of Mass. Pilgrims are advised to wear warm & waterproof clothing. Bus will return to Armagh at approx. 6pm. Cost: £40 per person. Limited places. Booking & Payments at Parish Office. Payments no later than Wed 19th September.

Cardinal Wuerl to visit St Patrick's Cathedral Cardinal Wuerl (Archbishop of Washington) who will be visiting Ireland for the WMOF will visit Armagh on the morning of **Saturday 25 August** and he will celebrate the 10am Mass on that day.

Papal Flags Papal Flags are now on sale in The Cathedral Shop. We encourage people to buy a flag and fly it from their homes in the days leading up to the WMOF and as a gesture of welcome to Pope Francis to Ireland.

### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass resumes in September.

Children's Liturgy Group will resume on Sunday 9th September 2018.

### CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Months Mind Mass for Leo Murphy will take place in the Church of St. Colmcille on **Wed 15th Aug** at 7:30pm.

### Relics of Family of Saints to visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

As we look forward to the World Meeting of Families, Relics of St Louis & St Zelig Martin & their daughter, St Therese of Lisieux will be in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 12 Aug (today)**. The Relics arrive at the Cathedral for 11am Mass & will leave at 9am on Monday morning. People will have an opportunity to come & venerate the Relics of the family that embodies what is best in family life & they offer a wonderful example of what a family can become.

#### Sunday 12th August

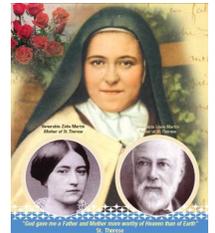
**11am** Mass & Welcome of Relics  
**3pm** Rosary  
**5:30pm** Mass  
**7:30pm** Evening Prayer  
**10pm** Night Prayer  
Cathedral will close at 11pm.

#### Monday 13th August

**8am** Mass  
**9am** Prayers of Departure of Relics

### Prayer for the Family

Father in heaven, you called Saints Zelig and Louis Martin to holiness through their married life. You gave them as Mother and Father to St Therese of Lisieux. Through their intercession, we ask you to bless married couples, bless our children and grandchildren. Guide us as citizens to make the kind of decisions that will support family life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Family Photos We are currently in the process of developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families will be remembered in prayer as we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area: Evening of Prayer for the success of the World Meeting of Families. People from the four parishes in St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area are invited to a special Evening Prayer in the newly restored St Joseph's Church, Tynan on **Friday 17th August** at 7.30pm, to pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families. The Pastoral Area Resource Team have organised the evening & people from the parishes of Armagh, Keady, Killcluney and Middletown are encouraged to make a special effort to unite in prayer on the evening.

Mass for the Protection of Life Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass to pray for the protection of life, from the moment of conception until natural death in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on **Tues 11 Sept** at 7.30 p.m. Prayers of thanksgiving will be offered for all those who work and give witness for the protection of life. All are welcome.

### World Meeting of Families - Closing Mass Sunday 26th Aug. Buses—FULLY BOOKED

Anyone who has booked on the buses should pay the fare of £10 ASAP to Nuala in Parochial House, Keady. Bus 1 leaving St. John's Church, Middletown at 9am SHARP; Bus 2 leaving Armagh City Hotel (back car park) at 9am SHARP. Both buses will leave Keady Main Street @ 9.30AM SHARP. Please be on time. Translink are running buses and trains to the WMOF - visit the local depot for more information.

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.