

Beginning Experience Coping programme: **19th & 26th Jan; 2nd, 9th & 15th Feb; Weekend 24th -26th Feb.** These programmes offer hope and support for men & women who have lost their partner through death, separation or divorce. Tel. 07934871718

Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Now taking names for pilgrims and sick wishing to travel on 12th—17th May. Call Anne on 07736415305. **Coffee Morning** on **28th January** 10am-1pm, 4 Glen Mhacha. **Church Door Collection 4th & 5th February**

Armagh Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima for the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions. **10th - 17th August.** Cost: €848 per person sharing. €200 deposit secures place. More info contact: Fr Seamus White 02887722631 or Joe McLaughlin 02890701606. Applications & itineraries available from the Parish Office.

Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina in June, another Parish Trip will take place in 2017. The trip will take place from Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June and those who travel will be based for the three nights in Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. During the few days, the trip will include visits to Achill, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey and other places of interest. Further details about the trip and booking will take place in the next few weeks

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration are holding a diocesan meeting for parish representatives and all those interest in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in Armagh City Hotel on **Saturday 28th January**, commencing with Mass at 10am and concluding with a light lunch at 1:30pm. All those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 18th January at 12noon.**

Harp's Youth & Senior Registration in Harp's Social Club on **Sun 22nd Jan** 10:30-1pm.

Retrouvaille A Lifeline for Married Couples: 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. **10th – 12th Feb.** For more info visit www.retrouvaille.ie

Irish classes for all levels St Catherine's College Armagh. Every Wednesday 7pm-8.30pm starting 18.01.17 £30 for 12 week term (£15 concessions). Also, Intensive Irish course and language awareness workshop Athletic Grounds, Armagh **Sat 21 Jan** 10am - 4pm £10 including lunch. Contact sean@cairdeteo.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 26th July to 2nd August 2017, departing from Dublin, €599 fully inc for 7 nights if deposit of €100 is paid before Feb 1st otherwise price of €649 applies. Contact Marian Kane 0872713260.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 25th of Jan** from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Celtic Spirituality Inter-Church Prayer in Church of Ireland Cathedral (Lady Chapel) first **Wednesday** of every month @12:30pm.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Vincent's Shop Thomas Street urgently requires good quality furniture, clothes and bric a brac. Furniture can be collected. Shop contact **02837 510922.**

Armagh City Library If you like to knit or crochet, come along to Knit and Natter every **Friday** from 10:30-12noon. Also, Mindful Colouring starts **Mondays** from 10:30-12noon.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Info: www.catholicssingles.org.uk

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.

Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 4/11/22/27 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1850
Abbey Lotto: 6/24/26/28 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2200
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/18/20/23 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £825
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/7/11/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1400

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15th January 2017

2nd Sunday of the Year

One of the curious facts of modern life is the growing number of cults and sects which are always competing for followers. Some cults are linked to an excessive admiration for a particular individual, while others are movements which have broken away from mainstream religion. The cults often arise from the supposed failure of those religions to address the personal needs of their followers. Because of this, cults usually stand as a critical challenge to institutional religion.

It's worth noting that when the Christian movement began, it was regarded in most places as an eccentric cult, focusing on Jesus of Nazareth. One of the problems the early Church had to face was the presence of a close competitor, called the Baptist sect, who believed that John the Baptist and not Jesus, was the Messiah. The Baptist sect argued that their Master was superior to Jesus for two main reasons: firstly John the Baptist was prior to Jesus and that priority gave him superiority. Secondly, Jesus submitted to John's baptism of repentance making him inferior to John. Faced with these two arguments, the early Church had to respond and clarify its own position.

Against that background, we should reflect on how the writer of the Gospel faces these challenges in the way that he presents Jesus and John the Baptist. If, for example, the Baptist appears to speak negatively about himself, it is for the purpose of directing attention to Jesus. "This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me..." He even points his own followers in the direction of Jesus, releasing them from their attachment to him. "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God". We too are called to witness to Jesus. We are asked to point away from ourselves and we're challenged to lead others to the person of Jesus.

This weekend, we celebrate **World Migrant and Refugee Sunday** and on this special day, it's important that we remember and pray for all those who have travelled far from their homeland in search of a better life. We think of our own Irish migrants who have been forced to seek work abroad. But Migrant Sunday is a moment for us to think and pray for all migrants, no matter where they come from. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is "Minor migrants, vulnerable and voiceless". The Holy Father reminds Christians that we're all called to reach out to and pray for all migrants, to emphasise the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

Prayer for Migrants

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger. Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy. Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love; in Christ's name we pray. Amen

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Philomena Doran, Marie Valley, Patricia McKee, Bridget McGuirk, Virginia Farnan, Doreen Murtagh, Mary Morrissey, Philomena Maginness, Philomena Lyons

MONTHS MIND:

Vera Wallace (16th), Betty Johnston (16th), Jean McKee (16th), Briega Martin (20th)



Weekly collection amounted to £ 6495.43 & € 141.50

Irish Bishops Conference Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

Parish Safeguarding The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen or Maura, they can be contacted at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or 07895 460797.

Sacristy Any visitor to the sacristy of any church in the Parish **must** sign the visitors book.

All requests for prayers and Masses to be arranged through the Parish Office. The list of intentions is sent to the churches on a Friday morning, containing all intentions from the Saturday night vigil Mass until the following Saturday morning. **Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office 12 noon on 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. The course is on the first Monday & third Wednesday of every month. All Baptisms **must be booked through the Parish Office.**

First Friday 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 contact the Parish Office.

Home visits/House Blessings Should anyone wish to arrange for one of the priests of the parish to visit their home or should anyone wish to arrange a House Blessing, please contact the Parish Office

Adorers required for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Wednesday's at 12noon; Thursday's at 4pm & 11pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

Cathedral Webcam All our Cathedral Liturgies are broadcast live on our webcam. To access our webcam visit our website www.armaghparish.net and click on 'Cathedral Webcam'.

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

Missionary of Charity House One hour of prayer, scripture & song before the Blessed Sacrament **every Wed** from 8-9pm

Do this in Memory Programme continues for all P4 pupils & their parents in St Patrick's Cathedral next Saturday evening.

Congratulations to Barbara Gartland The priests and people of the parish congratulate Barbara Gartland from Armagh who celebrated her First Profession of Vows in the Society of the Sacred Heart last weekend. The special celebration took place in St Malachy's Church and as well as many of Barbara's family and friends being present, many members of the Sacred Heart Community were in attendance. We continue to remember Barbara in prayer and we wish her well as she embarks on a life of service with her new community.

Ad Limina Visit We remember in prayer the Bishops of Ireland who are in Rome in the coming days for an Ad Limina visit to the Holy See. The last Ad Limina Visit took place in 2006.

Catholic Schools Week Sun 29 Jan – Sat 4 Feb. The theme this year is Laudato Si, learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home. A special launch for the week will take place in Church of St John the Baptist, Drumcree, Portadown on **Tues 31 Jan** at 11am. All are welcome.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in this diocese on **Thurs 2 Feb** with Vespers in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 6pm. On the evening, Archbishop Eamon Martin will launch a special prayer initiative in the Diocese. All prayer groups in parishes across the diocese have been invited to join for this special occasion. All are welcome to join. We give thanks for the great gift that consecrated life is to the Church and to the world.

World Day of the Sick Sat 11 Feb (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) The theme this year is "Amazement at what God has accomplished: The Almighty has done great things for me....." (Lk 1:49)

Records We ask anyone who has moved house recently to please contact the Parish Office to update their records. Or alternatively if you're new to the Parish or think you might not be registered, please contact us so we can register you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

Novena Mass Monday evening at 7:30pm.

ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran **must** be booked in advance at Parish Office - 37522813
Tullysaran Community Centre Activities this week: Mon 8-10pm: Indoor Bowls; Tues 4-5pm: Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm: Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm: Spin (fully booked); Wed 10-12pm: Parent/Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm: Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Total Body Workout will resume Thurs 19 Jan 6.30-7.30pm.

Tullysaran Traditional Music Classes resume on **Thurs 19th Jan** at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. New members welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Bookings All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office - 37522813.

PSNI Meeting Armagh PSNI are holding a special meeting for people from our parish at which they will address community related issues. There are many issues which are of concern to all of us and many of these issues will be addressed on the evening including crime, domestic violence, substance abuse, road deaths, cyber bullying and others. The PSNI are anxious for people to come together to explore ways in which all of us can work more closely together to address issues that concern all of us. The meeting will take place in **The St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane** (below St Malachy's Primary School) on **Wednesday 25th January at 8pm**. Representatives from many local bodies/agencies will be in attendance on the evening and all are invited to come along for this important gathering.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At this time of year and we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (**18 – 25 January**). The theme chosen for this year is: **Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us. (2 Cor 5: 14 – 20)** 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 RC Cathedral, Armagh on **Wed 18 Jan at 7.30pm. The guest preacher will be Bishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher**. 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.

Annual Ceremony of Light for all P7 pupils & their parents will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thurs 2nd March** at 7:30pm. Please note this date as this is an important evening of preparation for the young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Baptism Team Thanks to the Baptism Team for organising the special liturgy last weekend for all the newly Baptised. Anyone who is interested in joining the Parish Baptism Team is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Job Vacancies

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh wishes to recruit a Church cleaner. Duties & responsibilities include the general cleaning and upkeep of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh wishes to recruit a cleaner for the Parochial House, Armagh. Duties & responsibilities include the general cleaning of Priests' accommodation.

Full job descriptions and applications are available through the Parish Office. Closing date for applications is 20th January 2017.