

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

**Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm.**

**Tullysaran Comhaltas** Easter Monday Traditional Session **17th April** Mary Anns at 9am. Supper, Raffle & Easter Egg Draw. All welcome.

### CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

**Bookings** All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office 37522813. **Grange Ladies Clothes Collection** is on **Wed 26th April** at Clubrooms from 6pm - 8pm, Ladies/Mens/Kids clothes, footwear, Bed Linen, Curtains & towels to be in good order. Thank you for your on going support.

**Months Mind Mass for Thomas Donnelly will be celebrated on Thurs 20th at 7:30pm.**

**SPRED**, faith sharing group for people with learning difficulties, meets every 2 weeks to share activities, life experiences & a cup of tea. SPRED's aim is to integrate our friends into the liturgical life of the Parish. If you are a parent or guardian of a person aged 18+ who had learning difficulties & would like him/her to join our group, contact Lily 38891484. New faith friends also needed.

**Armagh Fire Fighters Charity Car Wash** in association with St. Brigid's Camogie Club and The Fire Fighters Charity in the Shambles Yard **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017** 9.00am to 4.00pm.

**Lislea Drama Group Presents** an amateur production of Cupid Wore Skirts, a hilarious 3 Act Comedy in Lislea Community Centre. **Fri 21st, Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd April** at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets available from cast, Lislea Committee members or pay at the door. Admission £8, Concession £5

**Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information Session** is in Armagh City Library on **Mon 24th April 11am-1pm**. Drop in for advice with managing, maintaining & cleaning your hearing aid. Find more info on hearing loss and other services. Batteries for NHS aids can be picked up and a hearing check for people without hearing aids is available.

**The Beginning Experience Coping Programme** is starting in the Convent of Mercy 8pm - **Thurs 27th April** for 7 weeks. Contact 079-348-71718 or [bedundalk.wordpress.com](http://bedundalk.wordpress.com)

**Lough Derg** Three day pilgrimages begin **Thurs 1st June** until **Sun 13th August**. More info contact 00353 719861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Saint Brigid's Camogie Club** Registration is now due for all players. Prices: U8 £15, U18 £20 & over 18 £40. Social Members £10. As part of our LIPSYNC fundraiser there will a disco on Easter Sunday in Pearse Ogs Club @ 8 o Clock £5 admission fee. All welcome

**Armagh Rural Transport** Do you have problem getting from A to B...Contact Diane, Armagh Rural Transport for further info on 02837 518151 to see if we can help.

**Family Healing Retreat** led by Fr. Edgardo Arellano (Fr. Bing) Spiritual Director of Alliance of the Two Hearts. The appeal of Our Lady of Fatima for Prayer & Reparation.: HILTON HOTEL Belfast **Sat 29th & Sun 30th April**. Residential/Non Residential welcome. Info please contact. 07734562102 or 07754837045 or 07917056350 or (028) 37548950

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April** 7:30 to 9pm in 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.

**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: 3/4/16/27** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2050

**Abbey Lotto: 3/5/8/13** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2850

**Tullysaran Lotto: 5/6/9/16** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1125

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/6/20/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2050



## St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

Reflection

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a remarkable day in human history. It's a time of new life and a celebration of God's love that brings light in to darkness, hope in to despair and victory in to defeat. Without the resurrection of Jesus there would be no Christianity and no promise of life eternal. Love has won the day and the glory of God is revealed in all its splendour. And yet, we have to wonder what difference, if any, the resurrection makes to our daily lives. Is it just the opening of chocolate eggs and pleasant associations with Easter bunnies and spring lambs?

Christ has conquered death and not just physical death, but every effect it may take. What is dead or decaying within you? Have you let a dream die, something that was precious to you? Maybe a relationship close to you is dead and buried? It could be your friend, your husband, your wife. Or maybe what is dead is your heart because somebody hurt you, or your compassion has worn out. Is something important entombed in you, dead and buried and dried up into nothing because of something terrible that happened in your past? And what remains is bitterness, decay, despair, cynicism, apathy, a dull and enduring sadness?

On the other hand, we might recognise glimpses of resurrection in our ability to rise again after defeat, to trust again after our trust is betrayed, to love after being rejected, to continue to hope when our dreams are shattered and to pick up the pieces when we've been dealt a cruel blow. Easter is an everyday, life changing occurrence, which takes place when lies give way to truth, when hatred surrenders to love, alcoholism to sobriety and indifference yields to compassion.

The message of Easter is that, just as Christ conquered all, so can we, provided we place our trust in him. Easter proclaims that our deepest human hungers can be satisfied for there is a purpose to our living and more to life than the wrappings and trappings of earthly existence.

I would like to thank all who contributed in any way to our liturgical celebrations over the past week – to the sacristans, the musicians, choirs and servers, to the Ministers of Word and Eucharist and all those who were involved in the various liturgies. A word of compliment to the many people who attended Mass during Lent, availed of the Sacrament of Penance in recent days and made a special effort to be present at the Easter Ceremonies. During these Easter days, let us ask the Lord to renew our faith and deepen our hope.

On behalf of Archbishop Martin, Cardinal Brady and the priests of the parish, I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. It is my prayer that the Risen Lord will touch your hearts with his peace and fill your homes with all the joy and happiness of this glorious season.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Christopher Rogers & Jimmy Nugent.

**MONTHS MIND:** Ann McElvanna (20th), Thomas Donnelly (20th), Dessie Sheridan (22nd), Anne Mooney (23rd), Clarice Halligan (23rd), Annette Maginness (23rd) & Barry Toal (24th).

**Weekly collection amounted to £6759.49 & €119.07**

**Next Sunday the Education of Priests collection will be taken up at all Masses.**

**No 8am Mass in St. Malachy's this week.**

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

**Sacristy** Any visitors 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 by 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. All Baptisms must be paid for in advance in order to secure the booking.**

**If you're interested in becoming an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel** Contact Nora 37 525265

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

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

**First Saturday's Devotion** In celebration of the 100 years since the appearance of Our Lady in Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

**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.**

**Distribution of Weekly Envelopes** Any home/family that has not received envelopes & wishes to do so should contact the Parish Office.

**Aifreann na Gaeilge:** Léifear an chead Aifreann eile i nidiadh Sos na Cásca Dé Sathairn **29ú Aibreán** ar 5.30 i.n. Irish Mass will resume after the Easter Break on **Sat 29 April at 5.30pm.**

#### **St. Brigid's High School, Armagh**

The Trustees of St. Brigid's High School, Armagh have confirmed the lease of St. Brigid's High School to Southern Regional College for a period of 3.5 years with immediate effect. Preparations are currently being made for the College to function within the building from September 2017.

#### **Gift Aid**

At the start of a new financial year in the Church it is now the ideal time to consider signing up for Gift Aid on your weekly contributions. Gift Aid gives Armagh Parish an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Donating through Gift Aid is hassle free - all you need to do is fill out a Gift Aid declaration form. This is a statement from you to the Church confirming that you want to donate through Gift Aid & receive tax back on your donation. To sign up please ask for the relevant form in the Parish Office.

**Trociare** Any boxes which haven't been returned should be returned to any of the Churches in the Parish by next weekend.

**Do this in Memory Programme** continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 29 April** at 7pm for all Primary Four pupils and their families.

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**The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday. The office reopens on Wed 19th April at 9:30am.**

**Please note there will be no Parish Bulletin for the weekend of 22nd/23rd April. Any notices for the bulletin for 29th/30th April must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than 5pm on Tuesday 25th.**

#### **Prayer before the Tomb**

*Risen Lord, let the light of your presence shine on the darkened areas of our lives. May the light of your goodness cast out the shadows of our doubt and remove the garments of suffering and sadness that we carry. Help us to realise that you have rolled away the stones of all that hinders us from experiencing your love in the fullest. Give us the courage to walk with you beyond Galilee to all the places that await your Risen presence. For we know and we believe that you are truly risen and walk among us.*

*Alleluia!*



**“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, call: Fr Peter McAnenly 028 37522802**

**The Irish Pilgrimage Trust off to Lourdes** On Easter Sunday each year, over 1,000 disabled & disadvantaged children & young people enjoy a life changing pilgrimage/holiday in Lourdes, supported by a large number of volunteer helpers. We remember all those who are going on the pilgrimage this year and we thank God for those who have enabled so many children and young people to have this experience.

**‘Rise’ - the Parish Youth Group** continues **Sat 22nd April** in the Cathedral Gatelodge at 7.30pm (directly after 7pm Mass in the Cathedral). All young people from 1st - 5th year in school are encouraged to attend. Please contact our Parish Youth Worker Aoibhinn McNeill in the Parish Office for more info. (RISE meets every other Saturday evening)

**RISE**

**Armagh Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Fr. Richard Byrne O. Carm. Provincial **27th Sept 2017** Hotel Mediterranee. 5 nights full board. Contact: Gerry Gribbon 07980628696/37522422.

**Legion of Mary Day Retreat** in Benburb Priory on **Sun 30th April** 10am-5pm. Cost £25 inc. tea/coffee & lunch. All welcome. Enquiries 07799867714

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Outing** to St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. **3rd May.** Departing from St. Malachy's at 9am, refreshments enroute. Mass celebrated by Fr Thomas McHugh. Opportunity for shopping & sightseeing. **Cost £35, inc Coach Fare, refreshments & Evening Meal. Booking with Maura, Tel: 07752409636.**

<b>Divine Mercy Sunday - 23 April</b>	
2.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
3.00pm	The Chaplet
3.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4.30pm	Time for personal veneration of Divine Mercy Image



#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ**

Prior to the refurbishment of St Patrick's Cathedral in 2002/2003, a free standing organ was sited in the South Transept, which is now the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This organ was sold to the parish of Haggardstown and Blackrock, Co Louth just before the restoration work began.

As stated in the parish bulletin last year, the parish offered the organ back to the Cathedral for much less than it paid. The organ is of exceptional quality and given the fact that the parish received a legacy from a local family last year, the Parish Finance Committee decided to buy the organ back and have it reinstated in the Cathedral. The organ is to be rebuilt in the coming weeks and it will contribute greatly to the celebration of Liturgies in St Patrick's Cathedral.