

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin on **Sun 7th Oct**. Fare: £12 return. Bus will depart from St. Malachy's Church. Contact: Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

Mary's Meals desperately need extra copybooks & rulers & indeed any of the items listed on the notices beside the collection baskets in the churches. We are very grateful for all your support so far. Donations can also be left into our HQ in Dobbin St any Tues or Thurs afternoon. Thank you.

Irish Language Classes St Catherine's College Wednesdays 7- 8.30pm from 19th Sept. 12 weeks term for £30. Contact sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

Irish Language Intensive Course Athletic Grounds Saturday 15 September 10.30am-3.30pm sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

Benburb Community PlayGroup A pre-school place which has just become available in our playgroup, if your child was born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 and you wish to avail of this place, please contact the playgroup for details. 02837549501 - benburb@btconnect.com

Blessed is She –a Catholic women's ministry devoted to Scripture & community- was founded in the Diocese of Phoenix and, for the first time, will host their Blessed Is She retreat at the Emmaus Centre in Swords, Co. Dublin on **November 23rd & 24th**. Theme: John 3:8: "*The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit*". We are expecting women from all over Ireland and Europe! All women aged 18+ are welcome to attend. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. For more info/booking visit blessedishe.net/wild

September on Lough Derg Season continues for One Day Retreats on September 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd & 30th. Two additional days: Finding God in the Mess, 20th Sept - This special day offers insight into how people find God in the everyday of life. Living with Suicide Day Retreat, 29th Sept. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Legion of Mary Bus to Knock on **30th September**. leaving St Malachys at 7am. Cost £15. Bring a packed lunch. Booking: 07799867714.

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 - Oct 6th - Nov 10th - Dec 8th. All welcome.

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

Community Well-Being Event to be held on **Wed 24th Oct** at the Armagh City Hotel from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a large number of organisations who will be promoting health and wellbeing in the form of workshops, as well as advice on alcohol and drugs and improving your mental health. Theresa Burke, guest speaker will talk about the devastating effect drugs had on her son, Light supper will be served on arrival. Contact: noelle.garvey@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

'The 12' Mission Team invite you to 'New Life in the Spirit Weekend Seminars' which takes place on **September 22nd & 23rd** in the Servite Priory, Benburb. Cost of food for two days is £25 and B&B is available for £25 in the Priory if required. (Tel. 028-37548241). Please join us for this 'Freedom' Weekend and discover the 'crazy love of Jesus and how to be his Missionary Disciples'. For Bookings contact mailforthe12@gmail.com or phone Marie on 028-85557394 or Claire on 087-2292683.

The Parkinson's Armagh Support Group is currently looking for volunteers to help at their



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 16/21/26/28. One winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1100
Abbey Lotto: 5/12/17/25. One Winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £4500
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/8/19/22 Next weeks Jackpot is £2150

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16th September

24th Sunday of the Year

Reflection

The liturgy today is about cross carrying. During the week, we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the Sorrows of Mary. The cross carriers, Jesus and Mary, join us to help us carry ours for him and in him and with him. Cross carrying is the essence of being a disciple of Jesus.

As we all know, there are few people who don't have some sort of cross to bear and our crosses come in different shapes and forms. And yet, while we all have our different crosses in life, none of us want to have to carry them and naturally we all prefer to have things as easy as possible and we all crave for pleasure and comfort and we all yearn for peace of heart and mind.

But what's comforting is that Christ also suffered and having suffered much, he has great sympathy for all of us in the way in which we too have to suffer on our own journeys in life. Again and again, he encourages us to shoulder our crosses and follow in his footsteps. He assures us that if we unite our crosses with his, then our crosses become more meaningful and they become a source of salvation for us.

Jesus makes it clear today that it's not always easy being a disciple of his. At times, life can be tough and it can be very demanding. The cross which is part and parcel of life for all of us isn't an invitation to be miserable in ourselves but rather, it's a call to have courage and hope in the face of our sufferings. As is often said, Gods ways aren't always our ways and so whatever may be going on for us at any given time, the challenge is to take up our cross and keep on believing. It's the call to be rooted in faith and to have hope in the One who gave his life on a cross!

Finally as we move further into this month of September, many parents are preparing for their sons or daughters heading off to university or college. We're mindful that it can be an anxious time for many young people and for many parents. And so we pray that God's Spirit will come upon all our young people and protect them from harm. Despite the many attractions and distractions of life, may they always find the time and a place for silence and reflection. May they never become so preoccupied with the outer world that they forget the inner world – the world of the spirit, the depths of the human heart, the place where Christ dwells. And from the stillness of solitude, may they recognise the value of companionship and may they always have a desire for justice and grow in wisdom, responsibility and maturity.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Parish One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Leaves from St. Patrick's Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on Sat 22nd Sept. 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. Final payments no later than Wed 19th Sept at 5pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Donnelly, Angela McCluskey, Mairin Robinson,
Frank Devlin and Marie Hamill

MONTHS MIND

Briege MacSweeney (16th), Marie Kelly (16th) and Margaret O'Neill (21st)



Weekly collection amounted to £ 6186.08 & €244.41.

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Sat 22/Sun 23 Sept.

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

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.**

WMOF Mass of Thanksgiving A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Wed 26 Sept** at 7.30pm to give thanks for all who were involved in the diocese in helping to plan & prepare for the WMOF. All who were involved in any way in planning for the opening celebration in Armagh on **Tues 21 Aug** are invited to join. **There will be NO 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church on that evening.**

Aifreann Na Gaeilge Thosaigh an t- Aifreann i ndiaidh Sos an tSamhraidh sa tséipéal i gColáiste Phádraig dé Sathairn seo caite. Bíonn fáilte roimh Ghaeilgeoirí ag an Aifreann seo ar 5.30 i.n. gach Satharn i rith an scoil-théarma. IRISH MASS: Mass has recommenced after the Summer Break in the school chapel at SPGS and will continue for now on Saturdays at 5.30pm.

Anniversary of Ordination

Congratulations to Rev Paul Mallon who celebrates the first anniversary of his Ordination to Diaconate on Sunday 16 September. We wish Deacon Paul continued health and happiness in his ministry.

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.

Parents of P4 children are invited to a special meeting of parents of children who will be celebrating their First Penance & First Communion in our Parish in 2019. The meeting introduces parents to "Do this in Memory" a parish based programme in preparation for both sacraments. Parents may attend on either **Mon 17th Sept** or **Thurs 20th Sept** in The Synod Hall at 8pm. It's hoped that parents will make every effort to attend to hear more about the programme & how we can support our children at this important time. The Enrolment Ceremony for all P4 children in the parish will take place at the 7pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 29th Sept.

Family Photos In the lead up to the World Meeting of Families, we have been developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families featured will be remembered in prayer for the remainder of the year. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

Parish Census Following on from the areas that were visited in the parish in the early part of the Summer, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of St Columbanus will deliver Parish Census forms to homes in Mullacreevie Park and Abbey Park in early October. Further details to follow.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Children's Liturgy Group

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these". (Mk 10: 13-16)

The Children's Liturgy Group resumed last weekend at 10am Mass. It ran every Sunday last year and it was a wonderful experience for the children who took part. It's hoped many more children will take part in the Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings. Each Sunday the group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All children from P1 to P4 are invited to participate. Leaders will be available after Mass if parents/guardians wish to learn more about the group. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office—37522813.



Community Centre Indoor Bowls: Mon 3 Sept 8-10pm; Spin: Tues 4 Sept 8.15-9pm; Pilates: Wed 12 Sept 7-8pm; "On Your Feet" 4 week exercise programme starting Fri 28 Sept 10-11am in Tullysaran Community Centre. Fun filled programme for anyone still active but who may find a traditional exercise class too much For further information contact Martina on 07542509624

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Months Mind Mass of Marie Kelly will take place at 11am Mass today.

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council: Important Meeting

For the last five years, our PPC has been working within our Parish and two years ago, a small number of new recruits were asked to join as some members stepped down or moved on. We thank all the members of our PPC for their commitment and dedication since they have become involved and we thank them particularly for all that they have done to help develop our parish community. When our PPC was appointed in October 2013, it was suggested that a term in office should be four years and it was also suggested that after two years, we should come together to reflect on our work and as some members may wish to move on, other people within the parish should be given the opportunity to become involved.

On Tuesday 9 October, there will be an important meeting in Mount St Catherine's Primary School at 8pm. Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk will help us to reflect on the importance of a PPC within a Parish and the evening will be an opportunity to explore some of the ways in which the Council can help make a real difference and help develop the local faith community. It's hoped that at the meeting that we will look towards the appointment of new members.

Whilst we're very aware of many of the initiatives that our current PPC has been involved in over the last number of years, we're also aware that the future of our parish depends on the active participation of lay people in building our faith community. We all have God given gifts and talents and we all can make a contribution or a difference for the better. **Over these next days, perhaps I might ask myself, how can I become more actively involved in the life of my parish/my Church? Could I make a real difference in my parish by becoming more involved with our Parish Pastoral Council?**

Dates of First Penance 2019

St Patrick's Primary School
St Malachy's Primary School
Mt St Catherine's Primary School
CBS Primary School
Tullysaran Primary School
Saints & Scholars Primary School

Thursday 28 February @ 6pm
Tuesday 26 February @ 6pm
Tuesday 12 March @ 7pm
Wednesday 13 March @ 6pm
Wednesday 20 March @ 7pm
Wednesday 27 February @ 6pm