

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet at 8pm each Tuesday in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

Corrymeela Centre for Peace and Reconciliation The Community in Corrymeela are inviting representatives from a number of Parishes/Churches in Northern Ireland to a special Open Day in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on Friday 17th August 2018. It will be an opportunity to meet with representatives from other Churches and tour the wonderful site and hear about the wonderful work that is going on there. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided as part of the day. Anyone who may be interested in going from our Parish is asked to leave their names at the Parish Office.

Lough Derg 2018 Three Day Pilgrimage Season began on Friday 1st June. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Saturday 23 June**. Bus departing from Tullygoonigan at 6.45 am, St. Malachy's Church 7am. Fare £20. Please bring a packed Lunch. Booking 028 37 524202 or 07752409636.

SMA Summer School 2018 takes place from **29th June-1st July** in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. The theme is Radical Discipleship: Healing for a World in Pain. Keynote Speakers are Professor Tina Beattie, John Loneragan (former Governor of Mountjoy Prison) and Cardinal Vincent Nichols and a choice of nine workshops on relevant themes will be led by a range of experts and practitioners. For details of the full programme, costs etc. email laity@sma.ie or phone 028 3082 1024

Clonoe Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Anthony in Padua Visiting Venice and Lake Garda. Spiritual Director Very Rev Canon Benny Fee P.P. **7th October** 5nights half board Cost £695 per person sharing. All enquires to Clonoe Parish Office 02887749184

On Behalf of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland Online registration for the Electoral Office of Northern Ireland will begin as of 18 June 2018. Members of the public will be able to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and the process should take less than 5 minutes. Frequently asked questions can be found at www.eoni.org.uk.

Benburb Sunday will take place today **Sunday 17th**. There will be novelty acts, amusements, family games, refreshments, music and much more! All welcome!

Children's Liturgy Workshop in Pastoral Centre, Dundalk on **Sat 30th June** 10:30am-3:30pm facilitated by Caren Collins. £5/€5 per person inc. light lunch. Bookings via 042 9336393 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie before 18th June.

Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (ADYC) Pilgrimage to Lough Derg for those aged 18-35 who would like to experience an ancient and unique pilgrimage with young people from across the Armagh Archdiocese. **Fri 13th - Sun 15th July**. Cost (inc. transport): Adult €75/£65, Student (with Valid student ID) €64/ £55. Booking at 07704102906 or armagh youth@yahoo.co.uk

Saint Brigid's Camogie Club is hosting a coffee afternoon in Sherry's Fields Complex straight after the Blessing of the Graves **24th June**. Great chance to catch up with friends and family (Disabled Access). Donations Welcome. **Saint Brigid's Camogie Clubs Summer Disco** in Pearse Ogs Social Club **Sun 24th June** 4-6:30 £3 per child family discount. All Welcome.

12th All Ireland Rally for Life will be held in Belfast on **Sat 7th July** at 2pm. All are encouraged to join for this rally. Holy Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Belfast before the Rally at 12:00pm. For more info contact 028 9027 8484 or visit www.rallyforlife.net

Ballymacnab Crochet Class are running a bus to Derry on **Sat 23rd June**. Cost £15 inc. craft workshop & refreshments, visit to Sr Clare Crockett's grave and shopping in Derry. Everyone welcome. Contact Eileen 07709745526 to book.



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 4/9/12/22 Next weeks Jackpot £1250
Abbey Lotto: 15/18/23/26 Next weeks Jackpot £3950
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 16/18/19/23 Next weeks Jackpot is £1500



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17th June 2018

11th Sunday of the Year

Reflection

Sometimes when we try to find words to express something important to us, we struggle with the limitations of language. We might try to express ourselves as clearly as possible, all the time aware that our words seem totally inadequate. It often happens that when we want to explain something significant, we have to say how it is like something else. All good teaching opens up the kingdom by starting with what is known. When Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God he never says what it actually is, he speaks about what it is like and so he resorts to the use of parables.

In the first parable of today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to what happens when the seed is sown by the farmer. Once the seed is sown, the farmer waits for harvest time. The cycle of growth follows its own secret rhythm; how it all happens the farmer does not know. Even though nothing much seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot improve the situation by staying awake at night and worrying; the seed is nurtured in its own silence. The harvest will not be rushed; neither will the kingdom of God be advanced by those restless for instant results. Just as the harvest comes in its own time, so the Kingdom will reach its completion in God's appointed time.

In the second parable, Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the tiniest of all seeds, which grows into the largest shrub of all. In time, its outstretched branches provide shelter for the birds of the air who gladly welcome its shade. In this parable, the contrast is made between the smallest of the seed and exuberance of its growth. Unremarkable beginnings can make for mighty achievements.

When we think of the humble beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee to spread his message throughout the world, we can appreciate the vast growth that has taken place in history. Gods work still continues, not only in the Christian Churches but in people and places unknown and unrecognised by us. At the heart of the familiar, God works in so many ways. His Kingdom grows of its own accord; how, we do not know. And perhaps we shouldn't be surprised if we seem to be sharing the shade with some really strange birds.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Prayer for Father's Day

Blessed are you, God of all life.

You have given to us the gift of the father of our family.

Today, we honour him and we thank God, Our Father,

for the many things that are ours because of him.

His love for us is a sign of your great love for all people.

Bless him today with your strength and power
so that he can continue to show love in our family.

May we as a family help him in his duties as a parent
by showing respect, obedience and deep affection.

Bless him Lord with happiness and good health,
with peace and joy.

We pray this as always through Christ our Lord, Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Randall, Eileen Kelly, Enda O'Kane, Mary Mallon,
Fr. Kieran MacOscar & Mollie Rafferty
MONTHS MIND: John Flood (20th) & Michael Joyce (21st)

Weekly Collection: £6417.63 & € 180.65

World Meeting of Families

The final collection to help support the World Meeting of Families will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

The next Priests Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sat 30 June/Sun 1 July

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: tel. 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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.

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.**

One day pilgrimage to Lough Derg A pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Armagh Parish on **Sat 22 Sept.** Details to follow.

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!

World Meeting of Families 2018 will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August.**

Pilgrims are no longer able to book for the One Day Congress. Free tickets for the Closing Mass will become available on 25th June via the **online booking system only** - <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/>.

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.

Family Photos We are currently in the process of developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral which is placed 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.

Family Stations As we prepare for the WMOF we hope to have Family Stations erected in Crowley Park in the grounds of the Cathedral. Families will be encouraged to pray the stations over the coming months. More details to follow.

Cemetery Sunday - Due to the annual Blessing of Graves in Armagh next Sunday, there will be NO 11am or 5.30pm Masses in St Patrick's Cathedral and there will be NO 12noon Mass in St Malachy's Church.

Summer Break There will be no Parish Bulletin from 8th—29th July. The Parish Bulletin will resume on Sunday 5th August.

Aifreann na Gaeilge: Léifear Aifreann deireannach an téarma seo **Dé Sathaim 16ú Meitheamh**, agus tosóidh Sos an tSamhraidh ina dhiaidh sin. **Irish Mass:** The Summer break for Irish Mass will commence after this weekend's Mass on **Sat 16th June.**

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group will stop for the summer break today (Sun 17th June). It has been an honour to work with all the wonderful children of the Parish and we hope to encourage more children from all the churches to join our group next year. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 9th September 2018. With every good wish, *The Children's Liturgy Team.*

Community Centre Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday Pilates 7-8pm.

Cemetery Sunday 2018

On **Sunday 24 June**, we celebrate the Annual Blessing of Graves in Armagh at 12noon and therefore, it's a special weekend for all who have loved ones who have been laid to rest in our city cemetery. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition and parishioners are to be complimented on the way in which they attend their family plots at this time of year. Again, I encourage all parishioners to continue to maintain the different graveyards in our parish after the blessings and dispose of dead flowers etc in a proper way, by taking them home or putting them in the skip.

It's very encouraging to see people visiting the graveyards and praying for their deceased relatives and friends throughout the year. For some, the graveyard can be a lonely place, for others, it can be a sacred place for quiet reflection.

For those attending the blessing of graves in Armagh, I ask you to cooperate with the stewards and with the PSNI who will be present on the day. I encourage all to be prayerful and respectful during the celebration of the Mass as we remember all our loved ones who have gone to their place of rest. The proceeds of the Cemetery Sunday collection which will be taken up at the entrances to the cemetery by the Knights of St Columbanus will go towards the upkeep of our parish cemeteries throughout the year.

We hope and pray that the Lord will bless us with fine weather on the 24th June and as well as it being a lovely opportunity to gather to remember our departed loved ones, I think it's a wonderful community celebration and a great opportunity for families and friends to reconnect each year. As we remember all our dead we pray: Risen Lord, because of your infinite love, you were obedient even to death on a cross and so bring to life all who are sleeping in peace. Keep all the dead in your care, those we have loved and those no one remembers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Peter McAnenly, Adm.

Ordination to Diaconate We remember in prayer Rev Kenneth Paul O'Reilly, a student at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk who will be ordained deacon by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 28 June at 6pm. In this month of June, we also remember all priests who are celebrating Jubilees of Ordination to Priesthood.

Armagh Cathedral Partnership Annual Trip This year's annual outing is to Downpatrick on **June 21st.** Coach will leave St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral Car Park (Moy Road entrance) at 9.30am returning at approx. 4.30pm. Cost £20 inc. travel, coffee/tea scone at Burrendale Hotel and light lunch at Down County Museum. There are a limited number of places. Booking at Parish Office.

Evening of Prayer to pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area have organised a special evening of prayer, to pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families in the newly restored St Joseph's Church, Tynan on **Fri 17th Aug** at 7.30pm. Families within our Pastoral Area are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special evening as we prepare to celebrate this world meeting in our country.

Parish Census Armagh Parish Pastoral Council are undertaking a Census throughout the Armagh Parish over the coming months. If you have received a census and were not at home on the day of collection, please leave your census in the Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge. Thanks to all those have already returned their census forms.

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.