

**Reconciling the Reformation** A special Service will take place in St Patrick's COI Cathedral, Armagh on **Sun 8th Oct** at 3.15pm to mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. The theme for the service is "Reconciling the Reformation" & the guest speaker will be Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are welcome.

**SALE OF WORK** to help feed a school in Malawi. If you & a few friends have coffee & a scone with us you will be feeding a child for a year. We have lots of new & nearly new items for sale so please come along & support Mary's Meals in the Community Centre, Dobbin St, Sat **23rd September** (10-4 pm). Do your Christmas shopping early & help to feed & educate children in Malawi! All welcome!

**Armagh Breast Cancer Support Group** next meeting on **Wed 20th September** at 8pm in the Dobbin Street Community Centre. New members welcome.

**Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin **Sun 1st Oct**. Bus departs St. Malachy's Church at 10.45am. £12 return. Booking with Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** to Knock will take place on **Sun 24th Sept**. Bus leaving St. Malachy's at 7am sharp. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking: 37524202. £15 per person.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

**Annual Southern Area Hospice Coffee Morning** in Armagh Golf Club on **Thurs 21st Sept** from 10am-1pm. Everyone welcome.

**Irish language classes** for all levels start **Wed 20 Sept** 7pm at St Catherine's College 12 week term £30 or £15 concessions. Info sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229.

**Family Care Adoption Services** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. Contact us at: **T:** 028 71 368592 **Email:** [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org)

**Parish Mission Middletown** John Pridmore, ex-gangster & bestselling author, will be returning to Middletown Parish to give a Mission from **Mon 25th - Friday 29th Sept**. Each night has a different theme with talks, prayer, music...etc. All are welcome.

**Tutoring** Fully qualified teacher available in the local area for transfer test tutoring or support with literacy/numeracy for primary aged pupils. Contact Kristina on 07761531813 or email kristina1051@hotmail.com

**Foyer of Light, Charity & Love 5 Day Silent Retreat** Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne. Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Co. Down. **Oct 23rd - 29th**. £360 full board. Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027, [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wed 27th Sept** at 7:30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This is a free event & open to all bereaved parents. Please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before **Tues 26th Sept** or call 085 2888 888.

**Thought for the day** Listen in on Thursday 21st as Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ offers a thought for the day on BBC Radio Ulster at 6.55am or 7.55am.

**Irish Language Youth Club** begins **Thurs 21st Sept** at 7:30pm in Cathedral Rd Recreation Centre. Contact Niamh 07809 473 872.

**Day for Life Sunday 1st October** is a Day for life. We thank God for the gift of life and we pray that life will always be respected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 2/10/11/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,600  
**Abbey Lotto: 5/7/10/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 7/8/11/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1700  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 11/13/14/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3150



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17th September 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

Forgiveness, like playing golf or learning to drive or making bread, sounds straightforward and simple in theory but in practice and it's something different. We may read all the books and consider the benefits of forgiving another person, but we still balk when it comes to letting go of resentment and grudges and uttering those powerful sentiments "I forgive you" and reaching out the hand of friendship to those estranged from us. Forgiveness is indeed a huge challenge.

It's all about liberation – to forgive is to live and let live; to refuse forgiveness is to die and make die. A glance at any of the troubled spots around the world today reveals the effect of intransigence and the lack of forgiveness. Populations are reeling under the roar of guns and the drought of deserts, while countless people are prisoners of conscience and the victims of terrorists. Hatred and anger reign in so many places and suffering and violence continues unremittingly. The gospel message reminds us that wars cannot end, apartheid cannot cease, ethnic divisions cannot be healed and famine cannot be controlled until someone says, "I am sorry".

Christ calls on all of us, to take the lead in unleashing the energy of forgiveness which has such extraordinary potential to make things different and better. When I forgive another person, whether a neighbour or a member of my own family, I have begun the process of renewing the face of the earth. When I forgive another person, I free them from the burden of guilt and remorse and enable them to regain a sense of joy and peace. When I forgive another person, I free myself from the prison of resentment and anger and I experience a great sense of freedom and relief. Ultimately, forgiveness opens my heart to the forgiveness of God. "And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother/sister from your heart!"

It's easy however, to confuse forgiving with forgetting. Forgiveness does not mean that I won't remember what has happened or ignore the pain of the past. Forgiveness is an ongoing process that takes time to heal completely. Opening my hands to forgive and let go means that my hands are open to receiving great blessings from God.

With every blessing  
Peter McAnenly Adm

### Special Icon of The Holy Family to visit St Patrick's Cathedral.

The special Icon which has been commissioned in preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 will be in the Cathedral from **Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 October** and people will have an opportunity to venerate it and pray before it. It will be present for the special celebration "The Joy of Love" on the evening of **Tuesday 10 October** when all are invited to come along for a special Evening Prayer at 7pm and on the evening, we will learn the official hymn for the WMOF, "A Joy for all the earth".



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** James Curran, Peter Hughes, Maeve Woods, Sean Hart, Fr. Oliver Breslin, Pat Joe McKenna, Kathleen O'Leary, James McKenna, Jim McRory and Joanie Gribben.

**Weekly collection amounted to £ 5816.69 & €128.63**

**Next weekend the Peter's Pence collection will be take up at all Masses.**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

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

**All requests for Prayers/Masses to be arranged in the Parish Office. Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office by 12 noon on the 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. For info & booking contact the Parish Office.

**Hospital Visits** In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

**Adoration Adorers needed to cover:**  
**Wednesday: 7pm, 11pm and 12midnight**  
**Thursday: 1am & 5am**  
**Friday: 7am**  
Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.** People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

Leaving from Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on **Sat 23rd Sept.** Tea & scones on arrival & light lunch served. A day of prayer, reflection, confessions & 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 at Parish Office. **Payments no later than Fri 18th September.**

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.

**Volunteers Needed** to assist with the Offertory at 12noon Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please contact Parish Office.

**Ordination of Permanent Deacons**

On Saturday, 16 September at 3.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, five men were ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Armagh. They are Martin Brennan (Armagh), Martin Cunningham (Ardee), Tony Hughes (Keady), Paul Mallon (Dungannon), Eamon Quinn (Donaghmore). We wish them all the best on their future ministry and ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

**New Deacon for Armagh Parish**

Paul Mallon is from Edendork in the Parish of Dungannon. He is married to Dympna and they have five children & one grandson. He currently works as NI Sales Manager for Gallaghers Bakery. The GAA has been a big part of Paul's life since early childhood, having played for his local club & he has held various committee roles, finally opting to represent his club as Referee for the past fifteen years. Paul loves music, plays guitar & has a great passion for Church & Liturgical Music.

Ahead of his ordination Paul said: "This is a very humbling, yet exciting time in my life. I'm grateful to God for the gift of my calling and I very much look forward to my new ministry and to working in the Cathedral Parish of Armagh".

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday from 8-9pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.

**AIFREANN NA GAELIGE:** Ós siocair nach bhfuil an séipéal ar Choláiste Phádraig ar fáil faoi láthair - obair tógála ar siúl go fóill - ní léifear Aifreann na Gaeilge arís go dtí an Samhain.

**IRISH MASS:** Due to ongoing works in the school chapel at SPGS, Irish Mass will not resume until Halloween.

**Priest cover in the parish of Keady, Derrynoose & Madden**

Archbishop Martin has asked Fr Biju Thomas CC to be available for the moment to our neighbouring parish from 12noon on Wednesdays until 10pm on Thursdays. We wish Fr Biju well in his pastoral duties in Keady Parish.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

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**Children's Liturgy Group—Volunteers Needed**

*'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these' Mark 10: 13-16*



Armagh Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a Children's Liturgy Group in the parish at the beginning of October. We plan to start the programme in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and then extend it to the other churches later on in the year. A Children's Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. We invite children from Year 1 to Year 4 to participate. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Claire in the Parish Office (Tel 37522813) leaving your name and number.

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**Novena Mass** on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

**1st Anniversary Mass** for Brendan Smyth will be held on **Tues 26th Sept** at 7:30pm.

**Cake Sale/Coffee Morning** will take place on **Sun 24th Sept** after Mass in Tullysaran Community Centre. All proceeds going to *Shine & Hugs* Charity.

**Tullysaran Comhaltas Music Classes** resume on **Thurs 21st Sept** in Tullysaran Community Centre. 7:30pm-8:30pm. Tin Whistle, Flute, Singing and Fiddle. Anyone interested in Irish Language contact Bridie 37548392. Membership will be due.

**Community Centre** Tues Corebox 7-8pm; Tues Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Music 7.30-8.30pm; NIBT - blood donation session on Mon 18 Sept 2.30-4pm & 5.15-8pm

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**New Eucharistic Ministers required** Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is asked to contact the Parish Office. 2 or 3 new Ministers would help greatly and people are asked to seriously consider the invitation!!!

**Meeting for all parents of Primary 4 children**

We invite all parents of children celebrating their 1st Penance & 1st Communion in our Parish this year to a special introductory meeting to the 'Do This in Memory' programme – a Parish based preparation for both sacraments. Parents may attend a meeting on either Mon 18 Sept or Wed 20 Sept in The Synod Hall at 8pm. We hope all parents of P4 children will make every effort to come along to one of the evenings to learn how we can support our young people at this important time in their lives. The Enrolment Ceremony for all P4 Children in the parish will take place at the 7pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 7th Oct.

**Evening of support for all affected by Addiction** A special evening to help those affected by addiction in our community will take place in **St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, Armagh on Thursday 5 October at 8pm.** The evening will be of particular interest not just to those who have struggled or who continue to struggle with an addiction but also family members and friends who have been affected by it. It promises to be a very worthwhile evening and we encourage people to come along for this special evening of support and care.

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**CELEBRATION OF SPORT**

We invite all sporting groups in the Parish to a special evening in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 8 Oct** at 5.30pm celebrating the Family of Sport. All sporting clubs and organisations in the parish are invited to this special celebration and it promises to be an evening of great colour and joy! Everyone is asked to wear their sporting colours on the evening.

