

Apostolic Work would like to thank everyone who helped in any way & contributed to the success of our Coffee Morning & Sale last Saturday. We thank those who donated gifts, cakes, jam, plants etc & all who transported these items. Special thanks to Mr. Peter Gildea for the use of his school & canteen & for all his assistance. Thanks to all his staff, especially caretakers Kim & Jackie for their invaluable help. Thanks also to the 1st Armagh Scouts who were amazing and helped so much. The generosity of all our supporters is overwhelming. We could not answer our many requests without you behind us. Our booklet shows how useful your money is! This money immediately goes to those in need & will make a difference to their lives. Thank you again. Prizewinners: M Bradley, B Cartmill, P White, D Sherry, B Connolly, J McAllister, J Grimley, S Taylor, P Fox, M Cullen, G Maguire, C Mooney, M O'Maeleann, John Kelly, Peter Fields & S Murphy.

Cathedral Webcam Our webcam providers have created a new app, compatible with Roku devices, that will make it possible to watch our webcam. Anyone who had previously purchased a Roku device in order to view the Cathedral webcam is asked to contact Church Services TV: Email info@churchservices or 0800 048 1825 (Freephone) to organise getting this new app.

World Meeting of Families 2018 Whilst celebrations will be taking place within our own Parish in the coming months to prepare for the WMOF18, the main celebration will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. This will assure you admission to the main celebrations in Dublin in 2018.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place each Tuesday in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane at 8pm

THIS WEEK: 20th Mar - Transformation in Christ with Fr. Owen Gorman.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Annual One Day Retreat with Cardinal Seán Brady will take place on **Sun 25th March** 10am-5pm in The Ryandale Inn, Moy. Price £25 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Please contact Nuala Somers: T 028 3754 8382. Places are limited. Booking essential.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE App “Radio Maria Ireland”, streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Belfast. Price £579. **17th June** for 1 week. Contact Anthony 07753406356

Armagh Credit Union is seeking any memorabilia, photos, paper, articles...etc that members may have for an exhibition later in the year. These can be left in the Credit Union Office and will be returned to their owners.

Rosary at Mass Rocks On Sunday 18th March many people will visit Mass rocks throughout the country to pray the rosary for the preservation of life and faith on our land. It's encouraged that people visit the Mass rock closest to their home and join in this act of devotion.

Iona Institute NI invites you to a one day conference: 'Into your hands...': Achieving Best Care at Life's End. Keynote speaker: Baroness Nuala O'Loan. This conference will explore the ethics of end of life care from a philosophical, medical, legal, and pastoral perspective and will be of interest to all those who seek to achieve best care as our life journey ends. Date: **24th March**; Venue: St Mary's University College, Falls Road. For further details: 028 92 646861, web: <https://ionainstituteni.org/>. Fee: £10. 10.00AM – 3.15PM. Early booking is essential.

Easter Fun Bingo and Afternoon Tea in Lislea Community Centre on **Sunday 25th March** at 3pm. Every one welcome. Proceeds to Lourdes fund.

Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 3/17/19/22 Next weeks Jackpot £1700
Abbey Lotto: 4/17/18/20 Next weeks Jackpot £3000
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/2/16/14 Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/10/16/21 Next weeks Jackpot is £800



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18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflection

As Holy Week looms on the horizon, we enter with increasing intensity into the mystery of Jesus dying and rising. While he knows that his hour has come and the whole direction of his life has been leading up to this moment, his focus is firmly fixed on his passion.

Nevertheless, the cross is something that he does not relish. Facing the reality of his agony fills him with extreme horror. We see him acknowledging the dread of the hour in the anguished prayer: "Father, my soul is troubled". In the loneliness of his agony, his troubled heart finds it difficult to do his Father's will and even hovers on the brink of indecision as we witness his words: "Father, save me from this hour". However, he knows that only by embracing the cross and losing his life can he lead the way to eternal life. One of the great lessons of Christ's passion, which is borne out in all our lives, is that love and suffering are intertwined. As we grow older and experience parents dying and friends slipping away, we become aware of how powerless we are in the midst of partings, suffering and death.

In the midst of our own suffering and loss, it's difficult to imagine what good can emerge from the pain. Sometimes the pain can reduce us to silence, so that we become preoccupied with our own affliction. Few of us can see any point to pain at the time – often the pain is the fact that it all seems pointless. The early Christian community needed time to make sense of the death of Jesus; they needed help to see that their immense loss was more than a terrible accident. We too need time and help. Only then can we look back, like the Gospel does, and cherish what good has emerged from the loss.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life; come Lord Jesus.

Every Blessing
 Rev. Peter McAnenly, Adm.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me,
 Christ behind me, Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man
 who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.
 Amen.

**Congratulations to our
 St. Patrick's Day
 Competition Winners:**



- Niamh McVeigh, St Patrick's PS
- Tom Fox, St Malachy's PS
- Demi Leigh Toal, St Patrick's PS
- Aimee Kerr, BunScoil
- Tori Leigh, CBS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Fegan, Peter Collins, Colette Hughes, Una Cosgrove, Kevin McBride & Colette Toner

MONTHS MIND: Nuala Kerr (21st), George Coulter (21st), Teresa Watters (23rd) & Seamus Leonard (24th)

Weekly collection amounted to £5338.10 & €170.70

Armagh Scouting Group will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish next weekend.

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.**

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 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.

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:

Mon: 8am; Thurs: 7am; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

JOY Youth Group All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela: 25 September – 2 October

Walk part of The Way of St James for the week. Beginning at St Jean Pied-de-Port, the route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns. Pilgrims will walk approximately 130 km & on the last day, we will be brought by coach for our walk into the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. Booking through www.marian.ie

The Parish Office will be closed on Mon 19 March due to Bank Holiday.

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.

Parish Envelopes 2018/19 The new year envelopes begin on Sun 1st April. Envelopes will be available for collection by distributors from **Tuesday 20th March at 10am** at Parish Office.

The Do this in Memory Programme continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 24 March** at 7pm for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents.

Ceremony of Light for all P7 Pupils and their parents has been rescheduled for St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 12 April** at 7.30pm.

AIFREANN AS GAELIGE: Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge san Ardeaglais Dé Sathairn, Lá Fhéile Pádraig, ar 9.00 m agus beidh fáilte roimh chách. Mar sin, ní bheidh Aifreann sa scoil Dé Sathairn 17ú Márta. Ní léifear Aifreann ansin arís go dtí **14ú Aibreán**. MASS IN IRISH: As there will be Mass in Irish in the Cathedral at 9.00am on St Patrick's Day, there will be no Irish Mass in the SPGS chapel at 5.30pm that evening. Irish Mass in the school will not resume until after the Easter Break on **Saturday 14 April**.

Easter Penitential Service The Annual Penitential Service in preparation for Easter will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on Monday 26th March at 7:30pm. A number of priests will be present on the evening.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm. & each Wed of Lent at 10am

Children's Liturgy Group continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday mum & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm; Yoga 7-8pm; Thursday mum & daughter class 7-7.45pm, music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor bowls 8-10pm Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm.

Easter flower-arranging Mon 26 March @7pm - cost £5. To book a place text 07542509624 AGM Mon 26 March @ 8pm

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Flower Arrangers Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the Church.

Times of Services during Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at all Masses

Masses for Holy Week

Cathedral 10am Monday – Wednesday

St Malachy's – 7am Monday – Wednesday

7.30pm Tuesday – Wednesday

Confessions/Reconciliation for Easter

Holy Week Penance Service in St Malachy's Church on **Monday 26 March at 7.30pm**. No Mass but Novena prayers will be said and the deceased/anniversaries will be remembered.

Cathedral after 10am Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

St Malachy's after 7.30pm Mass: Tuesday & Wednesday & on Holy Saturday from 12noon – 1pm

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 29 March at 11am** in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm St Patrick's Cathedral

7.30pm St Malachy's, Tullysaran and Knockaconey.

Altars of Repose close at 10pm with Night Prayer

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, St Malachy's & Tullysaran

7.30pm Knockaconey

Stations of the Cross

3pm Knockaconey

7.30pm St Malachy's & Tullysaran

Prayer around the Cross

9pm St Malachy's

Good Friday collection in aid of Christians in the Holy Land. Please support and please use the envelope provided.

Holy Saturday

St Patrick's Cathedral

10am Morning Prayer

9pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses as usual on Sunday except **NO 5.30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral**

Trocaire Boxes should be returned to any of the Churches in the parish during the Easter Triduum. It would be appreciated if loose coins could be changed into notes.

Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on **Sunday 8 April**. An afternoon of Prayer will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 2.30pm with Rev. Dr. Gerard McGinnity, Confession will be available from 3.30 -4.30 pm approx. with Benediction at 4.45 pm. It will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 5.30pm. During the afternoon, we will pray for the protection of life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on March 30th. All are welcome.

Good Friday: Way of the Cross (Walk it together) All are invited to walk at 11am from St Malachy's Church through Armagh and to St Patrick's Cathedral. At specific stops on the way, there will be brief reflections, prayers and hymns to commemorate each of the Stations of the Cross.

Parish Finance – Collection Envelopes 2018-2019

As we approach another financial year end and begin a new year, parishioners will be receiving their envelopes in the coming weeks. Armagh Parish Finance Committee needs to ensure that sufficient funds are generated to meet our financial obligations. Thank you to the people who contribute every week – as a Parish of over 4500 families our financial needs are great. The Parish manages a large number of parochial properties and four cemeteries and the cost of maintaining these and running a Parish on a daily basis is considerable and ever increasing.

For the last number of years the Parish has been distributing 4400 boxes of envelopes to parishioners and of these 1600 are returned on a weekly basis. Our Parish depends on these 1600 returned envelopes to provide for the running costs of the Parish. This year, the Parish Finance Committee has made the decision not to send envelopes to those who have been identified on our Parish system as non-contributors over a 3 year period.

In order to meet our ongoing financial obligations we need a regular commitment from all parishioners. We are conscious that using an envelope can be a demanding discipline therefore the option of paying by standing order is available. Forms are available in the churches or from the Parish Office.

Armagh Parish can reclaim tax from contributions paid. Please complete a Gift Aid form if you are a tax payer to enable the Parish to reclaim 20% on your contributions to your Church. Forms are available in the Churches or from the Parish Office.