

Apostolic Work Christmas Sale & Coffee Morning will take place on **Sat 17th Nov** in Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. from 10am-12noon. Adm: £1.50 (adults) 50p (children). Raffles/Cakes/Knitted Goods/Christmas Gifts/Books/Lucky Dip/Plants/Vegetables. Please come and support the Missions.

Day of Atonement Prayer for Families in Servite Priory, Benburb, Co. Armagh on **Sat 24th Nov 2018** at 10am. Guest Speaker John Pridmore. John will give his testimony on the day. Lunch break 1pm -2pm. Ending with Mass at 4 pm. Cost for day £15 includes light lunch. To book contact Seamus 00353 863023526.

Evening of Christmas Music & Song with the seminarians of Redemptoris Mater House, Dundalk in St Malachy's Church on **Thurs 6 Dec** at 7.30pm. All welcome. There will be NO 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church, the Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral that evening.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership Advent Celebration An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer will take place in The Market Place Theatre on **Tues 11 Dec** at 7.30pm with guest speaker Mr Francis Campbell, former British Ambassador to the Holy See. A Guest Choir & Traditional Group will be present on the evening. Admission: free, but booking is essential. To book tel. Market Place Theatre on 028 37521821.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tues at 8pm at SVP Centre for prayer & praise.

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 Dec 1st.

Lobby for Life Postcards have been placed in all our Churches. These postcards petition the NI Secretary of State Karen Bradley to ensure that abortion will not be imposed on Northern Ireland from Westminster. We ask as a matter of urgency that each parishioner would take and sign one card to protect the unborn in Northern Ireland. Thank you. (Precious Life Armagh).

Benburb Priory 'Bingo Night' Thurs 22nd Nov. All welcome!

Charity Christmas Fun Bingo in the Pearse Og Club **Sunday 9th Dec.** Admission £3 per book. Prizes inc. Turkey vouchers, hampers...etc. Entertainment & a special visit from Santa! Proceeds to Children's Orphanage & Sister Muriel, Medugorje.

Pop Up Craft Shop for Armagh Georgian Festival. A selection of handmade Christmas crafts and gifts by Breege Shaw. 52 Irish Street, Armagh (formerly Colour Copy Shop) **Fri 23rd Nov** 3-8pm & **Sat 24th** from 12noon. Proceeds towards Lourdes Easter Group.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for parents and families who have bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby or child in Daisy Hill Hospital will take place on **Sun 18th Nov** at 3pm in Newry Town Hall.

Knock Shrine All Night Vigil takes 7th December. Coach £20 Gabrielle (028) 87784964 /07933521105 or Catherina 07899810181

Little Buds Playgroup based in Mt. St Catherines P.S have spaces available for children 3 years & over & limited spaces available in November for children 2 years. Tel. 02837511003 for info.

Christmas Charity CD Two songs written by Willie Nugent and performed by Dublin singer Larry Hogan have been released on a CD "Christmas Time in Armagh" and "The Market down at the Shambles" in aid of "The Friends of the Cancer Centre City Hospital Belfast" and "The Royal Hospital for Sick Children Belfast". Check local press for details.

Anam Cara Armagh is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wed 28th Nov** at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

St Patrick's Grammar School proudly presents A Night at the Musical with Special Guests Conor Headley & compere John Paul Connolly on Friday 7th December 2018 in The School Assembly Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.00 and £5.00 Concessions. Tickets are available from School Office or School Staff. Also, **Information Evening** for parents/guardians of P7 children takes place at St Patrick's Grammar School on **Tues 20th Nov** at 7pm. All parents/guardians of P7 pupils welcome.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 6/7/9/20.** Next week's Jackpot £1500
Abbey Lotto: 4/7/11/15. Next week's Jackpot is £1500
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/3/13/19 Next week's Jackpot is £2600
Tullysaran Lotto: 9/12/18/19 Next week's Jackpot £2000

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18th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Dear Friends

Next week we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year and therefore on this Sunday, the readings traditionally speak about the end of the world and the final coming of Jesus. There's a lot of symbolic language in today's Gospel and some of it may distress us. The opening verses tell of the great destruction of things that we know we cannot survive without – the sun and the moon. The Gospel goes on to speak about the gathering of a great community. People in Jesus' time believed that the end would come in their life-time. Jesus says that no one will know when this is to happen and that it's not for us to worry about. What we should be concerned about is how to live every day in God's love and service.

Today, we might recall times where we thought our worlds had ended because we lost something so important to us or we were suffering in some way. During that time, it may have seemed like nothing would be the same again, but it was temporary, a new or different way of life was opened up to us as a result. The parable of the fig tree in the middle of this Gospel speaks to us about life and hope. In the midst of winter, a small sign of hope was there even though we may not have seen it. "When you see these things taking place, you know that He is near". (Mk 13:29)

As we gather this weekend, the Lord is clearly asking us to believe that he's present to us in the midst of the chaos that very often threatens to engulf us. He asks us to trust and to be open to his coming and to his presence and it's he who will gather us and not the chaos. Our end time makes way for a new time, a time of conversion and change of heart.

I like the story about the woman who was hurrying home from work one evening and suddenly she spotted a man standing on the side of the path with a placard which read: THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR.

She was curious and so she went up to him and said: "You say the end of the world is near". "That's right missus", he replied. "But are you sure?" she said. "Ah be quiet missus" he said. "But are you sure it's near?" she said. "Yes missus" he replied. "But how near?" she asked. "This very night missus!" The woman paused for a moment to think about it and then she said, "Tell me son, will it be before or after Bingo?"

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

The Priests in Concert

The Priests are returning to St. Patrick's Cathedral to present their hugely popular Christmas Concert, featuring much loved classics & seasonal songs on **Thurs 13th Dec @ 8pm**. Tickets are £25 each and are now available to purchase in Armagh Parish Office (Cathedral Gate Lodge) and in Dungannon Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Thomas, Nancy Vallely, Tom McKillion,
Sean McCooe, Oliver Cullen and Charles O'Hagan,

MONTHS MIND:

Donnell Corrigan (18th), Doreen Murtagh (18th), Joseph Murphy (19th),
Sheila O'Reilly (21st) & Kieran Cullen (23rd)



Weekly Collection amounted to £5855.63 & €180.25
WMOF Collection amounted to £ 2613.00& € 72.40

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: 07895460797 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: Tuesday 9pm, Friday at 11pm, & Sunday at 11pm. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Mass for all the deceased in the Lislea area in Lislea Community Center on **Wed 28 Nov** at 8pm. All welcome.

Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary in the Cemetery on all Sundays in November at 3.30pm

VOLUNTEER

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick We have many sick & housebound parishioners who rely on our Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick to bring them the Eucharist each Sunday. We are in need of more volunteers to carry out this vital ministry in our Parish. If this is something you feel you could do, we would appreciate if you could please leave your name in the Parish Office. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee all those who put their name forward will be eligible. All those interested must be approved by the Administrator and the Safeguarding Team and checked by AccessNI.

Lassiter High School Choir will be singing at the 10AM Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Mon 20th Nov.** They will be joined by St. Catherine's College Choir.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Armagh will give their annual address at all Masses on the weekend of **1st/2nd December.**

Folk Mass in St. Malachy's Church at 12noon on **Sunday 9th December.**

Christmas at Cathedral Gift Shop A large selection of Parish Christmas Cards, cribs, ornaments & beautiful gifts are now on sale in the Cathedral Gift Shop. Call in to the view the range and purchase some gifts this Christmas!

Aifreann Na Gaelige: Tá tús curtha leis an Aifreann arís i ndiaidh Sos na Samhna agus leanfaidh sé ar aghaidh go dtí 15ú Mí na Nollag. **IRISH MASS** has resumed after the Half Term Break and it will continue until 15 December.

Wishing Deacon Paul Mallon well in his new appointment! We wish Deacon Paul all the best in his new appointment as Diocesan Secretary in Ara Coeli. He will work closely with the Diocesan Financial Administrator on the one hand and with the priests and parishes on the other, in progressing the aims of St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust and its four Committees, ie Buildings and Development, Property, Finance and Personnel. He will also work to support the Archbishop in various aspects of curial and diocesan life as required. Whilst Deacon Paul undertakes this new appointment, he will continue to minister in the Cathedral Parish of Armagh.

St Joseph's Parish Choir to visit St Patrick's Cathedral...the Choir from The Redemptorist Church, Dundalk will sing at the Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Saturday 1 December** at 7pm.

Do this in Memory Programme continues in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 24 Nov at 7pm for all of this years First Communicants.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday in the Community Centre, where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit children. All primary school children are welcome. All leaders have been vetted.

Community Centre Activities this week: Mon: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues: Corebox 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wed: Parent Toddler Group 10.30am-12; Pilates 7-8pm. Thursday: Music- Fiddle 7-8pm- Tin whistle beginner; 7-7.30pm advanced 7.30-8pm; Pips Charity Mental Health Workshop for young people - HOPE programme Fri 16 Nov 7-9pm. For more information contact 07542509624

Thanks A sincere thank you to everyone who donated and attended our coffee morning. It was a very enjoyable and successful occasion, with a fantastic £2200 raised in aid of Team Emily.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Months Mind Mass for Joseph Murphy at 7:30pm on Monday 19th November.

Months Mind Mass for Kieran Cullen at 7:30pm on Friday 23rd November.

Months Mind Mass for Charles O'Hagan at 7:30pm on Monday 26th November,

November Masses in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm

19th Nov - Legion of Mary

26th Nov - Armagh Harps

20th Nov - Indoor Bowls

27th Nov - Pioneer Group

23rd Nov - Knights of St. Columbanus

30th Nov - GAA Mass

An Altar Servers Celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 25th Nov**, the eve of the Feast of St John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers, at 5.30pm. On the evening, there will be a commissioning of all new altar servers & an acknowledgement of the good work that they do. All current altar servers are invited to this special celebration. As we continue to reflect on the recent World Meeting of Families, we encourage families of Servers to join for this "family celebration".

World Day of the Poor Pope Francis has assigned Sunday 18th November as being World Day of the Poor. As we remember all who are struggling with poverty, we keep in mind the words of the Holy Father "Let us love not with words but with deeds".

Red Wednesday 'Aid to the Church in need' invites us to join on **Wed 28th Nov** to light up our Churches & wear something red as we remember Christian martyrs and those who have died for their faith. On that day, St Malachy's Church, Armagh will be lit up red and people are asked to wear something red (a sweater, a cardigan, a jacket, a scarf or a tie) as a symbolic reminder of all those Christians who have suffered & died for their faith over the years. As we remember the sacrifice of many wonderful martyrs and all who have died for their faith, a special Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church at 7.30pm on that evening and all are encouraged to join for the celebration on this day of special remembrance.

Parish Pastoral Council publish new Children's Prayer Book!

A new Children's Prayer Book will be given to all of this years First Communicants at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 24th November at 7pm and a copy will also be given to all Altar Servers in the parish at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 25th November at 5.30pm. The lovely new Prayer Book "Children Pray with Me" has been produced by Armagh Parish Pastoral Council and it contains a variety of traditional prayers and prayers that we are familiar with as well as many new ones.

This has been a special year for the Church in Ireland as we have hosted the World Meeting of Families and the PPC hopes that the new Prayer Book will be one of the many legacies of this memorable year. It's hoped that children and families will use the Prayer Book regularly. Copies will be on sale in Armagh Cathedral Gift Shop from Mon 26th November. The Prayer Book costs £2.50 and it would be a lovely gift for children this Christmas.

Advent Day of Prayer & Reflection A special day of prayer and reflection will take place in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane on **Tues 4th Dec** 10:30am-2:30pm. The day will be led by Sr. Mary Roe RSCJ and it will be an opportunity during this busy season to take time to reflect on what it is we are waiting for during the Advent season. Morning Coffee & a light lunch will be available as part of the day. Places are limited. Booking at the Parish Office.

Trocaire: Gifts of Love If you want to help make the world a better place this Christmas, and to give a gift that shows how much you care, then please, give a Trocaire Gift of Love. The gifts will be available to purchase at all Masses in St. Malachy's on **Sun 18th Nov** and in the Cathedral at Masses on **Sun 25th Nov** (inc. Saturday Vigil Mass).

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.