

**Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission** invite young adults aged 20-35 to the 2nd Annual CREDO Conference on Saturday 28th April in Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre from 10am-7pm (Vigil Mass at 6pm). Cost: £10 per person (inc. lunch). The theme, 'I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord', will be explored by keynote speakers Fr. John Harris OP, Fr. Philip Mulryne OP and Fr. Gary Toman OP (Irish Dominicans). For further information and booking visit <https://credo2018.eventbrite.co.uk/> or e-mail [armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk)

**PRAYERFEST 18** Drumcree Parish Pastoral Centre, Garvaghy Road, Portadown. **Saturday April 14th**. The Prayer & Spirituality Commission will lead a day of prayer for all. Come and use different styles of prayer. Pilgrimage will be our main theme. Starts at 9.30 am. Bring a packed lunch - Tea and Coffee will be available.

**Armagh Widows** next meeting is **Wed 2nd May** in the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. There will be no meeting in April due to Easter. All welcome.

**World Meeting of Families 2018** 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). This will assure you admission to the main celebrations in Dublin in 2018.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - Armagh Provincial Congress** will take place on **Saturday 14 April** commencing with Mass celebrated by Fr Peter McAnenly in St. Malachy's Church at 11am, followed by Lunch & Conference in Armagh City Hotel. Lunch £16 or 18 Euro. This year with the World Meeting of Families, the theme will be Family - The Domestic Church. Booking for Lunch 07752409636.

Please note the Monthly meeting of the society will take place on **Wed 4 April** in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, immediately after 7.30 pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church.

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture by Dr Charles Dillon, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, 'A Thirst for Redemption: Cathal Bui MacGiolla Ghunna and the Gaelic Poetry of Ulster'. Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> April** at 8pm. All welcome.

**Benburb Priory** Grand Bingo on **Wed 4th April** at 8pm. All welcome.

**Cursillo Weekends Benburb Priory** Cursillo is a prayer and joy filled weekend which includes a series of talks given by priests and lay people in an atmosphere of spirituality and friendship. If you have a desire to deepen your spirituality through friendship with Self, Christ and Others, the 2018 weekends are fast approaching. Men's weekend 12th - 15th April & Ladies 26th - 29th. For more info contact Martin 87748623, Donna 87752589, Veronica 07733171082.

**Couch 2 5k** commences on **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April** 6.30-7pm at the War Memorial side of the Mall, and will run for 9 weeks each Monday & Wednesday, £1 per session per night. All participants **must** register on [www.getactiveabc](http://www.getactiveabc) for further details contact Edel Ferson on 028 37529636.

**Armagh Diabetes Group** will be holding a Health Fair on **Wed 11th April** in Dobbin Street Community Centre, 7.30pm – 9pm. You can get your blood pressure checked, info on benefits/entitlements and health-care. Opportunity to talk to a local pharmacist about available services.. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** are having a Mass of thanksgiving for all those who attended the Life in the Spirit Seminars at 7pm on **Tues 10th April** at SVP Centre Ogle St.

**Lislea News** Congratulations to the winners of the Monthly Draw: Philip Gordon 1st Prize £100 & Breda Rafferty 2nd Prize £50 & the Draw for fully paid up members for the year for £60 to Ann-Marie Lappin. **Friday 20th April**, LCA are hosting School Around the Corner - see Facebook for details/contact committee members for details. Adm. £10 (Strictly Ticket Only) Limited Tickets



**Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 1/9/23/24** Next weeks Jackpot £1750  
**Abbey Lotto: 2/15/20/24** Next weeks Jackpot £3350  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 1/2/16/14** Next weeks Jackpot £2000  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/18/22/23** Next weeks Jackpot is £900



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**1st April 2018**

**Easter Sunday**

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a remarkable day in human history. It's a time of new life and a celebration of God's love that brings light in to darkness, hope in to despair and victory in to defeat. Without the resurrection of Jesus there would be no Christianity and no promise of life eternal. Love has won the day and the glory of God is revealed in all its splendour. And yet, we have to wonder what difference, if any, the resurrection makes to our daily lives. Is it just the opening of chocolate eggs and pleasant associations with Easter bunnies and spring lambs?

Christ has conquered death and not just physical death, but every effect it may take. What is dead or decaying within you? Have you let a dream die, something that was precious to you? Maybe a relationship close to you is dead and buried? It could be your friend, your husband, your wife. Or maybe what is dead is your heart because somebody hurt you, or your compassion has worn out. Is something important entombed in you, dead and buried and dried up into nothing because of something terrible that happened in your past? And what remains is bitterness, decay, despair, cynicism, apathy, a dull and enduring sadness?

On the other hand, we might recognise glimpses of resurrection in our ability to rise again after defeat, to trust again after our trust is betrayed, to love after being rejected, to continue to hope when our dreams are shattered and to pick up the pieces when we've been dealt a cruel blow. Easter is an everyday, life changing occurrence, which takes place when lies give way to truth, when hatred surrenders to love, alcoholism to sobriety and indifference yields to compassion.

The message of Easter is that, just as Christ conquered all, so can we, provided we place our trust in him. Easter proclaims that our deepest human hungers can be satisfied for there is a purpose to our living and more to life than the wrappings and trappings of earthly existence. I would like to thank all who contributed in any way to our liturgical celebrations over the past week – to the sacristans, the musicians, choirs and servers, to the Ministers of Word and Eucharist and all those who were involved in the various liturgies. A word of compliment to the many people who attended Mass during Lent, availed of the Sacrament of Penance in recent days and made a special effort to be present at the Easter Ceremonies. During these Easter days, let us ask the Lord to renew our faith and deepen our hope.

On behalf of Archbishop Martin, Cardinal Brady and the priests of the parish, I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. It is my prayer that the Risen Lord will touch your hearts with his peace and fill your homes with all the joy and happiness of this glorious season.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Hutchinson, Eileen McClelland, Una Boylan, Catherine Martin, Ann Powell, Margot Houlahan  
**MONTHS MIND:** Colette Hughes (6th), Peter Fegan (7th), Peter Collins (7th) and Alice Murtagh (13th).

Weekly collection amounted to £6841.00 & €142.73

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

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.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:**  
Sun: 3pm & 6pm; Mon: 8am;; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**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](http://www.marian.ie)

**There will be NO 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday evening.**

**There will be no Parish Bulletin on the weekend of 8th April.**

**The Parish Office is closed on Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd April and will reopen on Wednesday 4th April at 9:30am.**

**Parish Envelopes** The new year envelopes begin on Sun 1st April. Envelopes are available for collection by distributors from the Parish Office.

**Ceremony of Light** for all P7 Pupils and their parents will take place in 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.**

**Gift Aid & Standing Order Forms** available online and in the Parish Office.

**Trocaire Boxes** Any Outstanding Trocaire Boxes should be returned to any of the Churches in the Parish in the coming days.

**Friday** is the first Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited in the coming days or as arranged with individual priests.

**Holy Hour and Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament in St Malachy's Church on Friday evening from 8 – 9pm.

**Confessions** in St Malachy's Church on Thursday at 12noon.

**Do this in Memory Programme** The next gathering for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 14 April** at 7pm.

**Prayer before the Tomb**

Risen Lord, let the light of your presence shine on the darkened areas of our lives. May the light of your goodness cast out the shadows of our doubt and remove the garments of suffering and sadness that we carry. Help us to realise that you have rolled away the stones of all that hinders us from experiencing your love in the fullest. Give us the courage to walk with you beyond Galilee to all the places that await your Risen presence. For we know and we believe that you are truly risen and walk among us....Alleluia!

**CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN**

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

**Mass** No Novena.

**Children's Liturgy Group** The Children's Liturgy group will take a break for Easter and will resume on Sunday 15th April. We hope you all have a very Happy Easter and look forward to meeting you all again mid April.

**Easter Traditional Comhaltas Session** in Mary Ann's on Easter Monday at 9pm. All welcome including musicians, singers and storytellers. Supper served.

**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.

**Grange Ladies Spring Collection** Wed 18th April from 6pm - 8pm in the Clubrooms, all clothing, bedding, curtains & footwear (pairs) in good order. Thank you for your continued support.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** takes place on **Sun 8 April**. An afternoon of Prayer will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 2.30pm with Rev. Dr. Gerard McGinnity, Confession available 3.30 -4.30pm with Benediction at 4.45 pm. Concludes 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. All are welcome. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on March 30th.

**A thought for the day!** Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ will offer a thought for the day on BBC Radio Ulster at 7.55am on the mornings of Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th April. You might like to listen to the reflections.

**Praying for Life** From **Sat 7 – Mon 9 April**, we will pray again in thanks for the gift of life. We will continue to pray that all life may be respected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

**Confirmation Dates**

**Saturday 19 May @ 2pm**

St Malachy's PS

St Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

**Sunday 20 May @ 2pm**

Christian Brothers PS

Mt St Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

**First Communion**

Mt. St. Catherine's PS—Sun 29th April @ 11am

CBS Irish Medium - Sat 5th May @ 10am

CBS English Medium - Sat 5th May @ 11:30am

Our Lady's PS - Sun 6th May @ 10am

Saints & Scholars PS - Sat 12th May @ 11am

St. Malachy's PS - Sun 13th May @ 10am

St. Patrick's PS—Sun 13th May @ 11am

**Blessing of the Graves 2018**

Saturday 2 June Tullysaran Old Cemetery

Sunday 3 June Tullysaran New Cemetery

Friday 8 June Knockaconey

Sunday 24 June Armagh

**Important Dates for 2018**

**Healing Service** There will be an evening of prayer and healing with Eddie Stones in St. Patrick's Church Keady on Saturday 21 April at 6 Pm followed by Mass at 7 PM. Priests will be available for confession

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** - Outing to Portglenone Abbey on **Wednesday 2 May**; Coach leaving from St Malachy's Church at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Thomas McHugh in the Monastery. Free time for shopping in Ballymena. Cost £30 to include Coach Fare, mid-morning refreshments en route and Evening Meal in Cookstown, returning home at 8pm approx. Booking 07752409636

**Rededication** of St. Joseph's Church, Tynan on Sunday 8th April at 3pm. All welcome.

**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.**