

**RISE Youth Group** All 1st - 3rd year pupils welcome to a new youth group every Wednesday evening starting **Wed 4th Oct** in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! 7pm - 9pm. Contact Aoibhin in the Parish Office.

**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.

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

**TWO HEARTS RETREAT** Following the recent visit of Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrim Statue, the Alliance of the Two Hearts will hold a follow-up retreat, led by Fr Edgardo Arellano. The retreat is open to all, including families, residential and non-residential. The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are inviting you to come and listen to the urgent messages given at Fatima for the healing of our families. Armagh City Hotel: **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Oct** 9am-6pm. Contact: 028 375 18888 (booking code **ALL1051017**)

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture on 'Elections in County Armagh in 1918: Sign of the Times?' by Dr Eoin Magennis. **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** 8pm in Ó Fiaich Library. All welcome.

**The 12** Are you interested in a life changing experience? In preparation for World Meeting of Families, The 12 Mission Team invite you to a 'New Life in the Holy Spirit' Weekend Conference in The Servite Priory, Benburb on 7th&8th October 9am-6pm (both days). £25 (incl. resources and light meal) For booking info Marie 028 85557394 or email: [mailforthe12@gmail.com](mailto:mailforthe12@gmail.com)

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** welcome you to join us in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane on **Wed 4 October** immediately following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church.

**Milford Indoor Bowls** Indoor bowls returns after summer break on **Wednesday 4 October at 8pm** in The Old School House. New members welcome – bowls will be provided.

**Armagh Widows** next meeting on **Wed 4th Oct** at the Community Centre Cathedral Rd. 7-9pm. New members welcome.

**Lislea Draw** Congratulations to winners 1st Prize £100 - Paul Gordon. 2nd Prize £50 - Adrian McGurgan.

**Mary's Meals Armagh/Benburb Group** wish to thank all those who supported our Coffee Morning & Sale of Work on **Sat 23rd Sept** those who attended, who gave donations & baked cakes and to the many volunteers who helped in so many ways. The total raised was £4,500 so imagine the smiles that will bring to the children in Mpira school, Malawi, and to their community knowing that they will be assured of a meal a day for the next year! Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and ongoing prayers!

**Blessed Edmund Prayer Group** meeting **Tues 3rd Oct** at 7:30pm in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Bereavement Support** - One to one confidential Bereavement Support available on Thursdays 10.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk. Enquiries: 0035342-9336393 10am – 2pm

**Alone Again, Separated or Widowed?** Beginning Experience helps people work through their grief to be healed & free to live again. A Beginning Experience week-end Programme is taking place from 20th – 22nd October in Dromantine. For inquiries & registration contact Cora 07934871718

 **Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 6/7/9/11** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,700  
**Abbey Lotto: 11/12/22/25** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2100  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 6/7/13/22** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1750  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 8/18/20/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3250



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**1st October 2017**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Reflection

The Gospel story of the two sons, who were asked by their father to go and work in the vineyard, might appear to be nothing more than a typical scene taken from any family situation. The father has a job to be done and he gives the command: "Go and work in the vineyard today". One son seems rude, abrupt and discourteous as he answers back, "I will not go". On reflection however, he has a change of heart and goes off and does what he is asked. The other son is polite and respectful and promises to go to the vineyard but he hasn't the slightest intention of doing anything. He is a smooth talker but a poor performer. While we might be inclined to think that neither son is very pleasing, the parable reminds us that faith depends on action. Idle promises and half-hearted responses are worthless. What we profess to believe has little meaning if it's not translated into active commitment and a wholehearted response to Christ.

The life and ministry of Jesus made a powerful statement to people of every age – in him we find the perfect meeting of word and deed. He spoke with authority, but he also went about doing good. He could challenge his listeners to love their enemies, because he himself, turned the other cheek. He could speak out fearlessly on behalf of the poor and downtrodden, because he lived in their midst. All through his life, words of love became visible in acts of love, and people saw and believed.

As we celebrate Day for Life, we're being called not to be mere "observers of life, but to get involved". We all know people who are involved in the messiness of life – helping the young, the weak, the elderly, the vulnerable and putting the needs of others above their own. We're all called to "Live life" from its beginning to its natural end. The challenge put to all of us is to play our part in the promotion of life. Every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life and so we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world. It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live". He speaks of the importance of protecting people and showing loving concern for each and every person and he speaks too of caring for the society in which we live by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it".

On this special day, we're being reminded to be builders of a better world and to work to protect life.

With every blessing  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

### "The Joy of Love" St Patrick's Cathedral -Tuesday 10 Oct.

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 we invite you to a special evening for parish choirs & all who are involved in Music Ministry within our diocese. The evening will include an opportunity for you to learn the official hymn for the WMOF2018, A Joy for all the Earth. Archbishop Eamon Martin will launch the official hymn for the WMOF2018 & introduce the Icon of the Holy Family. The evening in the Cathedral will begin with an hour of rehearsal time at 7.00pm & will be followed by Evening Prayer at 8.00pm. Please join us for refreshments in St. Patrick's Grammar School at the end of Evening Prayer. All welcome.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sarah O'Neill, Joe Grew, James Curran, Peter Hughes & Maeve Woods.

**MONTHS MIND:** Pat Joe McKenna (3rd) & Sean Hart (6th)

**1ST ANN: Shane McArdle (3rd Oct @ 7:30pm) & Fiona Hughes (4th Oct @ 7:30pm)**

**Weekly collection amounted to £5607.53 & €222.68**

**The Peter's Pence collection amounted to £2918.88 & €135.10**

**Next weekend the Annual Church Door Collection will be taken up at all masses to help support the Southern Area Hospice.**

**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.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:** Wed: 11pm & 12midnight; Thurs 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.

Today is the Day for Life

**Day for Life Prayer**

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life. Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of

life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen.

**Do this in Memory Enrolment Mass**

The Enrolment Mass for the Do this in Memory Programme will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 7 October** at 7pm. All of this years First Communicants and their parents are asked to attend on the evening.

**Triduum of Prayer in honour of Our Lady of Fatima**

To mark the close of this centenary year of the first apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, a special Triduum of Prayer will take place in ST Patrick's Cathedral from **Wed 11 – Fri 13 October**. The Triduum will be led by The World Apostolate of Fatima and a visiting preacher will be present on the three days. The Triduum will close with Mass in the Cathedral on **Friday 13 October** and it will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin. During the Mass, a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be crowned as we mark this Jubilee Year.

**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.

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

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

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

**Holy Hour & Benediction** in St. Malachy's on Friday evening at 8pm.

**Mass for Life** Fri 6th Oct in St. Malachy's at 7:30pm. Following the normal Holy Hour Adoration will continue until 12midnight. Rosary for Life at 11pm. All welcome to join.

**Fatima Devotion Continues Saturday 7th Oct:** Confessions will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year

**The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929.**

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.

**Notice Regarding Parishioners Entering a Church Sacristy**

Following an important meeting with the Director of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese, it was agreed that the parish would bring to the attention of the parishioners the necessity for ANYONE entering a sacristy to sign the relevant book, with their name, time of entering and time of leaving.

The reason for this procedure is a major safeguarding issue in the event of a complaint or subsequent investigation. By signing the book, it will assist any investigation into a complaint and could potentially protect an innocent person. For these reasons the Archdiocese urges you to comply with this request.

However in the event of anyone refusing to sign the appropriate book, the sacristans have the authority to request the parishioner to leave the sacristy.

We wish to thank the parishioners of Armagh for their cooperation in the past and the future in safeguarding children.

*Aileen and Maura (Parish Safeguarding Representatives)*

**Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers** to help on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and Fridays from 2-4pm. Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813. .

**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.

**"Zumba with Grainne"** Every Monday night in clubrooms from 7pm - 8pm @ £3. Everyone welcome.

**Walk/Run** Grange ladies are entering a team into the Armagh 10mile run & 4 mile walk/ fun run as part of their fundraising ventures for 2017... Event is on Sun 8th October 12noon @ The Navan centre. To enter forward names to Siobhan Rafferty and Dervla Mallon by Fri 30th Sep. 10mile £15 and 4mile £10. All welcome.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

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

**Fr Michael Donnelly** who was ordained a priest for the Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France this year, will celebrate Mass in Tullysaran on **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Community Centre** Mon Indoor Bowls: 8-10pm; Tues Corebox: 7-8pm; Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group: 10.30-12pm; Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Total Body Workout 6.30-7.30pm; Music 7.30-8.30pm; Fri Cook It 11.30-1.30pm; Drama class 6-7pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your name into the sacristy in Tullysaran, or contact Mary or Bronagh on 37548999 or 37548786.

**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.

