

Catholic Schools Week From Sun 27th Jan – Sun 3rd Feb, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week by reflecting on the work of our Catholic Schools and the impact they make on our communities. In our parish, we are indebted to all of our schools, which faithfully serve the families of our parish and beyond. We pay tribute to the principals, their teaching colleagues and the ancillary staffs for their commitment to the values of Catholic education and the enormous contribution they make to the life of our community. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is Celebrating the work of our Catholic Schools! All are welcome to join at the launch on **Tuesday 22nd January** at 11am in St. John the Baptist Church, Portadown.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 8pm in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - there is no meeting in January. Next meeting on **Mon 11 Feb** - further details to follow.

Saint Catherine's College, Armagh. OPEN NIGHT – Monday 21st January 2019. First Session (4.00pm – 6.00pm) for local schools including Our Lady's PS Tullysaran, Bunscoil na mBráithre Criostaí, Bunscoil Eoin Baiste and Bunscoil Naoimh Proinsias. Second Session (6.30pm – 8.30pm) for all other schools including Bunscoil an Iúir and Gaelscoil Phádraig Naofa.

The Relics of St. Francisco & St. Jacinta Marto of Fatima and the National Statue of Fatima will be available for veneration in the Missionaries of Charity Convent, 19A Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QX, from 10am-12noon and 3pm-7pm **until Thursday 28th February.**

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes Under the Leadership of Archbishop Eamon Martin our pilgrimage will take place from the **16th - 21st May.** Armagh City & District are taking names for Pilgrims and Assisted Pilgrims (those who are sick). Cost for Pilgrims: €730 + plus single room supplement. Please contact Ann 07736415305 or any committee member. Our church door collection will take place on the 2/3 Feb at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support

Armagh Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 15-21 May 2019. Be part of something special. For more info contact: armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Divine Mercy Conference RDS, Dublin. **Sat 23rd Feb.** €30. Coach organised £20. Contact Gabrielle (028)8778 4964 /07933 521105, Catherina 07899 810181.

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples. The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts **8th – 10th Feb.** For info Email - info@retrouvaille.ie

St. Patrick's Grammar School Inspirational speaker, Declan Coyle, author of The Green Platform, will speak at St Patrick's Grammar School on **25th January** at 7pm. Tickets £7. More into contact 02837522018 or email jdenvir631@c2kni.net to reserve tickets. All welcome.

The Westenders Club invite you to 'A Tea Dance with Gerard Butler' in Sherry's Fields Complex on **Wed 23rd January** from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Admission £2. Dances to suit everyone from waltzing, barn dance, shoe the donkey and jive. Refreshments included.

Tocatta Choir will perform in the Market Place Theatre on **22nd Feb** at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 at theatre box office.

Armagh Library Events: Hearing clinic Monday 28 January 11-1, Macmillan Volunteer every Tuesday from 1-2. Knit and Natter every Friday from 10.30-12.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Thursday 15th August 2019 7 nights from Dublin. Accompanied by Fr John Mc Keever. £579 – deposit of £80 secures seat. Contact Martin 07889186915/Lucia 07926132847 for more info.

Big Buds Out of School Club have available places. Club runs Mon-Fri 2-5:30pm. £2.50 per child. Open to all primary school children. Contact Jenny 37511003 between 2 & 5pm.

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wed 30th Jan** at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and 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.

Lislea News Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: 1st Prize of £100 to Maura Murphy and 2nd Prize of £50 to Richard Crumley



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 3/9/19/23. Next week's Jackpot £2050
Abbey Lotto: 3/9/10/12. Next week's Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/13/17/22 Next week's Jackpot is £3050
Tullysaran Lotto: 2/7/10/22. Next week's Jackpot is £2000

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish

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Second Sunday of the Year

Reflection

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first “sign” recorded in John’s Gospel. These “signs” in John’s Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term “sign”, as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John uses these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine is a significant reminder of the abundance of God’s love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our Church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

On a different note, at this time of year, we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January). Each year has a designated theme and the theme for this year is “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue....” Throughout the Christian world, people of different denominations come together during the week for conferences, prayer services and social gatherings. As we celebrate this special week, we recall how an Episcopalian Franciscan priest from America, Fr Paul Watson, started these gatherings in 1908 praying for Christian Unity. This year, our Ecumenical Service will take place in St Patrick’s RC Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 23 January at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be The Right Reverend Kenneth Good, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. All are welcome to join for the special service.

Prayer for Christian Unity

God our Father, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit ever more deeply into our hearts and minds that we may think thoughts of peace, speak words that build up and do the truth always in love, the truth that sets us free, the truth that gives us hope, Amen

With every blessing

Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Keenan, Dympna McCague & Terry Fox

MONTH'S MIND
Thomas Fegan (25th)



Weekly Collection amounted to £6359.68 & €149.30
The Irish Bishops Conference Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

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: Friday at 11pm & Sunday at 11pm. Please contact Nora 37525265 if you can commit to a time.

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

Celebration of Married Couples

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area will have a special celebration for all married couples in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 10 February** at 5.30pm. All married couples are invited to join and especially couples who have celebrated their marriage within our Pastoral Area over the past year. We look forward to celebrating with couples from the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Middletown and Tynan and Killcluney on the evening. The celebration will be an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of marriage and to pray for God's blessing on all couples present in the years to come.

World Youth Day Panama To mark the close of World Youth Day 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 27 January at 5.30pm. Young people from across the diocese are invited to join in this special celebration of faith.

Aifreann Na Gaelige: Tá tús curtha leis an Aifreann arís i ndiaidh Sos na Nollag. **Irish Mass** has resumed after the Christmas Break.

Parish Contributions We thank parishoners for their financial contributions over the past year. We remind all who haven't registered in the Parish to make contact with the Parish Office. We also wish to remind tax payers who haven't already signed up to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme to please do.

Do this in Memory The next Do this in Memory celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 26th Jan** at 7pm.

Parish Records Please help us to keep our system up to date by letting us know your change of address! If you have moved house in the last year or are planning to soon, please call Claire in the Parish Office.

Home Visits/First Friday calls If there is anyone who is seriously ill and/or confined to their home & would like to receive a home visit from one of the priests, please leave details at Parish Office so that the visit can be arranged.

Family Photos Family Photographs were displayed in the Cathedral during the World Meeting of Families celebrations last year. They are now available for collection in the Parish Office.

Prayer for Strength

Lord, every day I need you, but especially today.

I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day more than any other day, I need to feel you near me,

to fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.

I need you to sustain me in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

Be with me Lord this day, so that I may know

your guiding hand at work in everything

and know your guiding presence with me always, Amen.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Novena Mass Monday @ 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 / classes this week: Monday: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm. Tuesday: Bootcamp 7-8pm; Spin Class 8.15-9pm. Wednesday: Pilates 7-8pm. Thursday: Music- Fiddle 7-8pm; Tin whistle beginner 7-7.30pm, advanced 7.30-8pm. Friday: Walk the Extra Mile exercise class for all ages & abilities @ 10am.

Free 4 week Programme for older people starting Tues 5 Feb 10.30am-12.30. Table-top gardening/music/IT/ activity session. Light lunch provided. To book a place text your name to 07542509624.

Thanks The Conlon Family from Tullymore were delighted to hand over a cheque for £3110 to Ciara & Martin Toal & family following recent fundraisers they organised over the Christmas period. The Conlons would like to thank everyone who supported them and helped to raise £3110.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Our SVP shop in Armagh is in need of more volunteers. Could you spare a few hours per week and join our team? If you would like more info contact Bernie 07878021262

An invitation to Lectio Divina! Lectio Divina is the traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, intended to promote communion with God and to increase ones knowledge of God's Word. It doesn't treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word.

Sr Mary Roe, RSCJ will offer six sessions of Lectio Divina in The Synod Hall **beginning on Monday 11 February** at 10.40am (after 10am Mass) and the sessions will take place on each of the following Mondays for six weeks, concluding on Monday 18 March. Anyone who is interested in joining for this time of reflection and prayer is asked to leave their names at Armagh Parish Office.

Armagh Parish Trip: June 2019

A four day trip will take place from Armagh, leaving on the morning of Monday 3 June and returning on the evening of Thursday 6 June. Based at the 4 Star Bridge House Hotel & Spa, Tullamore, Co Offaly, the trip will take in places of great interest during the few days. As well as having an opportunity to explore the midlands town of Tullamore, we will also visit the town of Athlone and have a cruise on the River Shannon. We will also visit the early Christian site at Clonmacnoise and there will be a day drip to enjoy the wonderful city of Galway. Mass will be celebrated on each of the days in some lovely settings such as Galway Cathedral, Clonmacnoise and the beautiful Church of St Colmcille in Durrow which is the site of the first monastery founded by St Colmcille.

The cost of the trip is £240 per person sharing or £310 for a single room. Price includes Coach for four days, Bed and Breakfast and Evening Meal in Hotel, entertainment in hotel by night and full use of the hotels facilities. Bookings in the Parish Office. A Deposit of £50 (non refundable) per person is required to secure booking and full payment must be made before Friday 17th May at 12noon.

Dates of First Penance 2019

St Patrick's P.S. Thurs 28 Feb @ 6pm
St Malachy's P.S. Tues 26 Feb @ 6pm
Mt St Catherine's P.S. Tues 12 March @ 7pm
CBS P.S. Wed 13 March @ 6pm
Our Lady's P.S. Wed 20 March @ 7pm
Saints & Scholars P.S. Wed 27 Feb @ 6pm

Dates of Confirmations - 2019

Saturday 8 June - 2pm - Christian Brothers P.S.,
Mt St Catherine's P.S. & Our Lady's P.S.,
Tullysaran
Sunday 9 June - 2pm - St Malachy's P.S., St
Patrick's P.S. and
Saints & Scholars P.S.

Dates of First Communion - 2019

Sat 4 May	10am	CBS P.S. Bunscoil)
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Sun 5 May	10am	Our Lady's P.S.
Sun 5 May	11am	Mt. St. Catherine's
Sat 11 May	11am	Saints & Scholars
Sun 12 May	10am	St. Malachy's P.S.
Sun 12 May	11am	St. Patrick's P.S.

Cemetery Sunday 2019: Dates

Sat 1st June - 7.30pm-Tullysaran Old Cemetery
Sun 2 June - 10am -Tullysaran New Cemetery
Fri 7 June - 7.30pm- Knockaconey Cemetery
Sun 30 June - 12noon -Armagh Cemetery

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.