

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes '160 years of emotions' - Armagh Group - 27th September, 5 nights full board. £660. For further info contact Gerry Gribbon 07980628696.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet at 8pm each Tuesday in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society To mark the 100th Anniversary of the death of our Foundress Olivia Mary Taaffe, Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass on **Saturday 26th May** at 12noon in the Church of St. Catherine, Ballapousta, Ardee, Co. Louth. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the local Primary School. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

Hurling / Camogie Club Summer Camp 2018 Monday 6 - Thursday 9 August 2018 at Pearse Og Park. Children leaving P1 or P2 10am - 12noon; Children Leaving P3 -Year 8 10am - 2pm. Further information from Cuchulainn HC Secretary on 07776140794

Westenders Group will be hosting a tea dance on **Wednesday 23rd May** from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the Cathedral Rd. Recreation Centre. Cost: £2 pp inc. refreshments and music. All welcome.

Legion of Mary Home Visits Members of the Legion of Mary are currently visiting homes in different areas of Armagh. They will be distributing Novena Prayer Cards and also promoting a Novena to the Sacred Heart in June.

Legion of Mary continue to lead a Rosary at Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate on Monday evenings at 8.10pm throughout the month of May.

Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information Session is in Armagh City Library on **Mon 20th May** 11am-1pm. Drop in for advice with managing, maintaining & cleaning your hearing aid + info about hearing loss, equipment & other services which can help. Batteries for NHS aids can be collected. A quick hearing check is also available for anyone without hearing aids.

Anam Cara Northern Ireland an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 30th May** 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Armagh City Hotel. Anam Cara Northern Ireland offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Coffee Morning in Aid of Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 9th June in Mulberry Bistro at 10:30am. All welcome.

Dromantine Family Fun Day with a Grand Draw, Country & Western Extravaganza, Vintage Tractors, Magician, Funfair, Bouncy Castles, Stalls, BBQ, Refreshments and much more! **Sun 10th June** 1:30pm – 6pm. Admission: £5 donation per car. All welcome.

On behalf of SVP NI The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to clarify that it embraces the Church's teachings and upholds Gospel values. Our Rule states that Vincentians are committed to supporting life from conception to its natural earthly end. We endorse the comments made last week by the General President of SVP, Renato Lima de Oliveira, when he described the charity as "a Christian organisation that defends the right to life". Our General President also commented: "We reaffirm our position of defence of life, not only as a Christian duty but, above all, as an attitude to the sacredness of the life of the human being. We defend every stage of life and all the difficulties that it may encounter. We reject all arguments, threats and mechanisms that are contrary to life! We will not build a just society, of peace and prosperity, by admitting the right to kill human beings, especially the most vulnerable and innocent of them."



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20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Reflection

On Pentecost Sunday, it's appropriate that we should congratulate the many young people who are being confirmed in their faith, in our parish this weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit will always guide them as they journey through life and may God's Spirit help them to be true followers of Christ in all that they say and do. We compliment their parents and families and all who have assisted them on their faith journey. We think of the words addressed to the parents and god parents on the day of the child's baptism: "You are the first educators of the child in the ways of faith." May those entrusted with this great responsibility continue to be the best of teachers and may they always be mindful that their own personal example will leave the most lasting impression of all.

A special thanks to the principals, teachers and staff in all of the schools who helped prepare the young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are indebted to them for their dedication and for the good work that they do. Again, we pray that those who are being confirmed this weekend will live in such a way that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be evident in their lives – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Trustfulness, Gentleness and Self-control.

At a time when many familiar structures and traditional family and Church values are under threat, we rely on the help of the Holy Spirit. Many people are trying to retain the customs and standards that shaped their lives in the past. Like the disciples in the Upper Room, we're sometimes fearful of what's happening all around us and very often, we're overwhelmed by change and we wonder what the future may bring.

But the message of Pentecost assures us that we're not alone. The Spirit can be our guiding light, giving us the courage to face up to problems, helping us to discover personal resources and the vision to see new ways ahead. Today, we ask God to come into our lives and strengthen us with his Spirit so that we will be his voice where the sick need healing, where the hungry need feeding and where the distressed need comforting.

With every blessing,
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Confirmation

We remember in prayer all the young people from our parish who are being confirmed in their faith this weekend. We pray that the Spirit of God may guide and direct them in their future lives.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack O'Hagan
MONTHS MIND: Arthur Mallon (21st) & Patrick Kelly (24th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 15/24/25/26 Next weeks Jackpot £1050
Abbey Lotto: 3/4/19/24 Next weeks Jackpot £3750
Tullysaran Lotto:
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 6/13/19/21 Next weeks Jackpot is £1300

Weekly Collection: £6489.38 & €113.32

The Knights of St Columbanus will take up their Annual Church Door Collection at all Masses in the Parish this 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

Silence in our Churches We ask people to be respectful when visiting our Churches and keep noise levels to a minimum in these Sacred spaces.

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; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Celebration will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st August. More details to follow.

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. **Final payments are now outstanding.**

One day pilgrimage to Lough Derg A pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Armagh Parish on **Sat 22 Sept**. Details to follow.

'33 Days to Morning Glory' by Fr. Michael Gaitley has been made available, free of charge, at the back of all our Churches. It is 33 days of spiritual reading & prayerful pondering, with the end goal being Marian Consecration -

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.

consecrating yourself/your family to Jesus, through our Blessed Mother. "The act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary marks the beginning of a gloriously new day, a new dawn, a brand new morning in one's spiritual journey. It's a fresh start, and it changes everything." Please pick up a copy.

The **Cathedral Gift Shop** carries a large range of 1st Communion & Confirmation gifts, as well as religious gifts, candles, statues, books, cards and more! We encourage you to support the gift shop and the fantastic work of our shop team!

Annual Rosary Relay for Priests will take place in St. Malachy's Church on **Fri 8th June** at 8:30am. All welcome.

25th May Referendum As the referendum in the Republic of Ireland approaches we continue to pray for the protection of life from the moment of conception to natural death.

An hour for Life! Please come and join in a special hour of prayer for Life in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on Wednesday 23rd May from 8-9pm. The Legion of Mary will lead this special hour of prayer as we pray for the protection of the dignity of all human life. All are welcome and please bring a friend.

Visiting Choirs to St Patrick's Cathedral
The People's College Choir from Dublin will visit the Cathedral on Sunday 20 May and sing at the 5.30pm Mass on that evening / The Stop Gaps Choral Ensemble from Mumbai, India will perform a programme of classical and spiritual pieces in St. Patrick's Cathedral **Wed 23rd May** at 7pm. Retiring collection will be taken up.

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

We pray for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to approach my exams with a clear head and a calm mind. Give me your strength and your peace, and let me do justice to all that I have learned. Thank you Lord for all my gifts and talents. Amen.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass on Sunday morning for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; NI Blood Transfusion - Blood Donation sessions Thursday 31st May 2.30-4pm & 5.15-8pm.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Sale & Raffle tickets on sale now & can be purchased from any of the ladies teams. Draw will take place on **Fri 8th June** after the Blessing of The Graves

Lough Derg 2018: Season opens for One Day Retreats on **Sat 5th May**. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.

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.

Armagh Cathedral Partnership Annual Trip The Annual Trip is to Downpatrick on **Thurs 21st June**. The coach will leave Armagh at approximately 9:30am and return late afternoon. Further details to be confirmed.

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area: Corpus Christi Procession As we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families, the people of the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan will gather in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh for a special celebration of Mass on Friday 1st June at 7pm. St Mochua's Primary School Choir in Derrynoose will provide the music on the evening. After the Mass, there will be a Corpus Christi Procession and the First Communicants of this year from each of the four parishes will lead the procession. People are encouraged in this special year to join with their families on the evening to give praise and thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist. A special invitation is extended to all Ministers of the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adorers from the four parishes to join for the celebration. They are asked to join the procession immediately after the First Communicants on the evening.

Parish Census Armagh PPC are beginning to undertake a Census throughout the Parish. Work on this will begin on Rock Road, Armagh. Census Forms will be delivered by members of our Parish Pastoral Council and Knights of St Columbanus between 7pm and 9pm on Tuesday 29 May and they will be collected between 7pm and 9pm on Thursday 31 May. Parishioners are asked to cooperate with the Census and complete forms fully.

Diocesan Meeting on Human Trafficking A special meeting will take place, to explore ways of responding to the ongoing situation of human trafficking - meeting in Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, Dundalk on **Thursday 24 May** at 7pm. All are welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sun 27th May**. Families are encouraged to consider being part of the pilgrimage, especially young people who are being confirmed in their faith along with their families! A bus, organised by the Knights of St. Columbanus, will be travelling on the day. The bus is now full.

Pioneer Association to gather in honour of the Sacred Heart The Pioneer Association from the parishes of Armagh, Keady & Derrynoose, Killcluney & Tynan & Middletown will come together for Mass in St Malachy's Church on **Wed 6th June** at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to join on the evening, to pray for a greater spirit of temperance in our world & in our local communities. A special invitation is extended to all P7 Pupils from the Pastoral Area who have become young Probationers this year. They will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to the pledge they have made. Anyone due to receive silver, gold or 60 year pins, or wishing to join the pioneers, please ring: Stella 38891002 or Brian 37524853.