

**Apostolic Work & Armagh Well Group** wish to thank Rea McConnell and the Drumcullen Ceile House Group for the fantastic sum of £2300 raised through their Christmas DVD. This money has gone to the Presentation Brothers in Ghana, for a water project, urgently requested at Christmas. We would also like to thank Barry Sutton and his friends for the huge contribution of £3000 which was sent to famine areas in Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria for food.

**St Catherine's College, Armagh Open Night - Thursday 26th January 2017** 1st Session: 4pm – 6pm for Local schools including Our Lady's PS, Tullysaran, Bunscoil na mBráithre Criostaí, Bunscoil Eoin Baiste & Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias. **2nd 6.30pm – 8.30pm** for all other schools including Bunscoil an Iúir & Gaelscoil Phádraig Naofa.

**PSNI Meeting** Armagh PSNI are holding a special meeting for people from our parish at which they will address community related issues. They are anxious for people to come together to explore ways in which all of us can work more closely together to address issues that concern all of us. The meeting will take place in **The St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane** (below St Malachy's Primary School) on **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm**. Representatives from many local bodies/agencies will be in attendance on the evening & all are invited to come along for this important gathering.

**10th Brigid of Faughart Festival** will take place in Faughart, Brigid's birthplace and various locations in Dundalk Sun 29th Jan to Sun 5th Feb with a varied range of exciting and creative events for all. For further info & bookings phone Karen 087 6821664.

**Cumann Seachais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture by Professor Marian Lyons, Maynooth University on 'The practice of medicine in early modern Ireland: The case of Thomas Arthur M.D. 1593-1675'. **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 8pm** in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh. All welcome.

**Always wanted to volunteer overseas?** Looking for a course about global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Info & Recruitment Session on **Tues 31st Jan** at 7.30pm in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast [www.viatoreschristi.com](http://www.viatoreschristi.com) for more info.

**Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** Now taking names for pilgrims and sick wishing to travel on 12th—17th May. Call Anne on 07736415305. **Coffee Morning on 28th January** 10am-1pm, 4 Glen Mhacha. **Church Door Collection 4th & 5th February**

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan 7:30-9pm** in Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul:** Vincent's Shop Thomas Street urgently requires good quality furniture, clothes and bric a brac. Furniture can be collected. Shop contact **02837 510922**.

**Westenders Group** are hosting a Tea Dance on **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.30pm – 4.30pm**, Cathedral Road Recreation Centre. Admission: £2 (payable at door). Music and hot buffet included.

**Saint Brigid's Camogie Club** Training Resumes: Senior's & U16's Monday in Orchard Lesiure Centre 6-7pm; U12 & U14's Saturday In Sherries Feild 10-11am; U8's & U10s Thursday Saint Patrick's Primary school 6-7pm £2 a session. New members Welcome

**Retreats Ireland Annual General Conference** "Catching up with the Reformation: How can we, reading our current context, unlock the power of the Word as we move to the future Church?" **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan**. Dromantine Retreat Centre. Speaker: Dr Kieran J. O' Mahony OSA. Residential: €195 or £160 \*Non-Residential: €120 or £100. Bookings/Enquiries to: 02830821964 email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Info: [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk)

**Permanent Diaconate:** Do you feel called to serve as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Armagh? Contact Fr Brian White at 0035342 9322244 or speak with your local priest.

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**Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 16/17/21/24** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1900

**Abbey Lotto: 9/12/20/26** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2250

**Tullysaran Lotto: 4/7/11/13** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £850

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/3/5/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1450



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22nd January 2017

### Third Sunday of the Year

Young people who are planning to leave school this year are probably thinking about their future careers and considering the various choices before them. No matter how varied the possibilities, the fact remains that each person has only one life. One particular choice rules out another option. This is true in personal relationships as it is in jobs or careers. One can explore possibilities forever but at the risk of never experiencing the joy and security of commitment to another person, to a job, to a way of life or even to God.

I would hope that some young men in this parish, while considering what lies before them, might consider the possibility of priesthood as a way of life. It might be worthwhile to explore, even tentatively, the possibility of such a choice because the Lord is still calling people to follow him in priesthood and religious life. Despite the adverse publicity in recent years and events of the past that have left all of us shocked and bewildered, priesthood can offer a degree of satisfaction and fulfilment that lies beyond words.

Today's Gospel tells of four men who made a radical decision in terms of career choice. Andrew, Peter, John and James were probably good fishermen who knew well the work of wrestling a livelihood from the deep waters of the local lake. They were strong, robust men, who knew how to cast nets and mend boats and attend to all the other responsibilities of working on the Sea of Galilee. But they were to leave all of that behind the day the itinerant preacher from Nazareth called them to follow him. It was a choice that would lead them through glorious moments as well as disappointments to an ever-deepening friendship with Jesus.

I often wonder if the response of the fishermen was as clear-cut as St Matthew implies. Did Peter not want to discuss it with his wife and family at home? Did the others not have to give some consideration to their father Zebedee and the other men who worked with them? St Matthew is more concerned with the fact that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus is the great light that has dawned; he is the one who begins his mission in Galilee and as St Matthew's Gospel unfolds throughout the coming year, we will see that the message of Jesus is intended for all people of all places.

With every blessing

Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

**First Saturday's Devotion** When Our Lady appeared to Lucia at Pentevedra, she made a request for the Five 1st Saturdays & gave her great promise to assist at the hour of the death all those who on the 1st Saturday of five successive months go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say 5 decades of the Rosary & keep her company meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary. In celebration of the 100 years since the appearance of Our Lady in Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.30am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Raymond Wilson, Mary Grimley, Willie Harker, Philomena Doran, Marie Vallely, Patricia McKee & Bridget McGuirk

**MONTHS MIND:** Philomena Lyons (22nd), Philomena Maginness (23rd), Mary Morrissey (24th), Doreen Murtagh (24th) & Virginia Farnan (28th)

**Memorial Mass for Sr. Dolores Considine RSCJ - Sunday 29th January - 11am**  
in St. Patrick's Cathedral

**Weekly collection 15.01.17 amounted to £ 6445.07 & €115.69**

**Irish Bishops Conference Collection** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

**Gift Aid** Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

**Parish Safeguarding** The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen or Maura, they can be contacted at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or 07895 460797.

**Sacristy** Any visitor to the sacristy of any church in the Parish **must** sign the visitors book.

**All requests for prayers and Masses** to be arranged through the Parish Office. The list of intentions is sent to the churches on a Friday morning, containing all intentions from the Saturday night vigil Mass until the following Saturday morning. **Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office 12 noon on 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. The course is on the first Monday & third Wednesday of every month. All Baptisms **must be booked through the Parish Office.**

**First Friday** If there is anyone who is seriously ill and/or confined to their home and would like to receive a home visit from one of the priests of the parish, please contact the Parish Office.

**Home visits/House Blessings** Should anyone wish to arrange for one of the priests of the parish to visit their home or should anyone wish to arrange a House Blessing, please contact the Parish Office **Adorers required** for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Wednesday's at 12noon; Thursday's at 4pm & 11pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

**Cathedral Webcam** All our Cathedral Liturgies are broadcast live on our webcam. To access our webcam visit our website [www.armaghparish.net](http://www.armaghparish.net) and click on 'Cathedral Webcam'.

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

**Missionary of Charity House** One hour of prayer, scripture & song before the Blessed Sacrament **every Wed** from 8-9pm

**Catholic Schools Week Sun 29 Jan – Sat 4 Feb.** The theme this year is Laudato Si, learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home. A special launch for the week will take place in Church of St John the Baptist, Drumcree, Portadown on **Tues 31 Jan** at 11am. All are welcome.

**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in this diocese on **Thurs 2 Feb** with Vespers in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 6pm. On the evening, Archbishop Eamon Martin will launch a special prayer initiative in the Diocese. All prayer groups in parishes across the diocese have been invited to join for this special occasion. All are welcome to join. We give thanks for the great gift that consecrated life is to the Church and to the world.

**World Day of the Sick Sat 11 Feb** (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) The theme this year is "Amazement at what God has accomplished: The Almighty has done great things for me....." (Lk 1:49)

**A celebration of commitment in love** A special celebration for all who are living out a commitment in love will take place in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.** All married couples and especially couples who have celebrated their marriage in this parish over the past year are invited. We also encourage couples who are engaged and who are currently preparing for marriage and all who are living out a commitment in love at this time to attend. We will be joined on the evening by Archbishop Martin and as we gather on the eve of St Valentine, we will pray in thanksgiving for the gift of love and we will pray that we may continue to grow more and more in God's love. We pray for all who are striving to live out a commitment in love at this time and we encourage all to join for what promises to be a very memorable evening

**Records** We ask anyone who has moved house recently to please contact the Parish Office to update their records. Or alternatively if you're new to the Parish or think you might not be registered, please contact us so we can register you..

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

**ALL Baptisms & Weddings** in Tullysaran **must** be booked in advance at Parish Office - 37522813

**Tullysaran Community Centre** Activities this week: Mon 8-10pm: Indoor Bowls; Tues 4-5pm: Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm: Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm: Spin (fully booked); Wed 10-12pm: Parent/Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm: Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Total Body Workout & 7:30-8-30 Traditional Music Classes

AGM will take place Sun 19 Feb at 10.45am in Community Centre. We would invite all members of the community to attend.

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**Bookings** All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office - 37522813.

**HIIT/BOXFIT** Class returns on Tue 17th @ 7.45pm - 8.30pm in the clubrooms @ £3 to suit all levels of fitness. Male & Female welcome.

**Armagh Parish Trip June 2017** Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina last year, another Parish Trip will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in The Four Star, Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. During the few days, the trip will include visits to Achill, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey and other places of interest. Further details about the trip and booking at Armagh Parish Office.

**Armagh Parish Draw**

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to ensure the success of our Parish Draw over the last two years. Thanks to the draw committee, sponsors, coordinators and ticket sellers and all who bought tickets or supported the draw in any way. The good will of so many people in this fundraising initiative is to be highly commended and may God reward all who have been involved for their generosity and support. £117,000 profit was made from the draw in year two and all process from the draw over the two years will be invested in the development of a new Parish Cemetery.

A draw took place on Friday for all ticket sellers and winners were as follows:

£500 - Geraldine McCrory  
£100 - Jimmy Carlisle  
£100 - Angela Moore

£100 - Paddy Duffy  
£100 - Eamon McCann  
£100 - Angela Moore



**Dates of First Penance 2017**

St Patrick's Primary School	Thursday 23 March @ 6pm
St Malachy's Primary School	Wednesday 15 March @ 6pm
Mt St Catherine's Primary School	Wednesday 8 March @ 7pm
CBS Primary School	Thursday 9 March @ 6pm
Tullysaran Primary School	Tuesday 21 March @ 7pm

**Thank you from Barbara Gartland** A big thanks to all who came to share in the celebrations & ceremony of my Profession of First Vows in the Society of the Sacred Heart. The generosity of the people of Armagh never ceases to amaze me. Without a doubt all the Masses and prayers offered for me will help bring me ever closer to God. For all this I give thanks. My thoughts and prayers are always with you and the Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for you and all your intentions. Barbara Gartland RSCJ

**Annual Ceremony of Light** for all P7 pupils & their parents will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thurs 2nd March** at 7:30pm. Please note this date as this is an important evening of preparation for the young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Parish Baptism Team** Anyone who is interested in joining the Parish Baptism Team is asked to contact the Parish Office.