

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome with Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission **28 Oct – 2 Nov** £540.00. Pilgrims (20-35 year old) have the opportunity for a day away from Rome to visit Assisi or the Catacombs. Contact: Dermot 028/048 3752 3084 armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Music Workshop with Fr Liam Lawton: “The Mass of St Patrick” Stonebridge Pastoral Centre, **Wed 7th June** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost £12 inc. Music Book and Workshop.

Armagh Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by. Fr. Richard Byrne O. Carm. Provincial **27th Sept 2017** Hotel Mediterranean. 5 nights full board. Contact: Gerry Gribbon 07980628696/37522422.

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. It is published weekly and is available on catholicnews.ie.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - the next meeting will be held on **Wed 7 June** in St Vincent de Paul Centre following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. New Members welcome.

Novena The Rosminian Fathers wish to announce the Annual Novena in honour of St Jude in Calvary Omearth. **Sat 3rd—Sun 11th June**. All welcome.

TinyLife Could you spare a few hours a week to help a family with a premature baby? TinyLife are currently appealing for volunteers in the Armagh area. For more info please contact Janice on 07702384786

Dominican Contemplative Nuns welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house **9th – 11th June** to experience our life of Prayer. Those who cannot come for full weekend are welcome to join us on Saturday 10th June 9.30 am – 7.00 pm. Venue: Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda. **Contact:** Sr Breda OP – siena3@eircom.net

Dromantine Summer Camp 2017 Boys camp: 16th-21st July & 23rd—28th July; Girls Camp: 30th Jul-4th Aug, 6th-11th Aug & 13th-18th Aug. Contact: 02830821224.

Lough Derg Three day pilgrimages begin **Thurs 1st June** until **Sun 13th August**. If you're interested in taking part in a one day pilgrimage, the Parish will be organising a trip to Lough Derg in September. More information to follow.

Annual St. Anthony's Novena. St. Peter's Church, West Street, **Drogheda**. Starting **5th June – 13th June**. Preacher Fr. David Collins OFM. All Welcome.

Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information Session in Armagh City Library on **Mon 22nd May 11am-1pm**. Drop in for advice with managing, maintaining & cleaning your hearing aid. Batteries for NHS aids can be picked up and a hearing check for people without hearing aids is available.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 31st May** from 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.

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.

All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock Shrine Co. Mayo **Sat 3rd June**. Main celebrant: Bishop Brendan Kelly DD. Homilist: Fr Thady Doyle

Mary's Meals Armagh/Benburb group. Please donate: small towels, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, spoons, copybooks, rulers, pencil cases, backpacks, tennis balls, flip flops, skirts/tops, shorts/T-shirts to fit 4-12 year olds for the children of Malawi. You can place items in the baskets in the Cathedral or St Malachy's. Thank you so much for your support!



Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 1/4/11/18 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2750
Abbey Lotto: 1/13/15/27 One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1150
Tullysaran Lotto: 9/18/21/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1275
St Colmcille's GAC Lotto: 2/12/14/15 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2300



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21st May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. "Where are you going?" they ask; "Why can't we follow you?"; "How can we know the way?"

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where or why Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors. So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. "I will not leave you orphans," says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us and the truth is that we're never alone in our struggles.

So often it occurs to me that there are many people in our world today who feel very lonely or alone. Even at social events and gatherings, music, though good in itself, it can be so loud that it can inhibit conversation. Similarly in the workplace where there can be so much social interaction and very often, the focus can be on efficiency and profits, rather than people and human relationships. Even within family life, it's difficult for people to get together as everyone is doing their own thing. Valid as that might be, the overall effect may be to heighten that sense of being more individualistic, more isolated and more alone.

And even though there many people who might feel lonely or alone, Jesus assures us today that he is always with us. Yet, to recognise the Lord's presence in the events of our daily lives, it's necessary that we reflect and spend quiet time alone and in the presence of God and allow his Spirit to speak into our hearts. God is truly present in silence and God speaks to us in and through his Word. As we approach the great Feast of Pentecost, we're reminded of the extraordinary gift and the limitless power of the Holy Spirit at work in our world. The Spirit is nothing less than God himself crossing the great divide and making his dwelling place in the hearts of all Gods people. He comes in many forms and He touches us in different ways. May we reach out in trust and leave ourselves open and receptive to his influence, so that the Holy Spirit will strengthen our hope and give our lives new meaning and direction.

With every blessing

Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 28th May**. The bus will depart from the gates of the Cathedral at 6.50am. The bus will stop for a short time in Belcoo. Pilgrims are advised to bring a packed lunch with them. Cost: £7.50. Booking with Pat Hamilton on 07542 214607

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paddy Sullivan & Baby Oran Keenan Toner
MONTHS MIND: Patrick Brannigan (20th)
The 1st Anniversary Mass for John McArdle will take place
in St. Malachy's on Fri 26th May at 7:30pm

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6077.14 & € 126.82

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

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

Sacristy Any visitors 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 by 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.**

Adoration Adorer needed each Wednesday at 12noon. Contact Nora 37 525265

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

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

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

First Saturday's Devotion 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 9.15am, 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.

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.

Ministry of the Word/Eucharist Anyone who wishes to be a Minister of the Word/Eucharist in any of the Churches in the Parish is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Armagh Pioneer Centre Presentation Mass will take place in St. Malachy's Church on **Fri 23rd June** at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to receive Gold or Silver pins or a 60 year medal, or to enrol as a pioneer please contact Brian 37524853 or Stella 38891002.

The last **Do This in Memory Celebration** of the year will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 17th June** at 7pm. We look forward to all First Communicants joining for the celebration on that evening.

Confirmation We pray for the many young people in our Parish who will be confirmed in their faith on the weekend of **Sat 3rd/Sun 4th June**. All of the confirmandi are having a pre-Confirmation retreat & we thank Aoibhin (Parish Youth Worker) for facilitating these wonderful gatherings.

Armagh Parish Trip takes place from **Monday 5th - Thursday 8th June**. Those travelling will be based in The Four Star, Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. There are limited twin/double rooms available.

Any remaining payments are now outstanding. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership are hosting a visit to the Seamus Heaney Visitor Centre in Bellaghy, Co. Derry on **Thurs 15th June**. Further information and booking details will be made available soon.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 21, 2017
"Those who love Me will keep my word." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest? Call:: Fr Peter McAnenly 028 37522802

Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers

Would you be willing to offer 2-3 hours a week volunteering in the Cathedral Gift Shop? Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813,

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm.

Tullysaran Community Association: Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin; Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm; **Review, Relax & Renew Thurs 25 May** 6.30-9pm. To book text your name to 07542509624. This is a free programme - Stress Management.

Coffee Morning in aid of Southern Area Hospice Services **Sat 3rd June** 10am-2pm at 142 Maydown Rd, Benburb. Contact Neville or Myrtle for more info 37548636

A number of boxes of Parish Envelopes have not been collected for the Tullysaran area, if any family hasn't received their envelopes they are asked to contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Fatima To commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima 100 years ago, the Knights of St. Columbanus are hosting Fr Desmond Farren MSC of the World Apostolate of Fatima who will speak on **Tues 13th June** 7pm in St. Catherine's College. Admission free. All are welcome to attend.



The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate on **Monday** at 8.15pm. There will be Miraculous Medals distributed and blessed at the Novena Mass on **Monday 22nd May**.

Visit of Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta to St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh A Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta is to visit the Cathedral Churches in Ireland during the month of June. The special Relic will be in St Patrick's Cathedral from the evening of **Thurs 8 June** until lunch time on **Sat 10 June**, so that people will have an opportunity to venerate it. St Teresa of Calcutta is revered for her work with the poor in India and two apparent cures of sick people after her death in 1997 have been attributed to her intercession. On the day of her Canonisation, Pope Francis said: "St Teresa of Calcutta spent her whole life bowing down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God given dignity".

Thursday 8 June

7.20pm Arrival and Procession
7.30pm Evening Mass
10.00pm Night Prayer
(Cathedral closes at 10.30pm)

Friday 9 June

8.00am Morning Mass
10.00am Morning Mass
12.00noon Midday Prayer
3.00pm Rosary
6.00pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Evening Mass
10.00pm Night Prayer
(Cathedral closes at 10.30pm)

Saturday 10 June

10.00am Morning Mass
12.00noon Midday Prayer
1.00pm Relic departs Cathedral

Confessions will be heard on the mornings of Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June from 9.30am - 9.55am and from 10.30am - 12noon and on the Friday afternoon from 4pm - 6pm.

That time of year again, when many of our young people are doing exams!

We remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are doing exams in the coming days and weeks. We pray that God may send his Spirit upon all of them and may they be guided in the work that they do.

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.

