

Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission invite young adults aged 20-35 to the 2nd Annual CREDO Conference on Saturday 28th April in Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre from 10am-7pm (Vigil Mass at 6pm). Cost: £10 per person (inc. lunch). The theme, 'I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord', will be explored by keynote speakers Fr. John Harris OP, Fr. Philip Mulryne OP and Fr. Gary Toman OP (Irish Dominicans). For further information and booking visit <https://credo2018.eventbrite.co.uk/> or e-mail armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Brahms' Requiem Armagh City Choir present Brahms' Ein Deutsche Requiem in St Malachy's Church, on Fri 11 May at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door on the evening. All are welcome.

Armagh Widows next meeting is Wed 2nd May in the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. There will be no meeting in April due to Easter. All welcome.

A thought for the day! Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ will offer a thought for the day on BBC Radio Ulster at 7.55am on the mornings of Sunday 22nd & 29th April. You might like to listen to the reflections.

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.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - Outing to Portglenone Abbey on Wednesday 2 May; Coach leaving from St Malachy's Church at 9am. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Thomas McHugh in the Monastery. Free time for shopping in Ballymena. Cost £30 to include Coach Fare, mid-morning refreshments en route and Evening Meal in Cookstown, returning home at 8pm approx. Booking 07752409636

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 at 8pm on Tuesdays at SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. Speaker on 24th April: Sr Josephine Walsh All welcome.

Anam Cara Northern Ireland, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 25th April from 7.30pm-9:00pm in Armagh City Hotel. Anam Cara Northern Ireland offers a safe & comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' & 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.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Parents and Families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby Sunday 13th May at 3pm Seagoe Parish Centre 46 Seagoe Road, Portadown

Sacred Heart Messenger Celebrate 130 years Mass of Thanksgiving with Cardinal Brady Sun 29th April 3pm. St. John the Baptist Church, Portadown. All welcome. Refreshments after.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Dr Clodagh Downey, NUI Galway, on 'The Jordan of Ireland – Medieval Traditions about the Boyne', Wed 2nd May 8pm in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library & Archive. The Society's AGM immediately follows the lecture. The Annual Dinner event jointly hosted by the Ó Fiaich Library & Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha is now scheduled for Sunday 27th May (7:30pm) in Canal Court Hotel.

Lislea News Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: Stevey McGeown £100 and Oisín Gribben £50.

Give Blood! Blood Transfusion Service will be at Crozier Hall, St. Mark's Church on Thurs 26th & Fri 27th 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm. We encourage all



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22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Many religious and social changes have all conspired to undermine that sense of belonging which is essential to our well-being. In many hearts in western society, there is a growing sense of alienation that can lead to despondency and hopelessness and even, to suicide. In today's gospel however, Jesus refers to himself as the "gate of the sheepfold", the one who knows his sheep intimately and cares for them devotedly. He says, "The thief comes only to kill and destroy. I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full". It is an encouraging and revitalising message, a message of hope. The challenge is to believe it personally and to live accordingly.

A necessary requirement for growing into such faith conviction is to experience that sense of belonging to a community of believers who support each other in practical ways as well as sharing prayer and praise of God. Without such an experience of genuine secure belonging, faith in a caring God is almost impossible today. So the young move elsewhere. Therefore the challenge for all followers of Christ is to build vibrant, faith filled communities and parishes, centred on the Eucharist, and influencing the affairs of daily living. To this task, some dedicate their lives full time as priests, deacons and religious. The role in forming community and gathering the people around the table of the Eucharist is a central role.

On this Vocations Sunday, we are invited to pray once again that such leaders in the faith will never be found wanting. The need for them was never greater. The demands have never been more intimidating, the opportunities never more challenging, the rewards never more worthwhile.

"Lord, inspire young men and women to give their lives to the building of your Kingdom on earth; we pray especially that some, in our own parish, will be alert to the promptings of your Spirit whispering to their hearts. May they have the courage and the grace to hear your call and answer it".

Just imagine if, in every parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a candidate for priesthood, the diaconate or religious life. Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it to him/her to think and pray about it? What would happen? God knows! As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Mass Servers, Catechists or members of various committees. God's Kingdom needs people who are willing to say "yes" and give their hands, feet and hearts. Jesus the Good Shepherd is saying: "Whom shall I send?" The question is "What are you saying in reply?"

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Campbell, Tommy Dodders, Bridget McCartan, Anthony McKeown, Eileen Kane, Imelda Nugent, Ann Loughlin, Michael Hutchinson & Eileen McClelland.
MONTHS MIND: Una Boylan (25th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 14/19/21/28 Next weeks Jackpot £1950

Abbey Lotto: 1/15/20/28 Next weeks Jackpot £3550

Tullysaran Lotto: 1/2/16/14 Next weeks Jackpot £2000

St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/11/21/23 Next weeks Jackpot is £1100

Weekly collection amounted to **£8293.88 & €247.30**

Trocaire collection 2018 amounted to **£16936.11 & €1550.21**.

Next weekend the annual collection will be taken up at all Masses to help support the Education of Priests for our diocese.

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

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.**

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela: 25 September– 2 October

Walk part of The Way of St James for the week. Beginning at St Jean Pied-de-Port, the route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns. Pilgrims will walk approximately 130 km & on the last day, we will be brought by coach for our walk into the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. Booking through www.marian.ie

Parish Envelopes If you have not received envelopes for 2018 and wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office

Gift Aid & Standing Order Forms available online and in the Parish Office.

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. We continue to pray for more vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life. We remember in prayer the Priests from our diocese who go off on retreat in

the coming days to SMA House, Dromantine.

O God, Who wish all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, labourers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 27 May 2018**. Buses will be travelling from parishes across the diocese and people are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special pilgrimage in this year when we celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. Families are encouraged to consider being part of the pilgrimage and 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 from Armagh Parish. Booking at Parish Office. Leaving Cathedral Gates, Cathedral Rd at 7am. £10 per person.

Aifreann na Gaeilge: tús curtha leis an Aifreann arís don tríú téarma, agus léifear é gach Satharn. Irish Mass: Mass has recommenced for the third term and will continue each Saturday.

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. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

Lourdes Mass A special Mass will be offered in St Malachy's Church on Wednesday 9 May at 7.30pm and all who are travelling on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will join for the special celebration.

See what's happening in our Pastoral Area by following St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area on Facebook! Our Pastoral Area includes the Parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm;

Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday music 7-8.30pm; Friday CPR/defib training 7-9.30pm

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.

“Celebrating Family Life”

As we continue to prepare for the World Meeting of Families, a special evening of celebration for all families in our parish will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thurs 10 May** at 7.30pm. All families are encouraged to make an effort to attend this celebration, as we come together to give thanks for all of that's good about family life & to pray God's blessing on all our homes & families. As part of the celebration, prayers will be offered for all those who are doing exams.

Families are invited to bring along a small picture of their family & place it in the Sacred Space in the sanctuary of the Cathedral on the evening. These pictures will be pieced together to make our “Parish Family Collage” & it will hang in the Cathedral & all of the families will be remembered in prayer. All families who attend on the evening will also be given a ticket & a draw will be made as part of the evening for two families to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August of this year.

Everyone is encouraged to make a special effort to join for this evening of celebration. A special invitation is extended to all young people throughout our Parish & they're encouraged to attend what promises to be a very uplifting and memorable evening for all.

Remembering all our First Communicants We remember in prayer the many young people in our Parish who will be celebrating their 1st Holy Communion. May these weeks be a time of joy and blessing for our young people & their families.

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area: Corpus Christi Procession As we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families, the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan will gather in St Patrick's Cathedral for a special celebration of Mass on **Fri 1st June** at 7pm. After the Mass, there will be a Corpus Christi Procession & the First Communicants of this year from each of the four parishes are invited to lead the procession. People are encouraged to join with their families on the evening to give praise & thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist.

Pioneer Association to gather in honour of the Sacred Heart The Pioneer Association from the parishes of Armagh, Keady & Derrynoose, Killcluney & Tynan and Middletown will come together for a special Mass in St Malachy's Church, Armagh 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 each of the Primary Schools in the Pastoral Area who have become young Probationers this year. On the evening, they will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to the pledge they have made.

Confirmation Dates

Saturday 19 May @ 2pm

St Malachy's PS

St Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

Sunday 20 May @ 2pm

Christian Brothers PS

Mt St Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

First Communion

Mt. St. Catherine's PS—**Sun 29th April @ 11am**

CBS Irish Medium - **Sat 5th May @ 10am**

CBS English Medium - **Sat 5th May @ 11:30am**

Our Lady's PS - **Sun 6th May @ 10am**

Saints & Scholars PS - **Sat 12th May @ 11am**

St. Malachy's PS - **Sun 13th May @ 10am**

St. Patrick's PS—**Sun 13th May @ 11am**

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.