

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin on **Sun 7th Oct**. Fare: £12 return. Bus from St. Malachy's Church. Contact: Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

Mary's Meals desperately need extra copybooks & rulers & indeed any of the items listed on the notices beside the collection baskets in the churches. We are very grateful for all your support so far. Donations can also be left into our HQ in Dobbin St any Tues or Thurs afternoon. Thank you.

Benburb Community PlayGroup A pre-school place which has just become available in our playgroup, if your child was born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 and you wish to avail of this place, please contact the playgroup for details. 02837549501 - benburb@btconnect.com

Blessed is She – a Catholic women's ministry devoted to Scripture & community- was founded in the Diocese of Phoenix and, for the first time, will host their Blessed Is She retreat at the Emmaus Centre in Swords, Co. Dublin on **November 23rd & 24th**. Theme: John 3:8: "*The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit*". We are expecting women from all over Ireland and Europe! All women aged 18+ are welcome to attend. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. For more info/booking visit blessedishe.net/wild

September on Lough Derg Last one day retreat takes place on the 30th September. Additional day: Living with Suicide Day Retreat, 29th Sept. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Public Rosary will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be - Oct 6th - Nov 10th - Dec 8th. All welcome.

Community Well-Being Event to be held on **Wed 24th Oct** at the Armagh City Hotel from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a number of organisations promoting health & wellbeing through workshops, as plus on alcohol, drugs & mental health. Theresa Burke, guest speaker will talk about the devastating effect drugs had on her son, Light supper will be served on arrival.

The Parkinson's Armagh Support Group is currently looking for volunteers to help at their monthly meetings. If you have a spare couple of hours per month and would like to know more please contact Emma on 0797 686 6649 or email emckeown@parkinsons.org.uk.

An Port Mor Comhaltas Classes started back on Tues 18th at 5:30pm in Blackwatertown. For more info contact Eileen 07833575829.

Armagh Men Shed is celebrating five years with an exhibition of works on **Fri 28th Sept** 11am -2:30pm. Armagh Pipers Club, Scotch Street. Refreshments served.

Anam Cara Armagh is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wed 26th Sept** at 7:30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This is a free event & open to all bereaved parents. Please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 25th September or call 02895213120 if you wish to attend.

Rosary on the Coast Join tens of thousands of the faithful in Ireland to pray the Rosary on our coasts and other inland locations at 2.30pm, on Sunday, October 7th. Visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie for more info.

Mount St Catherine's Little Buds Playgroup has a limited amount of places available for children 3yrs and above. Places will be available for children 2yrs and 10mths from November. If you would like your child to attend playgroup and take part in our exciting new programme 'Eager and Able to Learn', please contact the playgroup by phoning 028 37511003 or 07470192796.

Road Race Armagh 10 mile road race & 4 mile fun challenge **Sun 14 Oct** at 12noon from the Navan Centre. £15/€20 & £7/€9. Late entries on the day between 10-11am only. Group/club rate available. Contact Edel 02837 529636 edel.ferson@armaghbanbridgescraigavon.gov.uk



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 16/21/26/28. One winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1100
Abbey Lotto: 5/12/17/25. One Winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £4500
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/8/19/22 Next weeks Jackpot is £2150

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23rd September

25th Sunday of the Year Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all". Then he took a little child and said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me".

This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" In the context of today's gospel, we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come?

In his encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis acknowledges that for so long, human beings have treated the planet as if it were there solely for our use and exploitation, as if we were the greatest. He urges us to see the deep connectedness that exists with nature.

"Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it". Pope Francis refreshingly speaks of an "integral ecology", that dealing with climate change involves an approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature. We can no longer treat any of these in isolation.

We are all an integral part of nature and are called to respect nature not simply because of its use for us, but because of the countless relationships that exist between the environment and ourselves. The earth is calling to us to act. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called to examine how we relate to one another, and that includes our relationship with nature. We must start listening to what the earth is saying to us, and like the child in today's Gospel, respond with humility.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Monday 1 October - Feast of St Therese of Lisieux – Roses will be blessed at 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church on that evening.

Prayer to St Therese

Lord, give me the open heart of a child. Let me come trustingly to you, not afraid to ask for your love. Deliver me from the belief that I am self sufficient. Show me my need of you. Give me the grace to reach out to you. Lord, give me a child's simplicity and a sense of wonder. May my enthusiasm for you never dim. Let me hasten to converse with you in the intimacy of prayer. Give me discernment to realise there is no detail of my life too tiny for your concern. Help me to perceive your glory in the helplessness of the cross. Son of God, who for my sake, took on the dependency of childhood, help me to accept the readiness of the Father's grace. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Donnelly, Angela McCluskey and Mairin Robinson,

MONTHS MIND

Marie Hamill (27th) and Frank Devlin (27th)



The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses on 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: 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.

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

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

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Tuesday 9am, & Friday at 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

WMOF Mass of Thanksgiving A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Wed 26 Sept** at 7.30pm to give thanks for all who were involved in the diocese in helping to plan & prepare for the WMOF. All who were involved in any way in planning for the opening celebration in Armagh on **Tues 21 Aug** are invited to join. **There will be NO 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church on that evening.**

Aifreann Na Gaeilge Thosaigh an t- Aifreann i ndiaidh Sos an tSamhraidh sa tséipéal i gColáiste Phádraig dé Sathairn seo caite. Bíonn fáilte roimh Ghaeilgeoirí ag an Aifreann seo ar 5.30 i.n. gach Satharn i rith an scoil-théarma. IRISH MASS: Mass has recommenced after the Summer Break in the school chapel at SPGS and will continue for now on Saturdays at 5.30pm.

Legion of Mary Bus to Knock on **30th September** leaving St Malachys at 7am. Cost £15. Bring a packed lunch. Booking: 07799867714.

Do This in Memory of Me The Enrolment Ceremony for all P4 children in the parish will take place at the 7pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 29th Sept.**

Family Photos In the lead up to the World Meeting of Families, we have been developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families featured will be remembered in prayer for the remainder of the year. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

Parish Census Following on from the areas that were visited in the parish in the early part of the Summer, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of St Columbanus will deliver Parish Census forms to homes in Mullacreevie Park and Abbey Park in early October. Further details to follow.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tuesdays at 8pm at new SVP Centre for prayer and praise.

Camino de Santiago

Best Wishes to the pilgrims from our parish who go off on the Camino on Tuesday. May they be blessed with a good pilgrimage.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday Evening at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these". (Mk 10: 13-16)

The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday. Each Sunday the group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All primary school children are welcome to attend. All leaders have been vetted. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office—37522813.



Community Centre On Your Feet" 4 week exercise programme starting Fri 28 Sept 10-11am in Tullysaran Community Centre. Fun filled programme for anyone still active but who may find a traditional exercise class too much For info contact Martina on 07542509624

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council: Important Meeting

For the last number of years and there has been a very active Parish Pastoral Council at work within our Parish. I wish to thank all of the members for their commitment and dedication since they have become involved and I thank them particularly for all that they have done to help develop our parish community. Given the fact that the PPC has been in place for the last few years, we will be recruiting some new members and we will be electing a new PPC in October of this year. As part of the process, Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk will be offering a special evening in **Mt St Catherine's Primary School on Tuesday 9 October at 8pm**, when people will be invited to come along and learn more about the importance of a PPC within a Parish and it will also be an opportunity to explore some of the ways in which the Council can help make a real difference and help develop the local faith community.

The purpose of a PPC is to develop a partnership between the priests and the people and unlike many Councils in the past, whose primary function seemed to be concerned with the fabric of the parish and its maintenance, today's Council is more concerned with fostering the faith and spirituality of the community. In order to fulfil its mission, a Pastoral Council needs to be rooted in prayer, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and formed by the Word of God through patient listening and reflection. The PPC off course, isn't just a decision making body that happens to pray, but rather, it's a praying body that makes decisions. And many of those decisions will relate to the development of people's faith and the promotion of Gospel values.

Whilst I'm very aware of many of the initiatives that our current PPC have been involved in, I'm also aware that the future of our parish and indeed all parishes depends on the active participation of lay people in building our faith community. We all have God given gifts and talents and we all can make a contribution or a difference for the better. Over these coming weeks, perhaps I might ask myself, how can I become more actively involved in the life of my parish/my Church? **Could I make a real difference in my parish by becoming more involved with our new Parish Pastoral Council?**

Landmark Anniversary

This weekend, St Patrick's Church of Ireland celebrates the 750th anniversary of the present building. The foundation of the first Church on the site is attributed to St Patrick, in 445 AD, and the present Cathedral dates from the work of Mael Patraic O Scanall in 1268. Of this building, all that remains for certainty is the crypt. The structure was extended by Archbishop Milo Sweetman in the 14th century. After several centuries of destruction and disrepair, the building owes much to the major restoration in the 1830s under Archbishop Lord John George Beresford, and to the further alterations of the east end between 1890 and 1913. From the original monastery, through cycles of destruction and repair, through Reformation and rebuilding, the Cathedral embodies a remarkable inheritance in Church history. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to all associated with St Patrick's Cathedral on this special anniversary.

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.