

**Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group** invite you to join them for their End of Year Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr. Peter McAnenly on Tuesday at 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

**Children's Liturgy Workshop** in Pastoral Centre, Dundalk on **Sat 30th June** 10:30am-3:30pm facilitated by Caren Collins. £5/€5 per person inc. light lunch. Bookings via 042 9336393 or [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie) before 18th June.

**Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (ADYC) Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** for those aged 18-35 who would like to experience an ancient and unique pilgrimage with young people from across the Armagh Archdiocese. **Fri 13th - Sun 15th July**. Cost (inc. transport): Adult €75/£65, Student (with Valid student ID) €64/ £55. Booking at 07704102906 or [armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk)

**Saint Brigid's Camogie Club** is hosting a coffee afternoon in Sherry's Fields Complex straight after the Blessing of the Graves today **24th June**. Great chance to catch up with friends and family (Disabled Access). Donations Welcome. **Saint Brigid's Camogie Clubs Summer Disco** in Pearse Ogs Social Club **Sun 24th June** 4-6:30 £3 per child family discount. All Welcome.

**12th All Ireland Rally for Life** will be held in Belfast on **Sat 7th July** at 2pm. All are encouraged to join for this rally. A bus will be leaving from St Malachy's at 12noon. To book your seat contact 07707106298 / 07596501003

**Armagh Widows** next meeting on **Wed 4th July** in the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd from 7pm-9pm. New members welcome.

**Do you want to learn more about your Faith?** If you do, why not enrol in our Diocesan Theology Programme. There are no entrance qualifications and no exams. It is a two year course, there are 6 modules per year and it runs for 6 weeks per module of one night per week. Learning more about our faith is exciting and enjoyable. If you are interested please contact Milanda at [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie) or 0035342 9336393.

**Anam Cara**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 27th June**, 7.30pm-9:00pm, in the Armagh City Hotel. Anam Cara 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.

**Coffee morning** will be held in The Old Schoolhouse, Milford on **Sat 30th June** from 10.30am-12.30pm. In aid of Cancer Focus NI and Friends of Cancer Centre City Hospital Belfast. All welcome.

**Lislea News** Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: 1st Prize of £100 to Archie Nugent & 2nd Prize £50 to Rebecca, Alana and Natasha Murphy.

**Annual St Oliver Plunkett Festival** takes place on **Sun July 1st** - the Feast of St Oliver beginning at 3pm in Holy Family Parish Ballsgrove & walking to St Peter's Church, West Street (National Shrine) for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

#### **Prayer for the holidays**

Dear Lord, how we have waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here. Thank you Lord for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so that they may better serve you. Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way. Help us not to worry about having the PERFECT holiday but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. We are grateful for the joys that await us whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude. Watch over us and protect us as we travel and bring us safely home again refreshed and renewed. Amen.



**Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 2/6/14/27** Next weeks Jackpot £1300  
**Abbey Lotto: 4/12/87/28** Next weeks Jackpot £4000  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/8/14/21** Next weeks Jackpot is £1550



## **St Patrick's Cathedral Parish**

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**24th June 2018**

### **The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and we listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know that there will be something special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are called to be signposts for others.

*Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow", and hearing this we followed that person.*

On a different note, I'm conscious that over the coming weeks and many couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Marriage is a challenging vocation and one that needs a lot of prayer and the support of a Christian community. We extend this Irish blessing to all married couples and especially those who are about to begin married life.

*As you travel together, may God guide you on your way. May he bring you newfound joy in each other, day by day. May your home be graced with peace, may your sharing know no bounds. May your friendship know full measure in this lifetime and may true love be found. And as your closeness deepens, may each moment be the start of life lived hand in hand, and love lived heart to heart.*

Finally, as our schools close later this week and as the prospect of summer holidays loom before us, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break wherever you go and whatever you do.

With every blessing,  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

### **Summer Break**

There will be no Parish Bulletin from 8th—29th July. The Parish Bulletin will resume on Sunday 5th August. The last Parish Bulletin will be 1st July, all notices should be submitted no later than Tuesday 26th June at 5pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Colum McDonnell, Catherine Pardoe, Barry Randall, Eileen Kelly, Enda O'Kane, Mary Mallon & Fr. Kieran MacOscar  
**MONTHS MIND:** Molly Rafferty (27th)

**Weekly Collection: £6247.51 & €221.00**  
**WMOF Collection: £2430.99 & €209.35**

**The next Priests Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sat 30 June/Sun 1 July**

### 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: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

**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.

**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:** 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.**

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!

**Family Stations** As we prepare for the WMOF we hope to have Family Stations erected in Crowley Park in the grounds of the Cathedral. Families will be encouraged to pray the stations over the coming months. More details to follow.

**All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto: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.**

**World Meeting of Families 2018** will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Free tickets for the Closing Mass & the Pope's visit to Knock will become available **on the morning of Monday 25th June via the online booking system only -** <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/>.

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

### **\*\*PAPAL MASS BUS ARRANGEMENTS\*\***

Armagh, Middletown & Keady will provide a bus for parishioners who wish to attend the Closing Mass celebrated by Pope Francis at Phoenix Park. **Anyone wishing to book a seat should either telephone Nuala in Parochial House Keady on 02837531242 (Please leave name and contact telephone number on answering service) or you can email [info@keadyparish.net](mailto:info@keadyparish.net).**

- Cost per person is £10
- Please bring a packed lunch
- You must obtain your own ticket for the Mass
- Please be aware that there could be at least a 3 mile walk to and from the Mass (those with medical or walking issues should be accompanied by friend/relative to assist)

**WMOF Diocesan Celebration** will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 21st August**. The festival begins in the Shambles Yard at 5pm with family fun, music, dance, craic and much more! The celebration will continue in St. Patrick's Cathedral from 7:30pm-8:30pm. All are encouraged to join for this special Armagh launch for the World Meeting of Families.

**Summer Schedule** Archbishop Martin has written to Parish Priests/Administrators recently, asking them to develop a Summer Schedule, to ensure that all priests are able to take a proper break. In some parishes, it's becoming very difficult for priests to find cover for holidays and the priests of Armagh Parish help to provide cover for priests in the other parishes in our Pastoral Area. For that reason, there will be NO 8am Mass in St Malachy's Church for the 12th fortnight. The 8am Mass will resume on Tuesday 24th July. The Novena Mass in Tullysaran will be cancelled for July and August and it will resume at the beginning of September.

**Mullacreevie Community Mass** will take place on **Fri 29th** at 7:30pm at the Community House. Tea & Coffee will be served after. All welcome.

## **CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN**

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

**Children's Liturgy Group** will resume on Sunday 9th September 2018.

**Community Centre** Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday Pilates 7-8pm.

**Evening of Prayer to pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families** St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area have organised a special evening of prayer, to pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families in the newly restored St Joseph's Church, Tynan on **Fri 17th Aug** at 7.30pm. Families within our Pastoral Area are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special evening as we prepare to celebrate this world meeting in our country.

**Ordination to Diaconate** We remember in prayer Rev Kenneth Paul O'Reilly, a student at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk who will be ordained deacon by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 28 June at 6pm. In this month of June, we also remember all priests who are celebrating Jubilees of Ordination to Priesthood.

**Corrymeela Centre for Peace and Reconciliation** The Community in Corrymeela are inviting representatives from a number of Parishes/Churches in Northern Ireland to a special Open Day in Corrymeela, Ballycastle on Friday 17th August 2018. It will be an opportunity to meet with representatives from other Churches and tour the wonderful site and hear about the wonderful work that is going on there. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided as part of the day. Anyone who may be interested in going from our Parish is asked to leave their names at the Parish Office.

**Your voice counts!** On **Sat 7th July**, Armagh Justice & Peace Commission will be hosting a conversation about your thoughts on the recent Referendum & how you feel about the upcoming World Meeting of Families. This gathering will take place in The Carrickdale Hotel, outside Dundalk from 10am – 1pm. It is a free event & we look forward to meeting you and giving you an opportunity to express your views and listen to other voices. Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is most welcome.

### **Relics of Family of Saints to visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh**

As we look forward to the World Meeting of Families, Relics of St Louis & St Zelig Martin & their daughter, St Therese of Lisieux will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 12 Aug**. The Relics will arrive at the Cathedral for 11am Mass & they will leave at 9am on the morning of **Mon 13 Aug**. People will have an opportunity to come & venerate the Relics of the family that embodies what is best in family life & they offer a wonderful example of what a family can become.

St Therese of Lisieux, otherwise known as The Little Flower, is one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church. Pope St Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times". At a young age, she felt the call to religious life & at the age of fifteen she became a nun & joined two of her older sisters in the cloistered Carmelite Community in Lisieux in Normandy. After nine years as a religious, she died at the young age of 24 and was canonised a saint in 1925. Her feast day is 1st October. Three years ago, Pope Francis canonised her parents & they were the first spouses in the history of the Church to be canonised as a couple. We look forward to welcoming the Relics of this special family to St Patrick's Cathedral. Further details about the visit will be available in the coming weeks.

### **Prayer for the Family**

Father in heaven, you called Saints Zelig and Louis Martin to holiness through their married life. You gave them as Mother and Father to St Therese of Lisieux. Through their intercession, we ask you to bless married couples, bless our children and grandchildren. Guide us as citizens to make the kind of decisions that will support family life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN

**Family Photos** We are currently in the process of developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families will be remembered in prayer as we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

