

**Reconciling the Reformation** A special Service will take place in St Patrick's COI Cathedral, Armagh on **Sun 8th Oct** at 3.15pm to mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. The theme for the service is "Reconciling the Reformation" & the guest speaker will be Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are welcome.

**Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin **Sun 1st Oct**. Bus departs St. Malachy's Church at 10.45am. £12 return. Booking with Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

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

**Family Care Adoption Services** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. Contact us at: **T:** 028 71 368592 **Email:** [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org)

**Parish Mission Middletown** John Pridmore, ex-gangster & bestselling author, will be returning to Middletown Parish to give a Mission from **Mon 25th - Friday 29th Sept**. Each night has a different theme with talks, prayer, music...etc. All are welcome.

**Tutoring** Fully qualified teacher available in the local area for transfer test tutoring or support with literacy/numeracy for primary aged pupils. Contact Kristina on 07761531813 or email [kristina1051@hotmail.com](mailto:kristina1051@hotmail.com)

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wed 27th 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before **Tues 26th Sept** or call 085 2888 888.

**TWO HEARTS RETREAT** Following the recent visit of Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrim Statue, the Alliance of the Two Hearts will hold a follow-up retreat, led by Fr Edgardo Arellano. The retreat is open to all, including families, residential and non-residential. The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are inviting you to come and listen to the urgent messages given at Fatima for the healing of our families. Armagh City Hotel: **Sat 7th & 8th Oct** 9am-6pm. Contact: 028 375 18888 (booking code **ALL1051017**)

**National Novena DROMANTINE** in honour of St Therese of the Child Jesus. Mass and Novena prayers twice daily at 10am & 7.30pm from **Sat 23rd Sept - Sun 1st Oct**. A variety of themes and speakers for each day. All are welcome!

**2 Chronicles 7:14.** A weekend of "prayer for our land" conference in Knock, Co. Mayo. **20th - 22nd October**. Speakers: Fr. John Keane, Noel Byrne, Aidan Byrne, Fr. Lawrence CFR, of Moyross. Contact: Patricia 087 9130909 or Theresa 086 3241269

**Gael Linn** You are welcome to join Lord Mayor & Gael Linn at The Navan Centre on **Thurs 28th September** at 6pm when Prof. Séamus Mac Mathúna launches Cúchulainn: Ulster's Greatest Hero by Réamonn Ó Ciaráin & Dara Vallely/ Entertainment & Refreshments Provided - RSVP: Gael Linn, 20 Bóthar na hArdeaglaise, Ard Mhacha BT61 7QX or [reamonn@gael-linn.ie](mailto:reamonn@gael-linn.ie).

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture on 'Elections in County Armagh in 1918: Sign of the Times?' by Dr Eoin Magennis. **Wed 4th Oct** 8pm in Ó Fiaich Library. All welcome.

**The 12** Are you interested in a life changing experience? In preparation for World Meeting of Families, The 12 Mission Team invite you to a 'New Life in the Holy Spirit' Weekend Conference in The Servite Priory, Benburb on 7th&8th October 9am-6pm (both days). £25 (incl. resources and light meal) For booking info Marie 028 85557394 or email: [mailforthe12@gmail.com](mailto:mailforthe12@gmail.com)

**40 Days For Life** Please join with Precious Life in Praying and Fasting For an end to Abortion. **27th Sept - 5th Nov.**



**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 2/10/11/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,600  
**Abbey Lotto: 4/6/16/27** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2050  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 11/17/19/21** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1725  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 4/7/12/15** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3200



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24th September 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

It's good to be chosen, but to be left aside is desolation. Some of us can recall the anxiety of standing in the school yard, waiting to be called as teams were picked and desperately hoping that we wouldn't be left to the very end or worse still, totally ignored. Adult versions of the same scenario happen in real life. Marie knows what it's like. After having three children and twelve years of marriage, her husband no longer wants to be married. "He's away with a younger partner, a newer model!" as local gossip crudely puts it. Martin knows what it's like. Three decades with the same company and a senior position becomes vacant. He should get it but the board have different ideas. They want youth – something Martin doesn't have.

"A small guy in a tall world". "A lost ball in long grass". "One brick short of a load". You can add your own phrase. If you've been there and this describes you, then you should feel at home with today's gospel. God has a peculiar passion for the little ones, for those who are lost, for those who are forgotten and for the ones who are on the margin.

Glancing through the Gospels, it's interesting to observe where Jesus can be found and the people with whom he associates. See the hand of Jesus on the festered skin of the leper; notice how he responds to the touch of the woman with a haemorrhage; listen to how he speaks to the woman accused of adultery; observe him beckoning the small man Zacchaeus down from the tree; watch him at table surrounded by tax collectors and sinners. He says it himself: "The last will be first, and the first last". The message is consistent. What society rejects, God cherishes. What the world writes off, God picks up. What others turn away, God gathers in.

Today's gospel is also a reassurance that God does not reward our achievements but honours the way in which we respond to the opportunities that come our way. It's worth remembering that the Lord has selected each one of us; we have been chosen by him and for him and he has a special purpose for each of us. May we so live and behave, that we may be worthy of such trust.

With every blessing  
Peter McAnenly Adm

**Special Icon of The Holy Family to visit St Patrick's Cathedral.**

The special Icon which has been commissioned in preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 will be in the Cathedral from **Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 October** and people will have an opportunity to venerate it and pray before it. It will be present for the special celebration "The Joy of Love" on the evening of **Tuesday 10 October** when all are invited to come along for a special Evening Prayer at 7pm and on the evening, we will learn the official hymn for the WMOF, "A Joy for all the earth".



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joe Grew, James Curran, Peter Hughes, Maev Woods, Sean Hart, Fr. Oliver Breslin, Pat Joe McKenna, Kathleen O'Leary and Jim McRory  
**MONTHS MIND:** Joanie Gribben (24th) and James McKenna (29th)

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6129.15 & €173.77

The Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

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

**All 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.**

**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.

**Hospital Visits** In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:**  
**Wednesday: 11pm and 12midnight**  
**Thursday: 1am & 5am**  
**Friday: 7am**  
Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.** People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Volunteers Needed** to assist with the Offertory at 12noon Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please contact Parish Office.

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday from 8-9pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.

**Priest cover in the parish of Keady, Derrynoose & Madden**

Archbishop Martin has asked Fr Biju Thomas CC to be available for the moment to our neighbouring parish from 12noon on

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.

Wednesdays until 10pm on Thursdays. We wish Fr Biju well in his pastoral duties in Keady Parish.

**Day for Life** Next Sunday is Day for Life.

**Day for Life Prayer**

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilisation of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you, and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen.

**Do this in Memory Enrolment Mass**

The Enrolment Mass for the Do this in Memory Programme will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 7 October** at 7pm. All of this year's First Communicants and their parents are asked to attend on the evening.

**Triduum of Prayer in honour of Our Lady of Fatima**

To mark the close of this centenary year of the first apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, a special Triduum of Prayer will take place in ST Patrick's Cathedral from **Wed 11 – Fri 13 October**. The Triduum will be led by The World Apostolate of Fatima and a visiting preacher will be present on the three days. The Triduum will close with Mass in the Cathedral on **Friday 13 October** and it will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin. During the Mass, a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be crowned as we mark this Jubilee Year.

**SVP** Vincent's Shop is relocating to The Malachys Building Ogle St. This will result in the shop closing on Tuesday Sept;26 with the reopening of our new shop in Ogle St. on **Monday 9th October.**

**Deacon Paul Mallon takes up his duties in the Cathedral Parish next weekend. We wish him God's blessing on his new ministry.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

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**Children's Liturgy Group—Volunteers Needed**

*'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these' Mark 10: 13-16*



Armagh Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a Children's Liturgy Group in the parish at the beginning of October. We plan to start the programme in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and then extend it to the other churches later on in the year. A Children's Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. We invite children from Year 1 to Year 4 to participate. If you

are interested in volunteering please contact Claire in the Parish Office (Tel 37522813) leaving your name and number.

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

**1st Anniversary Mass** for Brendan Smyth will be held on **Tues 26th Sept** at 7:30pm.

**Months Mind Mass** for Jimmy McKenna will be held on **Fri 29th Sept** at 7:30pm

**Cake Sale/Coffee Morning** after Sunday Mass today in Tullysaran Community Centre. All proceeds going to *Shine & Hugs* Charity.

**Community Centre** No Corebox & spin on Tues due to a private function. Wed: Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs: Music 7.30-8.30pm; Fri: Cook It 11.30-1.30pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your name into the sacristy in Tullysaran, or contact Mary or Bronagh on 37548999 or 37548786.

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**New Eucharistic Ministers required** Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is asked to contact the Parish Office.

**"Zumba with Grainne"** Every Monday night in clubrooms from 7pm - 8pm @ £3. Everyone welcome.

**Walk/Run** Grange ladies are entering a team into the Armagh 10mile run & 4 mile walk/ fun run as part of their fundraising ventures for 2017... Event is on Sun 8th October 12noon @ The Navan centre. To enter forward names to Siobhan Rafferty and Dervla Mallon by Fri 30th Sep. 10mile £15 and 4mile £10. All welcome.

**Evening of support for all affected by Addiction** A special evening to help those affected by addiction in our community will take place in **St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, Armagh on Thursday 5 October at 8pm.** The evening will be of particular interest not just to those who have struggled or who continue to struggle with an addiction but also family members and friends who have been affected by it. It promises to be a very worthwhile evening and we encourage people to come along for this special evening of support and care.

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**CELEBRATION OF SPORT**

We invite all sporting groups in the Parish to a special evening in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 8 Oct** at 5.30pm celebrating the Family of Sport. All sporting clubs and organisations in the parish are invited to this special celebration and it promises to be an evening of great colour and joy! Everyone is asked to wear their sporting colours on the evening.



**Thanks** Deacon Martin Brennan wishes to express his gratitude to the parishioners of the Armagh Parish who attended his joyous celebration on Saturday 16th September. I would ask you to remember me in your prayers as I take up my ministry in the Parish of Whitecross (Loughgilly).