

**An Evening with Patrick - The Market Place Theatre: Wed 14 Mar 7.30pm** Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to an evening of music, story, poetry & prayer to celebrate St Patrick. Guest speaker, Fr Peter McVerry, a native of Newry and Jesuit priest, founded The Peter McVerry Trust (formerly Arrupe Charity), which seeks to address homelessness. During the evening, he will invite us to reflect on the words of St Patrick in his Confession "I am Patrick... utterly worthless in the eyes of many". Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place each Tuesday in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane at 8pm

**THIS WEEK: 27th Feb - Receiving God's Gift with Archbishop Eamon Martin**

6th Mar - Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Fr. Gerry Campbell

13th Mar - Growth with Patricia Kelly (testimony also from Martin)

20th Mar - Transformation in Christ with Fr. Owen Gorman

**Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH"** We need you at the most important Rally for Life in Irish History. Be part of it, keep Ireland pro-life! **Saturday 10th March.** A free bus is going from St. Malachy's at 11:30am, Rally starts at 2pm in Dublin. For more info tel 07707106298 or 07596501003.

**The SVP Shop, Ogle Street** regrets it cannot accept pre-loved donations of furniture until further notice. Thank you for your support.

**The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** is looking for Doctors and Nurses to join the Pilgrimage Team from 12th to 17th May 2018. Live Registration with IMC/GMC is required. All enquires to the General Secretary, Mr Martin Feeney E secretary4adh@gmail.com T 30868057

**Women's World Day of Prayer** 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' **Fri 2nd March.** 8pm. First Armagh Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Rev. Patricia McBride.

**Anam Cara** is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wed 28th Feb** 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 Tues 27th Feb or call 02895213120.

**Trócaire** invites you to "Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador" a play by RISE Theatre Company exploring the life & legacy of Bl. Óscar Romero, who was killed whilst celebrating Mass in 1980 Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre, Dungannon, on **Fri 2nd March** 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£7 concession) Booking: 028 8772 8600

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina Annual One Day Retreat with Cardinal Seán Brady** will take place on **Sun 25th March** 10am-5pm in The Ryandale Inn, Moy. Price £25 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Please contact Nuala Somers: T 028 3754 8382. Places are limited. Booking essential.

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha** Journal launch in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library on **Wed 28th Feb** 7:30pm. Guest speaker: Mairéad Uí Mháirtín, former Principal, St Catherine's College. Lecture on **Wed 7th March** (8pm) by Dr Elaine Sissons, (IADT, Dún Laoighaire) on 'Wild Tumult': Bohemian Life in 1920's Ireland'. All welcome to both events.

**World Book Day 2018** The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library, along with the City Chapter, present an evening of storytelling with Donegal based author and dramatist Joe Brennan. The event is free (with voluntary donations welcome) and begins at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 March.

**Lislea News** Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: Saoirse Duffy 1st Prize £100 and Diarmuid O'Connor 2nd Prize £50

**Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information Session** will take place in Armagh City Library on **Mon 26th Feb** 11am-1pm. Drop in for advice on your hearing aid or info about hearing loss. Batteries for NHS aids can be collected. Quick hearing check available.

**Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 9/11/17/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1450

**Abbey Lotto: 7/9/18/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3050

**Tullysaran Lotto: 4/13/19/24** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 12/14/15/18** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £700



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**25th February 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Dear Friends,

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays in Lent always give us a glimpse of two of life's extremes, good and evil. We move from the wilderness with its temptations to the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. I'm sure it's no accident that good and evil, temptation and transfiguration are juxtaposed in this way in the early days of Lent.

On Mount Tabor, the sky was clear. Jesus was praying. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes dazzled. On one side of him was Moses - the great law giver. On the other side was Elijah - one of the most outstanding prophets. And as if that wasn't enough, there was the voice of the Father. No wonder Peter exclaimed, "It is wonderful for us to be here".

But there came another day and another hill. This time the sky was dark. The face of Jesus was covered with sweat and blood. His clothes did not dazzle - they had been taken from him. For companions he had two thieves. There was no voice from heaven; only the scoffers were heard to mock and jeer him. The disciples were terrified and disappointed and didn't want to be there. However the one thing in common between the two events was that Jesus once again was praying. What sustained him in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with the Father.

This special relationship is now open to each of us. It will sustain us through all our dark moments until the glory of Easter shines fully on us. As we continue our Lenten journey, it's important that we keep the goal of our journey before us. The gospel of the transfiguration is read on this Lenten Sunday each year, to remind us to hold firm to a vision of glory, on dark and difficult days. Easter and its joy will follow the season of penance, just as his resurrection followed the passion and death of Jesus. At the same time, we are challenged to build a better world where we envisage a transfigured way of living for all God's people.

"Eternal God, give us a vision of your world as love would make it, a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry; a world where benefits are shared so that everyone can enjoy them; a world where people of different cultures live with tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice and justice is fired with love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen"

Finally, I would like to mention the **Lenten Retreat Day** which will take place this Tuesday from 10.30am - 1.30pm in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. It will be an opportunity to step aside from the busyness of life in this Lenten Season, to reflect and to pray. The day will be led by Sr Ann Lyng, Pastoral Coordinator with the Archdiocese of Armagh and it will begin with tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Do consider this wonderful opportunity as there are still a few places available. Booking is at the Parish Office. On Tuesday evening, the "**Life in the Spirit Seminars**" which have been organised by the Holy Spirit Prayer Group continue in St Vincent de Paul Centre. Archbishop Martin will be the guest speaker on Tuesday evening and he will speak on "Receiving God's Spirit". All are welcome!

With every blessing  
Rev P McAnenly Adm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** George Coulter, Nuala Kerr, Colette Toner, Patsy Fields, Jackie McConville, Baby Donal McAleavy & Oisín Gill.  
**MONTHS MIND:** Eileen Tierney (1st), Michael McKenna (2nd) & Brenda Hurson (4th)

Weekly collection amounted to £6707.46 & €143.65.

This weekend, a special collection will be taken up after Communion at all Masses throughout the country to help support the World Meeting of Families which is being held in Dublin in August of this year.

Next weekend, the Priests Dues collection will be taken up at all Masses.

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

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.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:**  
Mon: 8am; Wed: 11pm; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Parish Records** Help us keep our system up-to-date by letting us know your change of address! If you've changed your address in the last year or are planning to soon, please call Claire in the Parish Office on 37522813

**JOY Youth Group** All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

**Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford** will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing, or £310 for a single room. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

The next **Do this in Memory** celebration for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 3 March** at 7pm.

**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.**

**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](http://www.marian.ie)

**24 hours for the Lord** will take place in St Malachy's Church from 12noon to 12 midnight on **Friday 9 March** and from 7am - 7pm on **Saturday 10 March**. It will be an opportunity to take some time, to reflect and to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season. More details later.

**Dates of First Penance**

St Patrick's PS - Wed 14 March @ 6pm  
St Malachy's PS- Tues 27 Feb @ 6pm  
Mt St Catherine's PS-Tues 6 March @ 7pm  
CBS PS - Thurs 8 March @ 6pm  
Tullysaran PS - Tues 13 March @ 7pm  
Saints & Scholars PS - Wed 7 March @ 6pm

**Ceremony of Light** will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday evening at 7.30pm for all who are to be confirmed this year and their parents.

**Friday** is the first Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited in the coming days or as arranged with individual priests.

A **Holy Hour and Benediction** in St Malachy's Church on Friday evening from 8-9pm.

**Confessions** in St Malachy's Church on Thursday at 12noon.

**Armagh Lourdes Committee** wish to thank you all most sincerely for your continued generosity to the Lourdes Fund. A total of £3823.68 & €210.10 cents was raised. For those Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes deposits will be collected 26th February @ 7.30pm in Parish Office (note time change)

**St Patrick's Vigil - St Patrick's Cathedrals: Friday 16 March** commencing at the COI Cathedral @ 9pm where Archbishop Clarke will lead a prayer. Visitors will then be led by both Archbishops in torchlight to the RC Cathedral where Archbishop Martin will conclude with a prayer. Light refreshments will be served in the Synod Hall after this event.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

**Novena Mass** Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm. & each Wed of Lent at 10am

**Children's Liturgy Group** continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

**Community Centre** Tuesday mum & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm; Yoga 7-8pm; Thursday mum & daughter class 6.30-7.15pm, music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor bowls 8-10pm Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm.

**Tullysaran Community Association AGM Wed 28 Feb @ 7.30pm.**

**Tullysaran Music Classes** take place on Thursday evening. Singing 6:30pm-7pm; Tin Whistle 7:30pm (Beginners) & 7:30pm-8pm (Intermediate); Fiddle 7:30pm-8:30pm. All welcome.

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**Grange Ladies** We have football for Senior, U16 & U12 teams this 2018 season, all new players welcome. The 'Ireland Lights Up' walking track will be lit up for the next 6 weeks from 7pm - 9pm

**Minor Boys** training every Monday night.

**Flower Arrangers** Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging in the Church of St. Colmcille, Knockaconey is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the Church.

**Lenten Evenings of Prayer & Reflection** this special evening for all Ministers of the Word (Readers) in any of the Churches in the parish will take place in The Synod Hall on Tuesday 6th March at 8pm. All Ministers of the Word are asked to make a special effort to attend on the evening.

**Parish Envelopes** for 2018 are currently being prepared. Anyone not receiving a box of envelopes & wishing to do should make contact with the Parish Office. It's only by using a Parish Envelope that the Parish can claim Gift Aid on your giving. We encourage all parishioners to register and to use their parish envelope to support their parish community.

**Inviting all Key Stage 2 pupils to join in "Celebrating St Patrick"** As we prepare to celebrate the feast of St Patrick, KS2 pupils in our Parish are invited to write a prayer or a poem in honour of St Patrick or design/create a card which reflects the life of St Patrick. The competition is open to all pupils in KS2 in any of the Primary Schools in the Parish of Armagh. There are no restrictions with writing the prayer or the poem or creating the card (it must be original) but entrants must write their name, address, their age and the name of their school on the back of their entry. Pupils are asked to submit their entries to Armagh Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge not later than 12 noon on **Monday 5th March**. The Knights of St Columbanus in the Parish have kindly agreed to sponsor five very special prizes for the five most creative entries and the winners will be presented with their prizes on the eve of St Patrick's Day.

**Apostolic Work** invite you to their Spring Sale & Coffee Morning on **Sat 10th March** in Mt. St. Catherine's Primary School. 10am-12noon. Cakes, plants, knitted goods, gifts, raffle...etc. Adm: £1.50 (adults) and 50pm (children) inc. refreshments. Please support the missions.

***Remembering Patrick: a man of faith***

A Novena to St Patrick will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral and in St Malachy's Church from 8 - 16 March. Novena Prayers will be offered at all Masses during these days and people are encouraged to join in offering this special Novena for their own personal and family intentions. The Novena will close at a special celebration in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm, with the main celebrant of Mass will be Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the new Papal Nuncio to Ireland. During the Novena, a special statue of St Patrick will be placed in the sanctuary of St Patrick's Cathedral and people are invited to place a little pot of shamrock in front of the statue in memory of those who have passed onto us the great gift of our faith!

***Novena Prayer***

God, Our Father, we thank you for the gift of faith brought to Ireland by Patrick.

Amid the problems and confusion of this present age, by his intercession and the power of Your Spirit, keep us, the Irish, strong in that same faith in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

