

Dromantine Summer Camp 2017 Boys camp: 16th-21st July & 23rd—28th July; Girls Camp: 30th Jul-4th Aug, 6th-11th Aug & 13th-18th Aug. Contact: 02830821224.

SMA Summer School 2017 7-9th July at Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre. Lectures and Workshops delivered by nine expert speakers including: Justin Kilcullen, Dr Fáinche Ryan, Paul Vallely & Fr Gerry O Hanlon SJ For more info & booking details contact laity@sma.ie or telephone 048 3082 1024

Knock Shrine Monday 7th August, Sr Breige Mc Kenna, Sunday 10th September, Grandparents day. For booking & info Gabrielle 07933521105/02887784964.

The Iona Institute NI 'How to speak up' Media Training Workshops. Gain confidence in speaking out on important faith issues. Adult evening session **Thurs 29th June** 6-8.30 pm. Youth 16yrs+ one day event - **Fri 30th June** 10.00am -3.00pm. St Brides Parish Hall, Belfast. For info: tharkin@ionainstitute.ie or call 07531149891

Southern Area Hospice are holding a door collection after all Masses on 8th October 2017. If you can help with this collection by volunteering 10 minutes of your time please contact Tania Bailie on 028 3025 1333.

Rally for Life A bus is going to the Rally for Life in Dublin on **Sat 1st July**. Leaves St. Malachy's at 11am. Cost is a small donation. For more info contact 07707106298/07596501003.

Christopher West is Coming To St. Peter's Parish Drogheda Join us in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda on July 9th from 3-5pm where Christopher West will unfold St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body", answering the questions of every human life: Who am I? Why am I here? How can I be happy?. Everyone is welcome to attend this one off event in St. Peter's Parish, Drogheda. There will be no entrance fee for this event, donation only.

Annual weekend trip to Knock, Fri 4th Aug - Sun 6th Aug. Contact 02837 510989

Walk a Day of Brigid's Way Pilgrimage You are invited to walk one day in the footsteps of Brigid along the pilgrimage path from Faughart, her birthplace, to Kildare, her Monastic city, throughout **1st -9th July**. Register online at www.brigidsway.ie or on the day from 12-1pm at Faughart Shrine.

Irish Church Music Association 48th Summer School will take place **5th-8th July**. Theme: Joy for the World. Further info & an application form can be downloaded from the Parish Website.

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, for 8 nights (last remaining seats) **20 - 28 Dec**, Departing Dublin. More info: Contact James Treacy: 061 921470 or 0860572216

Do you want to learn more about your faith? Why not consider joining our Diocesan Certificate in Theology programme. The course takes 2 years with 1 night per week for 7 months. There are no entry requirements & completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. If you are interested & would like more info contact Milanda on 00353429336393 or Deacon Philip Carder 00353872513672. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Golf Classic 2017 Registration is open to teams of 4 at a cost of £160 inc. a round of golf & complimentary meal. Opportunities for businesses & individuals to sponsor a tee or a green are available. Please contact, St Patrick's Grammar School on 028 37 522018 for more info.

Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Dundalk Triduum in Honour of St Oliver Plunkett Friday 7th July @7:30p.m; Saturday 8th July @7:30p.m; Sunday 9th July at all Masses. The Triduum will conclude with Mass at the Shrine of St. Oliver, Ballybarrack, Sunday 9th July @7:30p.m. A blessing with the relic of St Oliver Plunkett will be available after Mass. All are welcome!



Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 10/11/12/26 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2950
Abbey Lotto: 5/10/14/28 One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1300
Tullysaran Lotto: 9/14/15/20 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1400
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/4/10/17 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2450



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25th June 2017

12th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners

This weekend, we celebrate the annual blessing of graves in Armagh and over the last few weeks we celebrated the blessing of graves in Tullysaran and Knockaconey. Respect for our dead and care for their places of burial is an important part of our Catholic tradition and parishioners are to be complimented on the way in which they attend their family plots at this time of year. I encourage all parishioners to continue to maintain the different graveyards in our parish after the blessings and dispose of dead flowers etc in a proper way, by taking them home or putting them in the skip.

It's very encouraging to see people visiting the graveyards and praying for their deceased relatives and friends throughout the year. For some, the graveyard can be a lonely place, for others, it can be a sacred place for quiet reflection.

I thank all who have helped in any way at the blessing of graves over the last few weeks and again, all who are involved in helping today. As I thank all who are involved in the various ways in today's liturgy, I also thank the stewards and the Knights of St Columbanus for their help and support and I thank too the Order of Malta for their presence. I'd also like to acknowledge Stephen Roddy and John Gribben for their work not just in preparation for today but for their work within the cemetery and the other Parochial grounds throughout the year. I thank too all our parishioners for preparing family plots in preparation for this day and helping to make it such a special occasion. As we remember all our dead this weekend we pray:

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

On a different note, today's Gospel is an affirmation for all who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times, it can be very lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in the world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops as Jesus suggests, there's a message here to speak out.

Perhaps we might take time today to reflect on those words of Jesus in today's Gospel – "Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!" The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with each one of us. Again, we're being told how sacred each person is and how much we're loved by God. In his eyes, each of us is precious and today, let's ponder on the gift of God's love in our lives and on the times when we felt God's supporting presence.

With every blessing,
Fr Peter McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa O'Brien, Sr. Elizabeth Casey, Danny Reilly, Patricia Connolly, Sean Nugesnt, Gerard Reid, Joe Farmer, Desmond McManus, Patricia Ryan, Lily McSorley, Jean Kelly & Oliver Kerr.

Weekly collection amounted to £5363.42 & €124.02

The Priest Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at 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 Adorers needed to cover:
Wednesday: 11pm and 12midnight
Thursday: 1am, 5am & 6am
Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Fatima Devotion On the 1st Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

Ministry of the Word/Eucharist Anyone who wishes to be a Minister of the Word/Eucharist in any of the Churches in the Parish is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Ordination to Priesthood

Congratulations to Rev Michael Donnelly from Armagh who is being ordained priest on Sun **25 June**, in France, for The Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist. We remember Michael in prayer & we pray that he will be blessed in his priesthood in the years to come. We look forward to having him celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on **Friday 18 August** at 7.30pm.

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.

Archdiocese of Armagh is currently accepting applications from those interested in the Permanent Diaconate. **Fri 7th July** is the closing date for applications. After this date it will be a further 3 years before any new applications will be considered. Do you feel called to serve as a Permanent Deacon in the Armagh Archdiocese? For further information contact Fr. Brian White, Parochial House, Main St. Blackrock, Co. Louth (Tel No. 00353429322244) - or enquire from your local priest or deacon.

Blessing & Dedication of Kenneth Jones Organ

The Kenneth Jones Organ which has been rebuilt in the transept of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh in recent weeks, will be blessed and dedicated at the end of the 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturday **1st July**. Archbishop Martin will celebrate the Mass and the Cathedral Choir will be in attendance.

Schools close for Summer holidays

The schools in our parish will close in the coming days for the summer holidays. We give thanks for all the good work that has been done and for all of what has been achieved in all our schools over the past year and we pray that all associated with our different schools will have a pleasant and well earned summer holiday.

Annual Cregagh Gardens Outdoor Mass 4th July @ 8pm. All welcome.

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme but we are keen to increase the number of contributors within the parish. Gift Aid means that for every £1 given through the envelope collection, the parish can claim an additional 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, as long as you pay Income Tax and sign a declaration form, permitting the parish to claim. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

Please note: there will be no Parish Bulletin on a on Sun 16th, 23rd or 30th July. All notices for the bulletin on Sunday 9th July must be with Claire at Parish Office no later than 12noon on Tues 4th July.

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council are organising a one day retreat to Lough Derg on **Sat 23rd Sept**. Details and booking to follow.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm. Please note there will be no Novena Mass during July & August Tullysaran Community Association: Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin; Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates.

Presentation for Mr Mallon retirement in Community Centre Wed 28 June @ 8pm

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Bookings All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office 37522813.

Former Knockaconey School The former Knockaconey Primary School has now been leased to a private company—Bumble Bees Day Care Nursery. The day care nursery provision will be operating from Autumn 2017

Security in Cathedral Grounds Following a recent review of security in the grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a decision has been made to close the gates at the Moy Road entrance daily at 7pm, with the exception of evenings when Church services are scheduled for St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers Would you be willing to offer 2-3 hours a week volunteering in the Cathedral Gift Shop? Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813. The Gift Shop is fully stocked with religious items and gifts.

Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St Oliver Plunkett, Drogheda on Sun 2nd July. Procession of Relics leaves Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove at 3pm. Mass in St Peter's Church at 4pm with Archbishop Eamon Martin. All pilgrims welcome.

Mary's Meals greatly appreciate your support so far for the backpacks for Malawi. Please continue to place the following items in the baskets in either the Cathedral or St Malachy's : Small towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pencil cases, rulers, copybooks, tennis balls, spoons, flip flops, T-shirts, shorts, dresses or skirts & tops to fit 4-12 year olds. Volunteers always welcome in the old clinic in Dobbin Street, Tues or Thurs 2-4pm. Thank you.

SPRED, faith sharing group for people with learning difficulties, meets every 2 weeks to share activities, life experiences & a cup of tea. SPRED's aim is to integrate our friends into the liturgical life of the Parish. If you are a parent or guardian of a person aged 18+ who had learning difficulties & would like him/her to join our group, contact Lily 38891484. New faith friends also needed.

Accord NI Marriage Preparation Course The next course scheduled in the Diocese are at Quinn's Corner, Dungannon **12th, 19th & 26th Sept & 7th, 14th & 21st Nov**. Info & Booking tel. 02838334781.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for your prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help.

Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you. {mention your petition}

