

Cathedral Webcam Our webcam providers have created a new app, compatible with Roku devices, that will make it possible to watch our webcam. Anyone who had previously purchased a Roku device in order to view the Cathedral webcam is asked to contact Church Services TV: Email info@churchservices or 0800 048 1825 (Freephone) to organise getting this new app.

World Meeting of Families 2018 Whilst celebrations will be taking place within our own Parish in the coming months to prepare for the WMOF18, the main celebration will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie. This will assure you admission to the main celebrations in Dublin in 2018.

Armagh Credit Union is seeking any memorabilia, photos, paper, articles...etc that members may have for an exhibition later in the year. These can be left in the Credit Union Office and will be returned to their owners.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - Armagh Provincial Congress will take place on **Saturday 14 April** commencing with Mass celebrated by Fr Peter McAnenly in St. Malachy's Church at 11am, followed by Lunch & Conference in Armagh City Hotel. Lunch £16 or 18 Euro. This year with the World Meeting of Families, the theme will be Family - The Domestic Church. Booking for Lunch 07752409636.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on **Wed 28th March** at 7:30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 27th March or call the Information Line on 02895213120.

Good Friday Holy Face Vigil: 12 noon to 1pm with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Angelus and Holy Face Chaplet in The Square Dungannon and Market Square Armagh (beside library). "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in Heaven." Matt 10-32. Everyone Welcome.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha: Lecture by Dr Charles Dillon, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, 'A Thirst for Redemption: Cathal Buí MacGiolla Ghunna and the Gaelic Poetry of Ulster'. Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library **Wed 4th April** at 8pm. All welcome.

Benburb Priory Grand Bingo on Wed 4th April at 8pm. All welcome.

Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information Session, Armagh City Library **26th March** 10.30am-1pm. Maybe you are new to hearing aids and need a bit of help? Drop in for advice with managing, maintaining and cleaning your hearing aid.

Cursillo Weekends Benburb Priory Cursillo is a prayer and joy filled weekend which includes a series of talks given by priests and lay people in an atmosphere of spirituality and friendship. If you have a desire to deepen your spirituality through friendship with Self, Christ and Others, the 2018 weekends are fast approaching. Men's weekend 12th - 15th April & Ladies 26th - 29th. For more info contact Martin 87748623, Donna 87752589, Veronica 07733171082.

Couch 2 5k commences on **Mon 9th April** 6.30-7pm at the War Memorial side of the Mall, and will run for 9 weeks each Monday & Wednesday, £1 per session per night. All participants **must** register on www.getactiveabc for further details contact Edel Ferson on 028 37529636.

St Catherine's College, Armagh are having an evening of Taize Music and Prayer and Reflection in St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30pm. A lovely way to prepare for the celebration of Easter.



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25th March 2018

Passion Sunday

We are constantly bombarded with images of violence and brutality that are part and parcel of our daily news diet. The danger is that we are no longer horrified by the horrific and we are becoming immune to the sordid. Something similar could happen to our religious sensibilities. The passion of Jesus had been retold so often and re-enacted so frequently that familiarity could blind us to the wonder that the One who suffers is indeed the Son of God. Holy Week is a reminder of this reality.

Holy Week is a week to be savoured. Every life is mirrored in the people and the events of this last week in the life of Jesus: the adulation of Palm Sunday, the leave-taking of Holy Thursday, the private Gethsemanes of anguish and fear, moments of Judas betrayals, Peters denials, the humiliations before Pilate and Herod, the abandonment of Good Friday, the clamour of the crowd demanding execution. And finally there is the resignation and letting go: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

The pattern and the events of Holy Week have been repeated so often in the course of world history and in the experiences of our own individual lives. This week gives us an opportunity to come in to contact with the power of the Passion and to be transformed from competitiveness to compassion, from fickleness to fidelity, from anxiety about the future to awe about the present, with its security of God's unconditional love.

The Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket, a simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian, no matter where I may be.
This cross is not magic, nor is it a good luck charm,
It isn't meant to protect me, from every physical harm.
It's not for identification, for all the world to see,
It's simply an understanding between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket, to bring out a coin or a key.
The cross is there to remind me of the price he has paid for me.
It reminds me too to be thankful for the blessings I enjoy each day. And to strive to serve him
better, in all that I do and say.
It's also a daily reminder of the peace and the comfort I share.
With all who know my Master and give themselves to his care.

With every blessing for a Holy Week
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Martin, Ann Powell, Margot Houlahan, Alice Murtagh, Peter Fegan, Peter Collins & Colette Hughes,
MONTHS MIND: Colette Toner (25th), Kevin McBride (28th)



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 1/9/23/24 Next weeks Jackpot £1750
Abbey Lotto: 2/15/20/24 Next weeks Jackpot £3350
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/2/16/14 Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/18/22/23 Next weeks Jackpot is £900

St.Patrick's Day collection – Emigrants amounted to £2472.44 & €95.22

Weekly collection 18.03.17 amounted to £ 6742.23 & €176.68.

Armagh Scouting Group will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish this weekend.

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.**

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 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.

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:

Mon: 8am; Thurs: 7am; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

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. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

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

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.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed on Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd April & will reopen on Wednesday 4 April.

Parish Envelopes The new year envelopes begin on Sun 1st April. Envelopes are available for collection by distributors from the Parish Office.

Ceremony of Light for all P7 Pupils and their parents has been rescheduled for St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 12 April** at 7.30pm.

AIFREANN AS GAELIGE: Léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge san Ardeaglais Dé Sathairn, Lá Fhéile Pádraig, ar 9.00 m agus beidh fáilte roimh chách. Mar sin, ní bheidh Aifreann sa scoil Dé Sathairn 17ú Márta. Ní léifear Aifreann ansin arís go dtí **14ú Aibreán**. MASS IN IRISH: As there will be Mass in Irish in the Cathedral at 9.00am on St Patrick's Day, there will be no Irish Mass in the SPGS chapel at 5.30pm that evening. Irish Mass in the school will not resume until after the Easter Break on **Saturday 14 April**.

Annual Easter Penitential Service will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on **Monday 26th March** at 7:30pm. A number of priests will be present on the evening.

Gift Aid & Standing Order Forms available online and in the Parish Office.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Mass Wednesday at 10am. No Novena.

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy group will take a break for Easter and will resume on Sunday 15th April. We hope you all have a very Happy Easter and look forward to meeting you all again mid April.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday mum & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Easter flower-arranging Mon 26 March @7pm - cost £5. To book a place text 07542509624 **AGM** Mon 26 March @ 8pm

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Flower Arrangers Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the

Times of Services during Holy Week

Masses for Holy Week

Cathedral 10am Monday – Wednesday
St Malachy's – 7am Monday – Wednesday
7.30pm Tuesday – Wednesday

Confessions/Reconciliation for Easter

Holy Week Penance Service in St Malachy's Church on **Monday 26 March at 7.30pm**. No Mass but Novena prayers will be said and the deceased/anniversaries will be remembered.

Cathedral after 10am Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

St Malachy's after 7.30pm Mass: Tuesday & Wednesday & on Holy Saturday from 12noon – 1pm

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 29 March at 11am** in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm St Patrick's Cathedral
7.30pm St Malachy's, Tullysaran and Knockaconey.

Altars of Repose close at 10pm with Night Prayer

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, St Malachy's & Tullysaran
7.30pm Knockaconey

Stations of the Cross

3pm Knockaconey
7.30pm St Malachy's & Tullysaran

Prayer around the Cross

9pm St Malachy's

Good Friday collection in aid of Christians in the Holy Land. Please support and please use the envelope provided.

Holy Saturday

St Patrick's Cathedral
10am Morning Prayer
9pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses as usual on Sunday except **NO 5.30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral**

Trocaire Boxes should be returned to any of the Churches in the parish during the Easter Triduum. It would be appreciated if loose coins could be changed into notes.

Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on **Sunday 8 April**. An afternoon of Prayer will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 2.30pm with Rev. Dr. Gerard McGinnity, Confession will be available from 3.30 -4.30 pm approx. with Benediction at 4.45 pm. It will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 5.30pm. During the afternoon, we will pray for the protection of life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on March 30th. All are welcome.

Good Friday: Way of the Cross Walk it together. All are invited to walk at 11am from St Malachy's Church through Armagh and to St Patrick's Cathedral. (The walk will go through St Malachy's Church Car Park onto Ogle Street and onto Chapel Lane and then to the Church of Ireland Cathedral and onwards via Edward Street to St Patrick's RC Cathedral). At specific stops on the way, there will be brief reflections, hymns and prayers to commemorate each of the Stations of the Cross.

Mass for the disappeared On the afternoon of Palm Sunday, Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for all the disappeared. We continue to remember them and their families in our prayer at this time.

A thought for the day! Sr Nora Smyth RSCJ will offer a thought for the day on BBC Radio Ulster at 7.55am on the mornings of Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th April. You might like to listen to the reflections.

Praying for Life From **Sat 7 – Mon 9 April**, we will pray again in thanks for the gift of life. We will continue to pray that all life may be respected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

First Communion

Mt. St. Catherine's PS—Sun 29th April @ 11am
CBS Irish Medium - Sat 5th May @ 10am
CBS English Medium - Sat 5th May @ 11:30am
Our Lady's PS - Sun 6th May @ 10am
Saints & Scholars PS - Sat 12th May @ 11am
St. Malachy's PS - Sun 13th May @ 10am
St. Patrick's PS—Sun 13th May @ 11am

Confirmation Dates

Saturday 19 May @ 2pm
St Malachy's PS, St Patrick's PS and Saints & Scholars PS

Sunday 20 May @ 2pm
Christian Brothers PS, Mt St Catherine's PS and Our Lady's PS