

Evening of Christmas Music & Song with the seminarians of Redemptoris Mater House, Dundalk in St Malachy's Church on **Thurs 6 Dec** at 7.30pm. All welcome. There will be NO 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church, the Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral that evening.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership Advent Celebration An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer will take place in The Market Place Theatre on **Tues 11 Dec** at 7.30pm with guest speaker Mr Francis Campbell, former British Ambassador to the Holy See. A Guest Choir & Traditional Group will be present on the evening. Admission: free, but booking is essential. To book tel. Market Place Theatre on 028 37521821.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tues at 8pm at SVP Centre for prayer & praise.

Public Rosary will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be Dec 1st.

Charity Christmas Fun Bingo in the Pearse Og Club **Sunday 9th Dec**. Admission £3 per book. Prizes inc. Turkey vouchers, hampers...etc. Entertainment & a special visit from Santa! Proceeds to Children's Orphanage & Sister Muriel, Medugorje.

Pop Up Craft Shop for Armagh Georgian Festival. A selection of handmade Christmas crafts and gifts by Breege Shaw. 52 Irish Street, Armagh (formerly Colour Copy Shop) **Fri 23rd Nov** 3-8pm & **Sat 24th** from 12noon. Proceeds towards Lourdes Easter Group.

Little Buds Playgroup based in Mt. St Catherines P.S have spaces available for children 3 years & over & limited spaces available in November for children 2 years. Tel. 02837511003 for info.

Christmas Charity CD Two songs written by Willie Nugent and performed by Dublin singer Larry Hogan have been released on a CD "Christmas Time in Armagh" and "The Market down at the Shambles" in aid of "The Friends of the Cancer Centre City Hospital Belfast" and "The Royal Hospital for Sick Children Belfast". Check local press for details.

St Patrick's Grammar School proudly presents A Night at the Musical with Special Guests Conor Headley & compere John Paul Connolly on **Fri 7th Dec** in the School Assembly Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 & £5 Concession. Tickets are available from School Office or School Staff.

Mullacreevie Community Association need help with decorating their outdoor crib for the Christmas Season. Anyone willing to help or provide ideas, or donate large figurines, should contact Anne 07544426229

Armagh Widows next meeting on **5th Dec** at the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd, 7pm-9pm. New members welcome.

Santa's Visit Welcome Santa to Benburb Priory on **Sat 1st Dec** at 6:30pm. Great family night with train rides, treats...etc. All welcome!

Grand Christmas Bazaar at Benburb Priory Stalls, Raffles, Christmas Fayre, Spin the Wheel...etc on **Monday 3rd Dec** at 8pm

Advent Prayer Group will commence week beginning **Mon 26 Nov** at 10.45am. Anyone interested in joining should contact Claire in the Parish Office 02837522813.

Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran are hosting an Open Night on **Thurs 6th Dec** 7-8pm for parents/guardians with children who are due to start Reception or P1 Class in September 2019, we would like to invite you and your child along to view our School.

Little Buds Playgroup based in Mount Saint Catherines P.S is hosting an open night on **Thurs 29th Nov** 6-7pm. We cater for children 2 years 10months -4 years old.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha: Lecture by Dr Matthew Stout, DCU: 'Ringforts in Ireland: Archaeology, History & Tradition' on **Wed 5 Dec** 8pm in Cardinal O Fiaich Library. All welcome.

Lislea News Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: 1st Prize of £100 to Martin McAnallen and 2nd Prize of £50 to Bobbi O'Neill

Coffee morning for Stanton Health Care on **Sat 1st Dec** after 10am Mass. Please come and support the organisation that provides care and support to mothers throughout their pregnancies and after birth.

i Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 5/13/20/21. Next week's Jackpot £1600
Abbey Lotto: 4/5/17/26. Next week's Jackpot is £1550
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/3/12/23 Next week's Jackpot is £2650
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/12/15/23 Next week's Jackpot £2000

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Feast of Christ the King 2018

Reflection

Today is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on "kingship". Jesus is accused of claiming to be a "king" and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word. Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of "Messiah king" Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry, Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few kings can measure up to this.

Jesus is a servant king, a beacon of light for today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is a living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world's political leaders, do they shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth? On this Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. Let us pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just and caring world. Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent and we enter into a new Church year. As we come to the end of this Church year and as we celebrate this special feast, I think of the words of the hymn "The Servant King" which was written for today....

See his hands and his side, the wounds that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Prayer to Christ the King

O my Divine Saviour, transform me into Yourself. May my hands be the hands of Jesus. Grant that every faculty of my body may serve only to glorify You. Above all, transform my soul and all its powers so that my memory, will and affection may be the memory, will and affections of Jesus. I pray for You to destroy in me all that is not of You. Grant that I may live but in You, by You and for You, so that I may truly say, with St. Paul, "I live - now not I - but Christ lives in me".
Amen.

The Priests in Concert

The Priests are returning to St. Patrick's Cathedral to present their hugely popular Christmas Concert, featuring much loved classics & seasonal songs on **Thurs 13th Dec** @ 8pm. Tickets are £25 each and are now available to purchase in Armagh Parish Office (Cathedral Gate Lodge) and in Dunganon Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Thomas and Nancy Vallely.

MONTHS MIND:

Sean McCooe (25th), Oliver Cullen (26th),
Charles O'Hagan (26th) & Tom McKillion (1st)



Weekly Collection amounted to £6743.08 & €193.35

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: 07895460797 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: Tuesday at 7am & 9pm, Friday at 11pm, & Sunday at 11pm. Please contact Nora 37525265

St. Vincent de Paul Society will give their annual address at all Masses on the weekend of **1st/2nd December.**

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

Mass for all the deceased in the Lislea area in Lislea Community Center on **Wed 28 Nov** at 8pm. All welcome.

Altar Servers Celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 25th Nov (tonight)**, the eve of the Feast of St John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers, at 5.30pm. On the evening, there will be a commissioning of all new altar servers & an acknowledgement of the good work that they do. All current altar servers are invited to this special celebration. As we continue to reflect on the recent World Meeting of Families, we encourage families of Servers to join for this "family celebration".

Trocaire: Gifts of Love If you want to help make the world a better place this Christmas, and to give a gift that shows how much you care, then please, give a Trocaire Gift of Love. The gifts will be available to purchase at all Masses in St. Patrick's Cathedral **Sun 25th Nov** (inc. Saturday Vigil Mass).

Advent Day of Prayer & Reflection will take place in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane on **Tues 4th Dec** 10:30am-2:30pm. The day will be led by Sr. Mary Roe RSCJ and it will be an opportunity during this busy season to take time to reflect on what it is we are waiting for during the Advent season. Morning Coffee & a light lunch will be available as part of the day. Places are limited. Booking at the Parish Office.

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.

Folk Mass in St. Malachy's Church at 12noon on **Sunday 9th December.**

Christmas at Cathedral Gift Shop A large selection of Parish Christmas Cards, cribs, ornaments & beautiful gifts are now on sale in the Cathedral Gift Shop. Call in to the view the range and purchase some gifts this Christmas!

St Joseph's Parish Choir to visit St Patrick's Cathedral...the Choir from The Redemptorist Church, Dundalk will sing at the Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Saturday 1 December** at 7pm.

New Parish Pastoral Council appointed

Over the last number of weeks, there have been a number of meetings with a view to establishing a new PPC. The former Council was commissioned by Cardinal Brady in May 2014 and we thank its members for all the good work that they have done in helping to develop our parish over the last few years. A new PPC will be commissioned by Archbishop Martin at the Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 5 January 2019. We thank those who have agreed to serve for the coming term and we wish them well as they move forward, in helping to address many of the pastoral needs in our parish. The members of the new PPC are Maura Kelly, Anne Marie Baxter, Grainne Perry, Art O'Hagan, Patricia Boyle, Sheelagh Melville, Colette Brannigan, Pierce Dynes, Kathy Donnelly, Mary McKenna, Geraldine Turley, Paul Parkes, Caoimhe McKee, Valerie McGeown, Marie McGorman, Sheila Leavy, Gerard McLaughlin & Kieran Kelly.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Months Mind Mass for Tom McKillion on Saturday 1st December at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday in the Community Centre, where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit children. All primary school children are welcome. All leaders have been vetted.

Community Centre Activities / classes this week: Mon Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday Bootcamp 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday Parent Toddler Group 10.30am-12, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday Music- Fiddle 7-8pm- Tin whistle beginner 7-7.30pm advanced 7.30-8pm; Friday Walk the Extra Mile exercise class for all ages & abilities @10.30am; Santa Sunday 9th December 2-5pm

Fundraiser for #TeamEmily on **Sat 29th Dec.** 20mile Christmas Cracker Cycle @12noon, £10entry. 5KM Christmas Run @2pm. Refreshments & Raffle in Community Centre after. More info see facebook.com/TullysaranTimes

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Months Mind Mass for Charles O'Hagan at 7:30pm on Monday 26th November,

Grange Ladies Clothing Collection on Wed 28th @ clubrooms 6pm & 8pm. Thanks for your support

November Masses in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm

26th Nov - Armagh Harps • 27th Nov - Pioneer Group • 30th Nov - GAA Mass

Relics of St Brigid to be venerated at "Red Wednesday" celebration "Aid to the Church in need" invites us to join on **Wed 28th Nov** to light up our Churches & wear something red as we remember Christian martyrs and those who have died for their faith. On that day, St Malachy's Church will be lit up red & people are asked to wear something red (a sweater, a cardigan, a jacket, a scarf or a tie) as a symbolic reminder of all those Christians who have suffered & died for their Christian faith over the years. As we remember the sacrifice of many wonderful martyrs & all who have died for their faith, Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate a special Mass in St Malachy's Church at 7.30pm & all are welcome to join for the celebration on this day of special remembrance.

After Mass people will have an opportunity to venerate & be blessed with a special Relic of St Brigid, one of our great Irish saints. We're told that Brigid was born in our own diocese, in Faughart, Co Louth. Her father was a pagan chieftain & her mother was a Christian & she had a great influence on her young daughters life. From early on in her life, Brigid had a great love for working with the poor & it's said that very often she gave away her families food to those in need. She became one of the first nuns in Ireland. She built a convent in Kildare & many sisters joined with her in living a life dedicated to God & to prayer & many stories are told about the miraculous powers that she had. Many people have great devotion to St Brigid and she's remembered as the Mary of the Irish but she's also remembered for the many miracles of healing which she worked during her life.

Parish Pastoral Council publish new Children's Prayer Book! A new Children's Prayer Book was given to all of this years First Communicants at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 24th November at 7pm and a copy will also be given to all Altar Servers in the parish at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 25th November at 5.30pm. The lovely new Prayer Book "Children Pray with Me" has been produced by Armagh Parish Pastoral Council and it contains a variety of traditional prayers and prayers that we are familiar with as well as many new ones.

This has been a special year for the Church in Ireland as we have hosted the World Meeting of Families and the PPC hopes that the new Prayer Book will be one of the many legacies of this memorable year. It's hoped that children and families will use the Prayer Book regularly. Copies are now on sale in Armagh Cathedral Gift Shop. The Prayer Book costs £2.50 and it would be a lovely gift for children this Christmas.

Apostolic Work thank all who have supported them last Saturday & who contributed in any way to the Christmas Sale. Thank you to all who transported & supplied items for raffle, cakes, plants, vegetables, fruit, jam, knitwear and gifts. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks to Mr Peter Gildea for the use of his school & canteen and to all the staff, especially Mrs Kim O'Hara for her assistance. Special thanks to 1st Armagh Scouts for their amazing help! The money raised will be used for food, water, education, transport, medical help, deprived peoples, Churches, Pastoral Work and to disaster areas before Christmas. This could not be done without your fabulous support! Prizewinners: E. Fegan, O. Davidson, E. Monaghan, J. Kelly, P. Hamilton, E. O'Hagan, T. McAlorum, M. McCann, J. McParland, J. Cullen, F. McLaughlin, S. Hughes, M. McManus, A.M. McLaughlin, E. Martin, B. Jones. Unclaimed prize from last sale: Peggy Fox. Please phone 02837524202.