

What are you planning for Lent? Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group are running Life in the Spirit Seminars at 8pm each Tues between until **4th April** in the SVP Centre. In the Seminar you can take steps which will allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore or deepen a relationship with you. We welcome you to join us.

Cantabelles This new and exciting vocal ensemble combine will present a selection of uplifting liturgical pieces including St Patrick's Breastplate, How great Thou art, Hail glorious St Patrick, Ag Criost and Siol and many more. The evening which will reflect the life and mission of St Patrick will be presented in the beautiful transept of St Patrick's Cathedral on **Fri 10th March** at 8pm. Tickets are available from Armagh Parish Office (028 37522813) or alternatively online through the Market Place Theatre, Armagh.

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council
COFFEE and FAITH Lenten Programme
Saint Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane -- 11.00am to 12.30am

1st March -- Lent: A time to Pray -- Cardinal Sean Brady
 8th March -- Lent: A time to Repent -- Sr Bernadette
 15th March -- Lent: A time to Fast -- Fr Peter Kerr
 22ND March -- Lent: A time to Reflect -- Sr Kathleen
 29th March -- Lent: A time to Give -- Rev M Mc Elmeel
 5TH April -- Lent: A time to Renew -- Sr Nora
 Come along during the Lenten season and join in a relaxed environment, to reflect on the different themes. Booking for programme at Armagh Parish Office.

Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Team would like to thank everyone for their generosity at the recent Church Door Collection. Total raised: £3318.43 & €64.13. Deposits are being collected **Thurs 2nd March** at 7pm in Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha: Lecture on 'The Irish Franciscan observants and the dissolution of the monasteries' by Prof. John Mc Cafferty, UCD, in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh on **Wed 8th March** (8pm). All welcome.

Action On Hearing Loss Hearing Aid Information and Support Session takes place on **Mon Feb 27th** in Armagh City Library between 11am-1pm. NHS Hearing Aid users can drop in for batteries and help with using and cleaning their aid. We can also do a quick hearing check for anyone who is worried about their hearing. Information on hearing loss and other services that can help is also available.

LIGHT THE FIRE 2017! St. Patrick's Day – The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. It begins at **5pm, 17th March**, with Mass at 5.30pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters at 041 983 0441.

Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Booking Open! Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina last year, another Parish Trip will take place from **Mon 5th – Thurs 8th June**. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in the 4* Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. During the few days, the trip will include visits to Achill, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey and other places of interest. Further details about the trip and booking at Armagh Parish Office.

Ignatian Guided Retreat for Lent Are you seeking something special in your life? Do you want to deepen your relationship with God? Why not consider taking part in a guided retreat this Lent. You will be given a short scripture passage to meditate upon each week and then will meet with an experience guided to chat about it. The meetings are confidential and no prior knowledge of scripture is required. There are a number of places still available. All meetings will take place in Mount St. Catherine's P.S. For more information contact Fr. Brian Lennon at bdlennon@gmail.com or for booking contact the Parish Office.



Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 3/8/20/28 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2150
Abbey Lotto: 4/8/20/27 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2500
Tullysaran Lotto: 12/16/18/20 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £975
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 8/10/13/19 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1700

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26th February 2017

8th Sunday of the Year

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to challenge our attitudes and our values and to make demands that seem almost impossible to contemplate – “do not worry about your life”; “do not worry about tomorrow”; “you cannot be the slave both of God and of money”.

Whatever about financial concerns, there are few of us who don't have some worry – worry about health, worry about family and worry about work or lack of work to mention just a few of the things that can keep us awake at night. And we know that the clever things that have been written about worry which remind us of the futility of worrying. Things like “Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you” or “Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday – and all is well!” or “The worried cow would have lived till now, if she had saved her breath, but she feared her hay wouldn't last all day and moored herself to death” and finally, “Don't cross your bridges before you come to them”. We might nod our heads in appreciation and agreement of these things and think they're very true, but they won't prevent us from worrying.

Acute worry can be very corrosive, spoiling the present, blurring the future and paralysing the will. Sharing our worries can help considerably, whether we speak to a friend, a counsellor or a confessor. It also helps to pray; prayer won't eliminate worry entirely but it reminds us that we are constantly in God's embrace and we can count always on God's love and protection.

The other difficult teaching concerns wealth - “you cannot be the slave both of God and of money”; “surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing”. Jesus is not saying that we should not have money or that being rich is incompatible with being a Christian. People will always need money to survive and to support their families. And in the world we live in today, we are only too aware of the increasing amount of money needed to run a home or even a church!!!

Maybe Jesus is referring more to lifestyle – the lifestyle we choose or the one that envelopes us. If people get greedy for money to the point of dishonesty and injustice or if they become so preoccupied with their own comfort and their own needs to the detriment of caring for others, then they have a problem and their lifestyle is incompatible with the Gospel. “Set your hearts on his kingdom first and all these other things will be given you as well”.

With every blessing
 Rev P McAnenly Adm

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 1 March The beginning of Lent and a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Mass in St Malachy's at 7am and 7.30pm and in the Cathedral at 9.15am and 11am. Mass in Tullysaran at 10am and 7.30pm and in Knockaconey at 7.30pm. Lenten Masses: St Malachy's 7am & 7.30pm (Mon – Fri), St Patrick's Cathedral 10am



RECENTLY DECEASED: Cardinal Connell, Pat Lenagh, Sean Moore, Daniel Patrick McGlinchey, Margaret Lennon, James Smith, Gerry Kelly and Gerald Fitzpatrick,
MONTHS MIND: Anthony Digby (27th), Anna Murtagh (27th), Brigid Corrigan (2nd), Phil Sheridan (2nd), Eileen Speering (3rd) and Jim Kirk (3rd)

Weekly collection amounted to £6630.28 & €121.61

Priests Dues will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

Parish Safeguarding The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen & Maura, they can be contacted @ armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or 07895 460797.

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

All requests for prayers and Masses to be arranged through the Parish Office. The list of intentions is sent to the churches on a Friday morning, containing all intentions from the Saturday night vigil Mass until the following Saturday morning. **Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office by 12 noon on 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. The course is on the first Monday & third Wednesday of every month. All Baptisms **must be booked through the Parish Office.**

Paypal as a means of GIVING Paypal is a secure and easy way to use an online payment service to Armagh Parish. It's a convenient and secure method of giving to your local Parish/Church and there are no fees involved. To access Paypal, see Armagh Parish Website.

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.

Confessions in St. Malachy's on Thurs at 12noon
Trocaire Boxes are now available at the back of the Churches. Please take one and let's support Trocaire during the Lenten Season.

BBC Radio Broadcast The 10am Mass in St Malachy's Church will be broadcast on the morning of **Sun 26 Feb** on BBC Radio Ulster

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.

Adorers required for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Thursday's at 4pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

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

Missionary of Charity House One hour of prayer, scripture & song before the Blessed Sacrament **every Wed** from 8-9pm

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet each Tues evening at 8pm in the SVP Centre at Chapel Lane. All welcome!

First Saturday's Devotion In celebration of the 100 years since the appearance of Our Lady in Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

Annual Ceremony of Light for all P7 pupils & their parents will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thurs 2nd March** at 7:30pm. Please note this date as this is an important evening of preparation for the young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the celebration the young people will be invited to make their Confirmation Pledge.

An Hour of Prayer for Victims of Abuse There will be a special hour of prayer for all victims of abuse in St Malachy's Church on **Fri 3 March** from 8 – 9pm. All are encouraged to come along and join in praying for all victims on the evening.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 28th May**. Further details to follow.

Armagh Widows next meeting on **Wed 11th March** at the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. 7pm-9pm. New members welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on **Wed 1 March** in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane after 7.30pm Mass. Please join us in praying for Vocations.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office - Novena Mass Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Tullysaran Community Centre Mon 8-10pm Indoor bowls; Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin (fully booked); Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm Total Body Workout; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm Music classes

Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Tullysaran each Wednesday at 10am during Lent

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

100 years of Fatima: Centennial Statue to visit Armagh!

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis for the Centenary Year of Fatima, will be brought to Armagh on **Fri 3 Mar** by representatives of the Alliance of the two Hearts. The statue will arrive at the gates of St Malachy's on the Fri evening & will be processed around the Church as the Rosary is prayed. It will be received by Archbishop Martin at 7.30pm Mass. There will be a Holy Hour after Mass to pray for healing for victims of abuse and there will be an opportunity for people to come and pray before the statue until 12midnight.

The Statue will be brought on the Sat morning to St Patrick's Cathedral for the 1st Saturday Devotions. Confessions at 9.15am, Mass will be celebrated at 10am & the Rosary will be prayed in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass. The Alliance of the two Hearts will lead prayers in the Cathedral at midday. All are welcome to visit during the day to pray before the statue.

Archbishop Martin will join for the 7pm Vigil Mass on the Sat evening. Homes & families will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & the Sacred Heart of Jesus & people will have an opportunity to enrol in the Brown Scapular. The special Statue will leave after the Mass that evening.

Temperance Sunday This Sunday is Temperance Sunday and it's also the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It's a good time to reflect on our lifestyle, our social activities, the way we spend money, the habits of indulgence and the various addictions that can take hold of our lives. Perhaps it's a good time to think about a few terms that nowadays might be considered unpopular and even old fashioned eg self-denial, personal sacrifice, abstinence, self-discipline and penance. On Temperance Sunday each year, we're encouraged to think about the importance of being temperate in all things, not just in relation to our consumption of food and drink. Today, we acknowledge in a special way the members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and we thank them particularly for their fidelity and for the example of their lives.

St. Patrick's Festival

The March Bells Listen as the Churches in Armagh come together to symbolically celebrate our island's patron saint by ringing their bells for a short time at 17:17 for the 17 days of the festival. **Fri 3– Sun 19 March**

St Patrick & The Book of Armagh This talk by Roddy Hegarty will explore what the Book of Armagh tells us about St Patrick. Light refreshments afterwards. Cardinal O'Fiaich Library **Fri 3 March 7pm**. Tickets £6. Pre Booking essential through The Market Place Theatre

An Evening with Patrick – Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to An Evening of music, story, poetry and prayer. Guest speaker, Archdeacon Gordon Linney, will invite those present to reflect on "Patrick and Ireland today. Light refreshments afterwards. The Navan Centre & Fort: **Wed 15 March**, 8pm. Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre

