

Life in the Spirit Seminars Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group are running Life in the Spirit Seminars at 8pm each Tues 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.

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

29th March -- Lent: A time to Renew -- Sr Nora
5TH April -- Lent: A time to Give -- Rev M Mc Elmeel
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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7nights from Belfast **2nd August** £579. Contact Anthony 07753406356

St. Pio of Pietrelcina One Day Retreat with Cardinal Sean Brady **Sun 9th April** 10am-5pm in the Ryandale (Moy) £25 inc. coffee & lunch. Relic available on the day. Limited places. Book with Nuala 37548382

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Outing to St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. **3rd May.** Departing from St. Malachy's Church at 9am, refreshments enroute. Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Thomas McHugh. Opportunity for shopping & sightseeing. **Cost £35, inc Coach Fare, refreshments & Evening Meal. Booking with Maura, Tel: 07752409636.**

Palm Sunday Concert Belfast Choir Cappella Caeciliana will be joined by the internationally renowned musician Eamonn Dougan in a concert "**A View of the Cross**" in St Patrick's RC Cathedral, Armagh on **Sun 9th April.** Tickets (£10) available from the Parish Office or Armagh Visitors Centre. Students & under 25s will be admitted free.

Anam Cara is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 29th March** 7:30-9pm in Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents.

All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock Shrine Co. Mayo **Sat 3rd June.** Main celebrant: Bishop Brendan Kelly DD. Homilist: Fr Thady Doyle

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha: Lecture on 'Sir Nicholas Bagenal and East Ulster in the 1560s and 1570s' by Dr James Sheridan, Trinity College Dublin, in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh on **Wed 5th April** (8pm). All welcome.

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

Action On Hearing Loss Hearing Aid Info & Support Session takes place on **Monday, March 27th** in **Armagh City Library** 11am-1pm. Drop-in for NHS Hearing Aid users; hearing tests & other services available.

Social Dance in Lislea Community Centre on **Fri 31st March** 9:30-12:30am. Supper served.. Adm: £5

Eco-Spirituality Dromantine A gathering of interested people who want to create a space in which we can explore how to best live our relationship with God, each other and with Creation; ensuring we will hand on a better world to future generations. First meeting in Dromantine on **Thurs 30th April** at 8pm. All welcome! Contact office 082 30821224 for further info.

NI Blood Transfusion Service Next session will be held in St. Mark's Church, Crozier Hall on **Thurs 30 & Fri 31st March** from 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm. Existing donors and new donors encouraged to go along.

Cuchulainn Hurling Club Next monthly card night on **Friday 31 March** at 9.30pm in the Tuby Jug. £10 entry. Club Membership should be paid to any committee member before 31 March.

Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 1/5/11/28 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2350
Abbey Lotto: 10/17/27/28 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2700
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/6/7/10 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1075
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 10/12/16/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1900



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26th March 2017

4th Sunday of Lent

Reflection

To lose the gift of sight or to be born blind is a thought that frightens most people. In our Gospel today, Jesus meets a man who is blind from birth and he heals him. This was surely a blessing beyond compare. But there was more to it than having his sight restored. Jesus introduced the blind man not only to daylight, but to faith; he helped him to see not only the wonders of the ordinary, everyday world around him, but also to recognise in faith, the presence of God within him. This is an ability we all need – to be able to see God's hand in our lives. The darkness of selfishness can block our seeing Christ in our brothers and sisters in need and our recognising God's will when he calls us to be heroic in living out our baptismal privileges. Today is a day to ask the Lord to restore our vision as his followers and to give us the courage like the man in the gospel to proclaim to one and all that Jesus is the greatest prophet, the Son of God, to whom we give our allegiance.

Today is also known as "Mothering Sunday" which owes its origins to Mother Church. On the fourth Sunday of Lent each year, we rejoice that many people throughout the world and especially in mission countries are preparing for new life in the womb of the Church.

In this part of the world, we are more inclined to refer to this day as "Mother's Day". As we give thanks for the gift of our mothers, today puts us in touch with the wonder of being alive. We can be thankful today for the gift of life, and for all the particular qualities of our personalities we got from God through our mothers. The life of most mothers is by and large a record of sacrifice and service.

A mother is:

Someone who cares, when others care less.

Someone who encourages, when others ridicule.

Someone who appreciates, when others fail to notice.

Someone who defends, when others condemn.

A mother is a friend for all time, to cherish and protect, for her achievements will linger for generations.

And so we pray for all mothers especially:

-those with difficult homes, whose children are more of a problem than a blessing;

-those who find it hard to make ends meet, or go short themselves for the sake of their children;

-those mothers who are trying to make Christ real in their homes through prayer and good example;

-those with loved ones far away;

-those who have died, that they may have the fullness of love and peace in God's presence;

-for each one according to her need, that the Lord may draw all mothers closer to his heart and keep them in his care.

With every blessing,

Rev. Peter McAnenly Adm

St. Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust - Copies of the Update for Parishes are available at the back of the Churches, as well as on the Parish Website www.armaghparish.net

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Mooney, Clarice Halligan, Dessie Sheridan, Ann McElvanna, Thomas Donnelly, Paddy McConville, Eileen Hannon & Marie O'Neill.

MONTHS MIND: Pat Donnelly (28th) & Daniel Schiller (1st April)

Weekly collection amounted to £ 7762.69 & € 310.23

St. Patrick's Day collection £ 1638 & € 50.00

Lenten Masses continue each day in St Malachy's Church at 7am & 7:30pm and in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am.

The 2nd National Collection to help fund the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018 will take place in parishes on the weekend of 1st & 2nd April 2017

Trocaire Two representatives from Trocaire will visit the parish to share a few words about the work of Trocaire before the end of 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. All Baptisms must be paid for in advance in order to secure the booking.**

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

Cathedral Gift Shop is now stocking gifts and tokens for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A number of Fatima items have now been made available as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. Opening hours: **Monday – Saturday: 10.30am – 4.00pm. Sunday: 12 noon – 5.30pm.**

St. Brigid's High School, Armagh

The Trustees of St. Brigid's High School, Armagh have confirmed the lease of St. Brigid's High School to Southern Regional College for a period of 3.5 years with immediate effect. Preparations are currently being made for the College to function within the building from September 2017.

Armagh Parish Trip: June 2017: A treat for Mothers on Mothers Day!

People can contribute towards fares for the trip by calling at Armagh Parish Office.

The Parish Trip will take place from Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in The Four Star, 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. Tel 028 37522813

Distribution of Weekly Envelopes The weekly envelopes are currently being distributed to all homes in the parish. Thanks to all our envelope distributors who assist in this important work. Any home/family that doesn't receive envelopes and wishes to do so should contact the Parish Office.

A reflective night of **Taizé Prayer At The Cross** will be held in the transept of St Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm**, led by Aoibhin our parish youth worker. As we approach Holy Week, we take this time to meditate with beautiful Taizé music by candlelight. All welcome!

Do This in Memory The next gathering for all P4 pupils & their parents will take place in the Cathedral on **Sat 8th April** at 7pm. We continue to remember all our young people who are preparing to celebrate their First Communion & Confirmation later this year.

St. Patrick's Festival Thanks to all who supported the different events which were organised in our Parish recently as part of the festival. All of the events were wonderful celebrations & they very much added to the success of the Festival.

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 7.30-8.30pm Music classes; Jiving classes Thurs 8-9pm on 31st March & 7th & 21st April. April Easter Flower-arranging 4th & 10th April 7-8pm. To book a place text 07542509624

Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception 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.

Gaelic4Girls starts on **Sat 1st April** 1pm - 2pm in St Colmcilles GFC for 12 weeks. Open to girls aged 8 - 12 years who are not registered with a Ladies Gaelic Football team. Cost £10. Contact Paula Keegan 07743398249.

Apostolic Work Easter Sale & Coffee Morning will take place on **Sat 1st April** in Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. 10am-12noon. Adm £1.50(adults) & 50p(children) inc. refreshments... Cake, jam, plants, gifts, knitted goods - plus lucky dip & raffle. Please come & support the Missions.

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome with Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission **28 Oct – 2 Nov** £540.00. Pilgrims (20-35 year old) have the opportunity for a day away from Rome to visit Assisi or the Catacombs.

First Communion Dates 2017

Sat 6th May:

10AM - CBS Bunscoil - St. Malachy's Church

11:30AM - Christian Brothers P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

Sun 7th May:

10AM - Our Lady's P.S. - Church of the

Immaculate Conception

10AM - St. Malachy's P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

11AM - Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. - Cathedral

Sat 13th May:

11AM - Saint's and Scholar's P.S - St. Malachy's Church

Sun 14th May: 11AM - St. Patrick's P.S. - Cathedral

Confirmation Dates 2017

Saturday 3rd June @ 2pm

Christian Brother PS

Mt. St. Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

Sunday 4th June @ 2pm

St. Malachy's PS

St. Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

Blessing of the Graves 2017

Armagh: Sun 25th June 12noon

Knockaconey: Fri 9th June 7:30pm

Tullysaran Old Cemetery:

Sat 3rd June @ 7:30pm

Tullysaran New Cemetery:

Sun 4th June @ 10am.