

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** invite you to our prayer meeting on Tues 28th Nov at 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane, Armagh. Guest speaker this week, Meabh Carlin will be giving a testimony on her experience of healing. All are welcome.

**Legion of Mary** invite you to join them each Sunday in November at 3:30pm to pray the rosary in the Cemetery. All welcome.

**St. Vincent de Paul Shop** is now based in Ogle Street. The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929

**Trocaire Romero Family Award!** Spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 aiming to provide families with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world. Please log onto [www.trocaire.org/romeroaward](http://www.trocaire.org/romeroaward) to register your family. You will receive your "Family Journal" This award is centred around meal times in our family homes and affords family members the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue around social justice and the meaning of family spoken about in Amoris Laetitia.

**Youth 2000 Annual Christmas Retreat** in Newbridge College, Co Kildare **Fri 8th – Sun 10th Dec**. Many young people (aged 16-35) from across Ireland are expected at this donation only event & newcomers are very welcome. Free buses available. Online booking necessary. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or call 01 6753690

**Cuchulainn Hurling Club Notes** AGM **Fri 8 December** at 7.30pm in Cathedral Road Complex; County Club Draw tickets (£100) with excellent prizes available from Club Secretary on 07776140794 [www.armaghgaa.net/clubdraw](http://www.armaghgaa.net/clubdraw) - income from tickets supports both Club and County.

**Saint Brigid's Camogie Club** Annual General Meeting will be held on **Mon 27th Nov**, 7pm in McBrides House, Irish St. All present players/members are asked to attend. Anyone who would like to get more involved at any level are welcome to attend. Help is always greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Fair/Open Day @ Naiscoil na Caille** (Desart Lodge premises) Sat 2nd Dec 10am-1pm; Adm £3 adults, kids free. Refreshments, face painting & balloon making by Deedee the clown! Lots of Christmas stalls with local crafts. Tar isteach agus tacaigh leis an Naiscoil.

**Carol Service by Candlelight** in St. Luke's Hospital **Thurs 7th Dec** 6.30pm. Tickets £5 available from Mary 07767402743. Refreshments after in Mullinure Hospital.

**Charity Christmas Bingo** in Pearse Og Club on **Sun 10th Dec** from 3pm-5pm. Adm. £3. Prizes, Hampers...etc. Proceeds to Children's Orphanage and Sr. Muriel Medugorje.

**Armagh City Choir Christmas Concert** with excerpts of 'Handel's Messiah' **Fri 8th Dec** at 7:30pm in the Church of Ireland Cathedral. Adm: £10. Tickets available at the door.

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha** Lecture by Dr Alison Forrester, NUI Galway, on Connections & Collaborations: Vincent De Paul (1581-1660) in Catholic Reformation France'. Ó Fiaich Library **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 8pm. All welcome.

**Lislea Draw** Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: Kathleen Comiskey 1st Prize £100 and Sean Donnelly 2nd Prize £50

**Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid and Information** next session is in Armagh City Library on **Nov 22nd** 11am-1pm. Drop in for advice with managing, maintaining & cleaning your hearing aid. Also information about hearing loss & other services. Batteries for NHS aids can be collected. A quick hearing check is also available for anyone without hearing aids.

**Charity** CD Two songs written by Willie Nugent & sung by Shane Sullivan Dublin have been released on a CD, "The Gaslamplighter of old Armagh" & "One Decent Man". CDs are £2 each, entire proceeds in aid of charity, see press for details.



**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 1/7/23/28** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £?  
**Abbey Lotto: 10/11/19/22** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2450  
**Tullysaran Lotto: 5/19/20/22** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1925  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 12/19/20/24** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3600



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26th November 2017

34th Sunday of the Year

Reflection

The Feast of Christ the King is the final Sunday in the liturgical calendar. To understand more fully what this feast means, we need to lay aside a lot of the cultural baggage about kings and kingdoms. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that King Herod was capable of brutal acts. There were expectations too about the great Messianic King who would lead a rebellion and establish his kingdom on earth.

The king that Jesus talks about turns these images upside down. He is a fair judge, a shepherd who looks after his flock, inviting all who act with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is also in solidarity with the "least" of his people. Who ever heard of a king who knows what it's like to be in need of food, clothing or company? But Jesus is a different sort of royalty. His kingdom is not based on power or riches, but charity, compassion and forgiveness.

His kingship is very different to the kind we are familiar with. There are no trappings, no palaces, no pomp and ceremony. The picture painted by today's Gospel shows us Jesus as a king who is found in those considered to be on the very fringes of society. This passage comes at the end of the Gospel of Matthew and it is a challenge, a call to be Christ to others and to see Christ in others.

With so much brokenness in the world, so much unrest, so much war and displacement, the Christian community is called to give of our lives in service to those around us; we are called to be transformative through radical solidarity. There are no shortage of causes, whether it be Gaza, Iraq, Syria, climate justice, austerity, local poverty, visiting the sick or those in prison, community initiatives....Jesus' kingdom is built on a different kind of foundation.

"If now we have no peace, it's because we have forgotten how to see God in one another. If each person saw God in their neighbour, do you think we would need guns and bombs?" St Teresa of Calcutta

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

Today is the **Feast of Christ the King**, to mark this special Feast, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral from 2-5pm. During this time people are encouraged to make a special effort to visit the Cathedral to thank God for all the graces & blessings of life, especially the many graces we have received over the past year. There will be prayers led on each of the hours & Benediction will take place at 5pm. Please join with our Parish Family as we come together to honour the King of our Universe!

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Convery, Susan Cullen, Gavin McNaney, Fr. Brendan McNally, Fr. James Crowley, Maisie Grimes, Bill Hughes, Maureen Brannigan & Patrick Starrs, Marian Kelly, Charlie Mooney & Bobby Gamble.

**MONTHS MIND:**

**Weekly collection amounted to €6399.71 & €167.00**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

**Regarding Parishioners Entering a Church Sacristy**

We would like to remind all parishioners of the necessity for ANYONE entering a sacristy in the Parish to sign the relevant book, with their name, time of entering and time of leaving. This is an important part of our safeguarding policies & procedures and we urge you to comply with this request. In the event of anyone refusing to sign the appropriate book, the sacristans have the authority to request the parishioner to leave the sacristy. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:**

Mon: 8am; Wed: 8am, 11pm; Thurs: 8am. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Floral Society** New members required to help with the floral arrangements in our Parish Churches. Anyone interested in assisting with his Parish Ministry is asked to contact Claire in the Parish Office.

**RISE Youth Group** will continue this Wednesday 7-9pm in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! All 1st—3rd years welcome!

**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 Church on Thursday at 12 noon.

**Holy Hour and Benediction** in St Malachy's Church on Friday evening from 8-9pm.

**Celebration for all Altar Servers in Armagh Parish**

A special celebration for all Altar Servers in the different Churches in the Parish and their families will take place today in St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30pm which is the Feast of St John Berchmans, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. We ask all Altar Servers and their families to come along to this special evening.

**Rosary on the Coast** At various points, the Rosary is being prayed around the coast of Ireland today, to pray for the preservation of the faith and the protection of life. You might like to pray the Rosary within your home or with your family today for this special intention.

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal** Members of St Vincent de Paul will give their Annual Address at all Masses in the Parish on the weekend of **Sat 2/Sun 3 December**. The annual Christmas collection will be taken up by the Society on the weekend of Sat 9/Sun 10 December.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees** will be placed in the Cathedral, St Malachy's and Vincent's Shop, Ogle Street from the beginning of December. The Giving Trees is an opportunity to provide someone less fortunate with a gift this Christmas. Simply remove a tag from the tree and purchase a suitable gift or voucher to match the tag profile and return the gift unwrapped to the tree before the 21 December, to allow volunteers time to distribute them for Christmas. (No second hand gifts please.)

**Lislea Community Centre** Turning on Christmas Tree Lights, Carol Singing and arrival of Santa with gifts for children on Sun 3 Dec at 5pm.

**Milford Community:** Turning on Christmas Tree Lights and Carol Singing at the Tree on Fri 1 December at 7.30pm.

**Pre Christmas Coffee Morning for Parish**

**Volunteers:** Church collectors, counters, flower arrangers, members of PPC, Finance Committee, Baptism Team, Shop Staff, Ministers of Word and Eucharist and anyone who is involved in ministry within our Parish - The Synod Hall on Monday 11 December at 10.30am.

**Vivaldi's Gloria** The Senior Girls Choir from St Paul's High School, Bessbrook will present Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by The Generation Louth String Orchestra in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 10 Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto: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.

**CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**Presentation** Senior & Minor Team Presentation Night **Sat 2nd Dec** in the Club. All welcome.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

**Novena Mass** on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

**Community Centre** Mon Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues mum & me fitness class & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am (fully booked), Corebox 7-8pm, Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Total Body Workout 6.30-7.30pm, Music 7.30-8.30pm; Tullysaran Sports Club Sat p1-3 9.30-10.30am; P4-7 10.45-11.45am Christmas movie evening Sat 9th December 3-5pm for primary school children

**Children's Liturgy Group** takes place each Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils. Families are encouraged to come along & have their children join in the special Catechesis. The leaders are already very pleased with the response to this new initiative and they encourage parents across the parish to bring their children along. Anyone who wishes to volunteer with the group should contact the Parish

**November Masses**  
**St. Malachy's Church,**  
**7:30pm**

**28th Nov - Indoor Bowling Club**

**29th Nov - Pioneer Association**

**An Advent evening with Armagh Cathedrals Partnership** An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer in The Market Place Theatre on **Tues 5 Dec** at 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Padraig O'Tuama, of the Corrymeela Community. We will be joined on the evening by a Choir from St Catherine's College. It promises to be a special evening to reflect on Advent as a time to prepare for Christ's coming. All are welcome to join.

**St Malachy's Primary School Open Night** "A Digital School of Distinction" invite all prospective pupils & their parents to our Open Night on **Thurs 30th Nov** from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm.

**Christian Brothers & Irish Medium Nurseries P.S. Open Day** Open will be held on **Sat 2nd Dec** from 11am – 1pm. Parents & potential pupils welcome.

**Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran Open Night** will take place on **Thurs 7th Dec** 7-8PM. We welcome Parents and Children of Reception and Primary 1 Age for School Year 2018/19

**Armagh Diocesan Liturgy and Church Music** are hosting a series of sessions to rehearse a new Mass setting for Choirs and Musician's with the aim to promote congregational singing. These sessions will take place **Dec 5th** in Parish Centre, St Patrick's Church, Stonebridge at 7.30p.m. Copies of the full score of the Mass: £3.00/ €3.00 each & Trifold cards (Melody line) for Choir members: £1.00 /€1.00 will be available each evening.

**Apostolic Work Annual Christmas Sale** on **Saturday 2nd December** in Mt. St. Catherine's Primary School, 10am-12noon. Adm £1.50 (adults) 50p (children) includes refreshments. Sale of cake, jams, vegetables, plants, knitted goods. Raffle, also. Please come and support the missions. We need your help.

**Trocaire Gift Sale** will take place after Masses in the Parish on 2nd & 3rd December. Trocaire Gifts help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are ten gifts to choose from starting at chicks for families in Kenya and Ethiopia for just £5. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>

**Church & Family Survey** Pope Francis wants to hear the views of everyone on the Church & Family that can be fed into the 2018 World Meeting of Families in Dublin. Members of the Justice & Peace Commission will visit houses in Tullymore Downs & Primates Manor around 6pm on **Tues 28th Nov**. A few short questions will be left in an envelope & collected an hour later. Confidentiality is assured, no names or signatures are required. In Jan there will be a follow-up discussion in Sherry's Field Centre. This is a unique opportunity to make your views known and we look forward to meeting you.

**Miraculous Medals** There will be Miraculous Medals blessed and distributed at the Masses in St Malachy's Church and the Cathedral on **Monday 27th November**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.