

Cuchulainn Hurling Club Table Quiz will take place on Friday 2 February 2018 in Co Armagh Golf Club at 8.00pm. Table Quiz in County Armagh Golf Club on Friday 2 February at 8.00pm - all welcome. Breakfast Morning and Club Registration 2018 - Sunday 11 February 10am - 12noon in Armagh Harps Social Club

Saint Brigids Camogie Club Training Saint Brigid's Camogie Club are celebrating 50 years in the community. As part of the celebrations, there will be a dinner dance held in Armagh City Hotel on Sat 3rd March, we would like to invite all past, present player & members, parents & friends to this wonderful celebration. Tickets: £20 each. Contact Maggie on 07787 798164.

Mary's Meals desperately need metal spoons and biro pens! Items can be left in our centre in the old clinic, Dobbin St. on Tues or Thurs afternoons, or can be left in the baskets in St. Malachy's & the Cathedral. Please spread the word! Thank you!

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses Due to demand marriage preparation courses need to be booked at least 10 months in advance. Book your course online at www.accord-ni.co.uk or phone Kate on 028 38 334781.

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes Anyone wishing to travel with the pilgrimage either as a pilgrim or assisted pilgrim you are cordially invited to contact Ann Gray 07736415305. Cost €720 + single room supplement. **12th-17th May 2018**. Assisted Pilgrims please submit names ASAP as there are limited places available. Closing date 12/02/1018. Annual Church Door Collection will take place at all Masses on weekend of 3rd February.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminar will take place each Tuesday from 30th Jan in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane at 8pm

- 30th Jan – Introduction with Teresa Lappin & Testimony from Fiona
- 6th Feb - God's Love with Fr. Thomas Mc Hugh
- 13th Feb - Salvation with Vincent Costello
- 20th Feb - The New Life with Carmel Horan
- 27th Feb - Receiving God's Gift with Archbishop Eamon Martin
- 6th Mar - Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Fr. Gerry Campbell
- 13th Mar - Growth with Patricia Kelly (testimony also from Martin)
- 20th Mar - Transformation in Christ with Fr. Owen Gorman

St. Patrick's Grammar School Open Night will take place on Tues 30th Jan at 7pm for Primary 7 students & parents.

Lenten Retreat Days Dromantine are offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide time and space to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. **Sat 17th Feb** led by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA; **Sat 10th March** led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. 10AM- 5PM. Cost: £25/ €30, inc lunch, teas/coffee . All are welcome. Bookings to: (028)30821964

Anam Cara an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 31st Jan** 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Armagh City Hotel.

Lislea Monthly Draw Winners 1st Prize - Grace Gordon - £100; 2nd Prize - Martin McAnallen £50.

Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH" a massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on Saturday **10th March**. Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 02890278484 or click on www.rallyforlife.net



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28th January 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, Moses promises that one day God will raise up from among the people a new prophet, to whom they must pay attention. That promise was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth as the one who speaks for God and about God. The crowds that followed Jesus however, seemed to have divided into various groups. In today's Gospel, there were those who focused on the extraordinary healing of the man who was possessed by an unclean spirit. But there were others who seemed to be more reflective and were drawn to the message of Jesus. While Jesus was both teacher and miracle worker, we are told that his teaching made a deep impression on the people because his "teaching was new and with authority behind it". It's worth remembering that the people of that time were confused about the political and economic situations of their time. They were oppressed, broken and spiritually barren. The similarities between now and then are not unrelated. Some of the contemporaries of Jesus heeded his teaching and allowed it to change their lifestyles. So Christianity took root. Today's Gospel is a call to our generation to do the same so that Christ's message may be revitalised in our homes, in our parish and in our country.

The Gospel is always about the present time and each of us can find ourselves in any particular gospel incident or story. At this moment, you may be conscious of some troubled spirit within your soul. It could be a depression, an anxiety, a fear or a worry; it could be a compulsion, an addiction, a resentment or a guilt. What can we do?

We can take some time to recognise that we are in the presence of the Lord of today's Gospel. We might give ourselves some space to be quiet and still. And in the silence we can acknowledge the power of God's Holy Spirit within us. As the psalm says, "Be still and know that I am God". We can then turn to the Lord in prayer and say repeatedly:

"Lord Jesus, Son of God, Saviour and Lord, I call upon your name. I claim your authority over everything within me that is not from you. I use your name to release me from every disturbing and disquieting spirit that is upsetting my life. Lord Jesus, give me your peace". Do not curse the darkness of evil. Light the candle of goodness.

This week marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2018. This year the theme for the week is very much in tune with the World Meeting of Families 2018 – "Catholic Schools – called to be a family of families". The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic schools make to our local communities and society in general.

Within our parish, we are indebted to the many people who contribute enormously to the values of Catholic education and we pay special tribute to the governors, principals, their teaching colleagues and ancillary staff in all our Catholic schools for their personal fidelity and commitment. We wish God's blessing on their endeavours and we thank them sincerely for all they do in imparting to our young people the values of the Gospel and preparing them for tomorrow's world.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jim Devlin, Mary Quigley, Kathleen Toal, Margaret Basketfield, Patsy McShane, Jim Kearney, Michael Dandy, Ann Tennyson and Tony Smith.

MONTHS MIND: Maura McGleenan (29th), John Henry (1st) & Rose-ann Rooney (2nd).



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 5/12/13/18 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1350
Abbey Lotto: 1/11/18/25 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2950
Tullysaran Lotto: 13/15/18/23 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 7/8/14/22 One winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £500

Weekly collection amounted to £ 5861.64 & €178.32

Bishops Conference collection amounted to £2422.30 & €53.75

The Parish Lourdes Committee will take up their annual Church door collection in the Parish next weekend to help bring sick pilgrims to Lourdes later this year.

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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: 11pm; Fri: 11pm; Sat: 5pm. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Parish Records Help us keep our system up-to-date by letting us know your change of address! If you've changed your address in the last year or are planning to soon, please call Claire in the Parish Office on 37522813

JOY Youth Group All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Parking in the grounds of St Malachy's Church

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, parking in the grounds of St Malachy's Church was discussed. Unfortunately some people are parking vehicles carelessly and access around the Church is very often being blocked. Those who park within the Church grounds are asked to park within the parking spaces that have been assigned.

The Do this in Memory Programme will continue in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 10 Feb**

at 7pm for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents.

World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on **Sunday 11 February**. The 5.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral will be offered on that evening for all who are sick at this time. During the Mass, those who are feeling unwell will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing, or £310 for a single room. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office.

Blood Donation The next blood donation session will be in St. Mark's Crozier Hall. **Mon 29th & Tues 30th Jan**. 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm.

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.

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

Confessions in St Malachy's Church on Thursday at 12noon.

Feast Days

Thursday is the feast of St Brigid, secondary Patron of Ireland. Crosses will be blessed at all Masses on Thursday.

Friday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and also Candlemas. Candles will be blessed at all Masses on Friday.

Saturday is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after the 10am Mass on Saturday morning.

Prayer to St Brigid

Lord, you inspired St Brigid with such dedication for your work that she is known as the Mary of the Irish. Through her intercession and help, bless all of us and our families as we live our lives. May we always follow the example of her life and be united one day with her and Mary our mother, in your eternal presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass The Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Mass will be celebrated on Thurs @ 7:30pm, Fri @ 7:30pm & Sat @ 10am.

Children's Liturgy Group continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

Community Centre Activities/classes this week: Monday Indoor Bowls. 8-10pm; Tuesday baby massage class 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30am-12, Pilates. 7-8pm; Thursday music 7.30-8.30pm, Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm

Tullysaran Music Classes take place on Thursday evening. Singing 6:30pm-7pm; Tin Whistle 7-7:30pm (Beginners) & 7:30pm-8pm (Intermediate); Fiddle 7:30pm-8:30pm. All welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Grange Ladies We have football for Senior, U16 & U12 teams this 2018 season, all new players welcome. The 'Ireland Lights Up' walking track will be lit up for the next 6 weeks from 7pm - 9pm

Minor Boys training every Monday night, starting this Monday 29th @7pm.

Lenten Retreat Day A "day with a difference" will take place in St Vincent de Paul Centre on **Tues 27 Feb** from 10.30am - 1.30pm. It will be a day to step aside from the busyness of life, to reflect & to pray. Continuing our preparations for the World Meeting of Families, some time will be given to reflecting on the gift of family & praying for the protection of family life. The day will be led by Sr Anne Lyng, Pastoral Coordinator with the Archdiocese. It will begin with tea/coffee & a light lunch will also be provided. Places are limited and so booking is essential at the Parish Office.

Lenten Evenings of Prayer and Reflection for Ministers of Word & Eucharist As we continue to prepare for the World Meeting of Families, two special evenings of Prayer & Reflection will take place for all Ministers of Word & Eucharist in The Synod Hall. The evening for Ministers of Eucharist will take place on **Tues 20 Feb** & the evening for Ministers of Word will take place on **Tue 6 Mar**. Both at 8pm. All involved in these Ministries in any of the Parish Churches are asked to attend. Anyone interested in volunteering for these ministries is asked to contact the Parish Office.

An invitation to all engaged couples As we approach the feast of St Valentine, all engaged couples are invited to join at the 12noon Mass in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on **Sun 11 Feb** for a special blessing. Families and the wider parish community are invited to join. The celebration will help couples to look forward to their wedding day and realise that the sacrament of marriage isn't "a single moment" but "a reality that permanently influences the whole of their married life". (The Joy of Love)

Drugs & Alcohol - Help Prevent for Parents/Guardians, in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, Dundalk. **Mon 12th & 19th Feb** 7.30-9.30pm. Facilitator: John Taaffe ACI (Addiction Counsellor) All welcome. For further info please contact John 086-8611531.

Pastoral Parents Family Programme Families encounter many issues that impact on our Wellness. We are holding a pilot 6 week group to help support parents / guardians with the everyday issues that cause stress to parents i.e. technology, relationships, communication issues, boundaries, finance, faith, resilience, culture, etc. The programme will start **2nd February** for 6 consecutive Friday Mornings from 10.30-12.00pm in the Pastoral Centre, The Magnet Dundalk, facilitated by trained counsellor. For Info please contact John 086-8611531.

Armagh Pioneer Centre Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short term pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by contacting Stella—38891002 or Brian—37524853.

CUMANN SEANCHAIS ARD MHACHA: Lecture on 'Armagh County Museum - 'A local source for local history' by Sean Barden in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library on Wednesday 7th February at 8pm. All welcome. (NOTE: Journal launch is on Wednesday 21st February in Ó Fiaich Library.)

Vocations Bring a friend & experience Cistercian life at Glencairn Abbey. Co. Waterford for a weekend. Cistercian monks & nuns are called to witness to God in a life of prayer, work, community & contemplation. We invite women considering God's call to join us for the weekend to get to know more about the monastic way of life. www.glencairnabbey.org Find us on Facebook & Instagram too!

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.