

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. Contact: Dermot 028/048 3752 3084 armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Music Workshop with Fr Liam Lawton: “The Mass of St Patrick” Stonebridge Pastoral Centre, **Wed 7th June** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost £12 inc. Music Book and Workshop.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - the next meeting will be held on **Wed 7 June** in St Vincent de Paul Centre following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. New Members welcome.

Novena The Rosminian Fathers wish to announce the Annual Novena in honour of St Jude in Calvary Omeath. **Sat 3rd—Sun 11th June**. All welcome.

TinyLife Could you spare a few hours a week to help a family with a premature baby? TinyLife are currently appealing for volunteers in the Armagh area. For more info please contact Janice on 07702384786

Dromantine Summer Camp 2017 Boys camp: 16th-21st July & 23rd—28th July; Girls Camp: 30th Jul-4th Aug, 6th-11th Aug & 13th-18th Aug. Contact: 02830821224.

Lough Derg Three day pilgrimages begin **Thurs 1st June** until **Sun 13th August**. If you're interested in taking part in a one day pilgrimage, the Parish will be organising a trip to Lough Derg in September. More information to follow.

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership are hosting a visit to The Seamus Heaney Visitor Centre in Bellaghy, Co Derry on Thursday 15th June. A bus will leave Moy Rd Car Park at St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.30am and will return not later than 5pm. The day will include morning coffee, tour of the centre, visit to Heaney's grave and a visit to the local Church. Price £15. Booking at Armagh Parish Office (37522813)

Armagh Pioneer Centre Presentation Mass will take place in St. Malachy's Church on **Friday 23rd June** at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to receive Gold or Silver pins or a 60 year medal, or to enrol as a pioneer please contact Brian 37524853 or Stella 38891002.

Two year part time theology programme begins in September 2017. Application forms from Armagh Diocesan Website or by contacting The Pastoral Plan Office at 0035342 9336393.

Couch to 5k is back. Last session to get fit for summer. A 9 week programme each Monday & Wednesday evening starting **29th May** at 6.30pm-7pm at the War Memorial on the Mall. For more information contact Edel Ferson on 02837 5296 36

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at: T:028 71 368592

Rally for Life – The 11th All Ireland Rally for Life will be held in Dublin city centre on **Saturday 1st July**. Coaches will be travelling to the Rally from across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 028 90278484 or www.rallyforlife.net

Cuan Mhuire Annual Fundraising Hillwalk will be a 15 km stroll through the beautiful landscape of Tinahely, Co. Wicklow on **Saturday 1st July**. For more info see poster in church or contact hillwalk@cuanmhuire.ie

SMA Summer School 2017 7-9 July at Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre. Lectures and Workshops delivered by nine expert speakers including: Justin Kilcullen, Dr Fainche Ryan, Paul Vallely & Fr Gerry O Hanlon SJ For more info & booking details contact laity@sma.ie or telephone 048 3082 1024

Permanent Diaconate: Do you feel called to serve as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Armagh? Contact Fr Brian White at 0035342 9322244 or speak with your local priest.



Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 10/18/20/23 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2800
Abbey Lotto: 2/15/23/27 One jackp/ot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1200
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/7/14/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1300
St Colmcille's GAC Lotto: 1/12/14/17 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2350



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28th May 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

We are familiar with the frequently used saying “to come full circle”, which means that people, having set out on a journey or task, have returned to where they started. This applies particularly to our thoughts about Jesus on the Feast of the Ascension.

In one sense, the Ascension celebrates that Jesus has come full circle because, having come from the Father to accomplish a specific mission, he returns to the Father having achieved what he was sent to do: to save us from spiritual death and alienation from God due to our sins. But in another sense, the Ascension marks the passing on of the baton by Jesus to his apostles. At the beginning of his public ministry, he had preached that the kingdom of heaven was close and he had challenged people to repent of their sins and believe in the Good News. Now the responsibility for that ministry was being passed on to the apostles and disciples. They were mandated to continue Jesus' saving work, drawing all nations to the truth of the Gospel.

Jesus' departure from the earth and his return to heaven did not mean that his apostles and disciples would remain alone in their mission. Although he would no longer be physically present, he told them, “And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”. So there was no need for them to worry or to be lacking in confidence because he would be spiritually present, especially in the sacramental life of the Church. He also promised to send the Holy Spirit who would guide them in their various activities.

The message of the Ascension is clear. The saving work of Christ is now being handed over to the Church. The baton is being passed on to us. Just as in a relay race, it is imperative that we do not drop the baton. In other words, the responsibility for passing on the faith rests with us. We carry the faith with courage and conviction and we pass it on to those we meet.

Today also marks the 51st World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is “Fear not, for I am with you”: Communicating Hope and Trust in our time. In his message to mark this Sunday, Pope Francis urges us to engage in “constructive forms of communication”. He says, the lens through which we view life must be the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ: “In Christ, even darkness and death become a point of encounter with Light and Life”.

It is fitting that World Communications Day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension when Jesus entrusts his disciples with the important task of spreading the Good News – “to make disciples of all the nations”. The way we communicate and the news we choose to share with others is an important part of our role as disciples.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

We pray for all those making their Confirmation in the Parish next weekend

Give me your Holy Spirit O God our Father, give me your Holy Spirit in my heart and in my mind, that I may ever choose what is right, that I may know what choice to make and what choice to reject. Give me your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with good desires to make my life wise with knowledge, beautiful with love, useful with service. Give me your Holy Spirit, to enlighten the scriptures for me and to fill my life with the fruits which only He can give. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paddy Sullivan

Weekly collection amounted to £6079.84 & €108.73

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Their email is armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com & tel. 07895 460797.

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

All 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.

Friday is the first Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited during the coming week or as arranged with individual priests.

Holy Hour and Benediction in St Malachy's Church on Friday evening at 8pm.

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

Adoration Adorers needed to cover:
Wednesday: 11pm and 12midnight
Thursday: 1am, 3am, 5am & 6am

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

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

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise. We are currently hosting a Novena to the Holy Spirit. For more information visit the Parish Website.

Fatima Devotion On the 1st Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

Ministry of the Word/Eucharist Anyone who wishes to be a Minister of the Word/Eucharist in any of the Churches in the Parish is asked to con-

tact the Parish Office.

The last **Do This in Memory Celebration** of the year will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Sat 17th June** at 7pm. We look forward to all First Communicants joining for the celebration on that evening.

Confirmation We pray for the many young people in our Parish who will be confirmed in their faith on the weekend of **Sat 3rd/Sun 4th June**. All of the confirmandi are having a pre-Confirmation retreat & we thank Aoibhin (Parish Youth Worker) for facilitating these wonderful gatherings.

Confirmation on Sat 3 and Sun 4 June at 2pm
Saturday 3 June: Pupils from CBS Primary School, Mt St Catherine's Primary School & Tullysaran Primary School

Sunday 4 June: Pupils from Saints & Scholars Primary School, St Patrick's Primary School & St Malachy's Primary School

Armagh Parish Trip takes place from **Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June**. Bus leaving from Armagh City Hotel on **Mon 5th** at 9:30am. **Any remaining payments are now outstanding. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.**

We remember in prayer all who are taking part in the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock today **Sunday 28th.**

We pray for Michael Donnelly as he prepares to be ordained priest for the Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France on **Sunday 25 June**. Michael will be home in Armagh for a short time in August and he will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish, in St Malachy's Church on **Friday 18th August at 7.30pm.**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 29 May and will reopen on Tuesday 30 May.

Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers

Would you be willing to offer 2-3 hours a week volunteering in the Cathedral Gift Shop? Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813,

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Tullysaran Community Association: Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin; Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm; **Coffee Morning** in aid of Southern Area Hospice Services **Sat 3rd June** 10am-2pm at 142 Maydown Rd, Benburb. Contact Neville or Myrtle for more info 37548636

A number of boxes of Parish Envelopes have not been collected for the Tullysaran area, if any family hasn't received their envelopes they are asked to contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate on **Monday** at 8.15pm.

Visit of Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta to St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh The special Relic will be in St Patrick's Cathedral from the evening of **Thurs 8 June** until midday on **Sat 10 June**, so that people will have an opportunity to venerate it. For more information see the Church noticeboards/website

Thursday 8 June
7.20pm Arrival and Procession
7.30pm Evening Mass
10.00pm Night Prayer
(Cathedral closes at 10.30pm)

Friday 9 June
8.00am Morning Mass
10.00am Morning Mass
12.00noon Midday Prayer
3.00pm Rosary
6.00pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Evening Mass
10.00pm Night Prayer
(Cathedral closes at 10.30pm)

Saturday 10 June
10.00am Morning Mass
12.00noon Midday Prayer
1.00pm Relic departs Cathedral

Confessions will be heard on the mornings of Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June from 9.30am – 9.55am and from 10.30am – 12noon and on the Friday afternoon from 4pm – 6pm.

"The Joys and Challenges in Marriage and Family Life Today" led by Dr. Tony Hanna in preparation for the World Meeting of Families. **June 17th**. 9:30am-5pm. £25/€30 inc. lunch & refreshments. Dromantine Conference Centre. Booking: 02830821964.

Blessing of the Graves 2017

Armagh: Sun 25th June 12noon
Knockconey: Fri 9th June 7:30pm
Tullysaran Old Cemetery:
Sat 3rd June @ 7:30pm
Tullysaran New Cemetery:
Sun 4th June @ 10am

Armagh Parish Cemetery

Due to a number of recent complaints, please ensure that dogs are kept on leads at all times in the Parish Cemetery. It's important for dog owners to clean up when dog fouling takes place! We wish to stress that no **household waste or unwanted items** are to be disposed of in the skips in the Parish Cemetery.

That time of year again, when many of our young people are doing exams!

We remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are doing exams in the coming days and weeks. We pray that God may send his Spirit upon all of them and may they be guided in the work that they do.

EXAMINATIONS PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to approach my exams with a clear head and a calm mind. Give me your strength and your peace, and let me do justice to all that I have learned. Thank you Lord for all my gifts and talents. Amen.



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.