

World Meeting of Families 2018 will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

“Celebrating Family Life”

As we continue to prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018, an evening of celebration for all families in our parish will take place in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh on **Thursday 10 May** at 7.30pm. All families in our parish are encouraged to make a special effort to attend this celebration, as we come together to give thanks for all that is good about family life, and to pray God’s blessing on all our homes and families. As part of the celebration, prayers will be offered for families in need and family members who are doing exams in the coming weeks.

Families are invited to bring along a small picture of their family (post card size) and place it in the Sacred Space in the Sanctuary of the Cathedral on the evening. These pictures will be pieced together to make our “Parish Family Collage” which will hang in the Cathedral in the coming months. All of the families will be remembered in prayer as we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families.

All families who attend on the evening will be given a ticket and a draw will be made as part of the evening for two families to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August of this year. As we gather in the month of May and the month of Our Lady, a special Rosary will also be given to all families present on the evening.

All families are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special evening and a special invitation is extended to all young people throughout our Parish. The music on the evening will be led by Malachi Cush and this special celebration promises to be a very uplifting and memorable evening for all.

Coffee Morning Pupils from St. Catherine’s College, along with Fr. Thomas, are hosting a Coffee Morning on **12th May** from 10am-12:30pm in the Synod Hall. All proceeds are in aid of Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima.

Brahms’ Requiem Armagh City Choir present Brahms’ Ein Deutsche Requiem in St Malachy’s Church, on **Fri 11 May** at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door on the evening. All are welcome.

Armagh Widows next meeting is **Wed 2nd May** in the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. There will be no meeting in April due to Easter. All welcome.

The Stop Gaps Choral Ensemble from Mumbai, India will perform a programme of classical and spiritual pieces in St. Patrick’s Cathedral **Wed 23rd May** at 7pm. Retiring collection will be taken up.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes ‘160 years of emotions’ - Armagh Group - 27th September, 5 nights full board. £660. For further info contact Gerry Gribbon 07980628696.

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group at 8pm on Tuesdays at SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Parents and Families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby **Sunday 13th May** at 3pm Seagoe Parish Centre 46 Seagoe Road, Portadown

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Dr Clodagh Downey, NUI Galway, on ‘The Jordan of Ireland – Medieval Traditions about the Boyne’, **Wed 2nd May** 8pm in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library & Archive. The Society’s AGM immediately follows the lecture. The Annual Dinner event jointly hosted by the Ó Fiaich Library & Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha is now scheduled for **Sunday 27th May** (7:30pm) in Canal Court Hotel.



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29th April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reflection

It’s that time of year when every week brings a noticeable change in the world of nature around us. Branches that were barren up until recently are now bedecked with buds bursting outwards with new leaves, new life, and the promise of new flower and fruit. The varied shades of green add to the luxurious growth that enriches the whole environment. Almost every branch has a different hue. And of course there are some branches that haven’t come to life at all. These are the ones that were damaged or broken off during the winter storms and consequently have been cut off from the sap, the source of life.

It is this powerful image of the vine and its branches that Jesus uses in today’s Gospel to teach that it is only when we are linked into him that we can achieve anything of lasting value. It is only when his life permeates our hearts that we can reach our true potential as members of the one caring family. Without his sustenance and life, we cannot bear fruit by ourselves.

We know from experience that we cut ourselves off from Jesus through sin, selfishness or just plain carelessness. A neglected friendship falters quickly. However, for us there is always hope. Unlike the vine branches, our rift from him can always be healed and restored. He is always ready and willing to link with us again through prayer and reconciliation. He is the vine, but he is much more – he is also our Saviour.

“Be kind and merciful and let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. In the slums, we are the light of God’s kindness to the poor. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give them always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart. And that will make all the difference”. - St Teresa of Calcutta

Every blessing
Fr. Peter McAnenly, Adm.

May – a month that is dedicated to Mary, the mother of God

REFLECTION

Take my hand O blessed mother, hold me firmly lest I fall.
I am nervous when I’m walking, and to thee I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I’m on the stairs
Let me know you are beside me, listen to my fervent prayers.
Bring me to my destination, safely, every single day
Help me with each undertaking, as the hours go on their way.
And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O blessed Mother, once again and lead me home.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Kelly, Arthur Mallon, Joan Kearney, Pat Campbell, Tommy Didders, Bridget McCartan, Anthony McKeown & Eileen Kane.
MONTHS MIND: Eileen McClelland (28th), Michael Hutchinson (29th), Ann Loughlin (1st) & Imelda Nugent (3rd).



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 5/6/16/25 Next weeks Jackpot £2000
Abbey Lotto: 4/17/18/28 Next weeks Jackpot £3600
Tullysaran Lotto:
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 11/17/18/19 Next weeks Jackpot is £1100

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6766.21 & €180.45

The Annual Education of Priests Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Priests Dues Collection being taken up at all Masses next weekend.

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.**

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

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:
Sun: 3pm & 6pm; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Parish Envelopes If you have not received envelopes for 2018 and wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office

Gift Aid & Standing Order Forms available online and in the Parish Office.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 27 May 2018**. Buses will be travelling from parishes across the diocese and people are encouraged to make a special effort to join for this special pilgrimage in this year when we celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. Families are encouraged to consider being part of the pilgrimage and especially young people who are being confirmed in their faith along with their families! A bus, organised by the Knights of St. Columbanus, will be travelling on the day from Armagh Parish. Booking at Parish Office. Leaving Cathedral Gates, Cathedral Rd at 7am. £10 per person.

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.

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Celebration will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st August. More details to follow.

Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE. Final payments due on Friday 18th May.**

Lourdes Mass A special Mass will be offered in St Malachy's Church on **Wednesday 9 May** at 7.30pm and all who are travelling on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will join for the special celebration.

See what's happening in our Pastoral Area by following St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area on Facebook! Our Pastoral Area includes the Parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan.

Friday is the first Friday of the month.

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

The Sick and Housebound will be visited in the coming days or as arranged with individual priests.

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

Lourdes Mass for all who are travelling on the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on **Wed 9 May** at 7.30pm.

Silence in our Churches We ask people to be respectful when visiting our Churches and keep noise levels to a minimum in this sacred space.

We pray for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks.

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.



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass on Sunday morning for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday music 7-8.30pm; Friday CPR/defib training 7-9.30pm

Remembering all our First Communicants We remember in prayer the many young people in our Parish who will be celebrating their 1st Holy Communion. May these weeks be a time of joy and blessing for our young people & their families.

St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area: Corpus Christi Procession As we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families, the parishes of Armagh, Keady and Derrynoose, Killcluney and Middletown and Tynan will gather in St Patrick's Cathedral for a special celebration of Mass on **Fri 1st June** at 7pm. After the Mass, there will be a Corpus Christi Procession & the First Communicants of this year from each of the four parishes are invited to lead the procession. People are encouraged to join with their families on the evening to give praise & thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist.

Pioneer Association to gather in honour of the Sacred Heart The Pioneer Association from the parishes of Armagh, Keady & Derrynoose, Killcluney & Tynan and Middletown will come together for a special Mass in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on **Wed 6th June** at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to join on the evening, to pray for a greater spirit of temperance in our world & in our local communities. A special invitation is extended to all P7 Pupils from each of the Primary Schools in the Pastoral Area who have become young Probationers this year. On the evening, they will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to the pledge they have made.

Legion of Mary Home Visits Members of the Legion of Mary will visit homes in the coming weeks in different areas of Armagh. This week, they hope to visit in the Callan Street area and eventually continue their visitation in Legar Hill and Mullacreevie. They will be distributing Novena Prayer Cards and also promoting a Novena to the Sacred Heart in June.

Armagh Lourdes Committee wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Armagh for your continued generosity and support in our recent church door collection to take our sick people to Lourdes. We raised £3508.57 & €160.10 & Knockaconey £315 & €50. There will be Mass in St Malachy's Church on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm prior to our departure. Tickets will be issued. If you cannot attend please contact Ann 07736415305.

Armagh Pioneer Centre Presentation Mass on **Wed 6th June** at 7:30pm in St. Malachy's Church. Anyone due to receive silver, gold or 60 year pins, or wishing to join the pioneers, please ring: Stella 38891002 or Brian 37524853.

Lough Derg 2018: Season opens for One Day Retreats on Sat 5th May. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.

Parish Office is closed on Monday 7th May and will reopen on Tuesday 8th May.

Feast of the Ascension & World Communication Day will take place on **Sun 13th May**

Confirmation Dates

Saturday 19 May @ 2pm
St Malachy's PS
St Patrick's PS
Saints & Scholars PS

Sunday 20 May @ 2pm
Christian Brothers PS
Mt St Catherine's PS
Our Lady's PS

First Communion

CBS Irish Medium - **Sat 5th May @ 10am**
CBS English Medium - **Sat 5th May @ 11:30am**
Our Lady's PS - **Sun 6th May @ 10am**
Saints & Scholars PS - **Sat 12th May @ 11am**
St. Malachy's PS - **Sun 13th May @ 10am**
St. Patrick's PS—**Sun 13th May @ 11am**