

### Armagh Parish Draw

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to ensure the success of our Parish Draw. A draw took place on last week for all ticket sellers and winners were as follows:

£500 - Geraldine McCrory

£100 - Paddy Duffy

£100 - Jimmy Carlisle

£100 - Eamon McCann

£100 - Angela Moore

£100 - John McCarthy

**10th Brigid of Faughart Festival** will take place in Faughart, Brigid's birthplace and various locations in Dundalk Sun 29th Jan to Sun 5th Feb with a varied range of exciting and creative events for all. For further info & bookings phone Karen 087 6821664.

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture by Professor Marian Lyons, Maynooth University on 'The practice of medicine in early modern Ireland: The case of Thomas Arthur M.D. 1593-1675'.

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** 8pm in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh. All welcome.

**Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** Now taking names for pilgrims and sick wishing to travel on 12th—17th May. Call Anne on 07736415305. **Coffee Morning** on **28th January** 10am-1pm, 4 Glen Mhacha. **Church Door Collection 4th & 5th February**

**SVP** The SVP team extend sincere thanks to all the parishioners who so generously contributed to the annual Christmas church door collection which raised £8,900. This money has provided food, fuel, cash assistance and other basic necessities for families in need within the local community. We also thank those who provided toys on the evening of the Christmas Carol Service and for those who left gifts at the SVP Giving Tree. 104 families were provided with gifts.

**What are you planning for Lent?** Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group are running Life in the Spirit Seminars at 8pm each Tues between **14th Feb-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.

**Mary's Meals** baskets are back in the Cathedral and St Malachy's. We are very grateful for your ongoing support. Please note that we can ONLY take the following items: backpacks, small towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, copybooks, pencil cases and/ or contents, tennis balls, spoons, rulers, flip flops/ sandals, dresses or skirts/ tops ( girls), trousers/ shorts and tops (boys), all to fit 4 -12 years old. Anyone willing to help can contact us in the old clinic in Dobbin Street on Tuesdays or Thursdays 2-4 pm. Thank you! [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)

**First Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** for Patients and Staff who have died in the Southern Trust Area (which includes DHH, CAH, LGH, South Tyrone, various Trust supported residential settings and all Trust support Services) The service will take place on Tuesday evening **21<sup>st</sup> Feb** at 7.30pm in Seagoe Parish Centre, Seagoe, Portadown.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** - the next meeting will take place on **Wed 1 Feb** in SVP Centre, following 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's. Please come along and join us in praying for Vocations for our Parish and our Diocese.

**Armagh Harps Youth** Fundamentals Football in Lisanally Youth Centre 6-7pm U-4's & U-6's 6-7pm, beginning **1st Feb** for 6 weeks. U-8's beginning **31st Jan**. All boys & girls welcome.

**Armagh Widows** next meeting **1st Feb** at the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd. 7pm-9pm. New Members welcome.

**Family Care Adoption Services** is seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For info **T:** 028 71 368592. Monday to Friday 9 – 1 p.m [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk)

**Cuchulainn Hurling Club** News National Draw Tickets available from any committee member (£10 entry) Club Registration & Breakfast Morning in Pearse Og Club - **Sun 19 Feb** (10am-1pm)

**Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 2/11/20/26** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1950

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29th January 2017

Fourth Sunday of the Year

Michael has no notion about holiness and certainly he has no ambition to be canonised. He will settle for a safe pass in the examination to get him into heaven. He sees the commandments as the test and so he hopes to get through by avoiding murder, stealing, adultery and by attending Sunday Mass as well as saying a few prayers each day. The commandments are the basic code by which he lives and judges himself. He will probably view today's Gospel as being the honour's course and of no great interest to him. That's a big mistake because the guarantee of God's presence in the next life is rooted in recognising his presence around us now.

The Sermon on the Mount which is introduced in today's Gospel is the core of Christ's teaching for his followers. Avoiding evil is only the first step in being a disciple of Christ. The next and crucial step is in doing good to others in every possible way, above and beyond the call of duty. It's to be so generous oneself that being untrammelled by this world's goods, God can give one the kingdom of his friendship. It's to be so merciful to others that there is no hardness of heart, blocking one from receiving forgiveness for oneself. It's to believe that the strength of gentleness rather than the arrogance of power is God's way of building his kingdom. It's to be blessed by God. With God, there are no pass students, all are honours candidates and each one of us is called to greatness and we are all precious in God's eyes.

On a different note, this coming week has been designated as "Catholic Schools Week 2017". Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post primary schools make not just to our society, but to the mission of the Church. Within our own parish, we are indebted to the many people who contribute enormously to the values of Catholic education and we pray special tribute to the principals, their teaching colleagues and ancillary staff of all our Catholic Schools for their personal fidelity and commitment. This year, the theme for the week is: "**Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home**".

In keeping with the intentions of this week, we congratulate the boards of governors, teachers, parents and all associated with the great work they do as members of the Catholic School system. We wish God's blessing on their endeavours and we thank them sincerely for all they do in imparting to our children the values of the Gospel and preparing them for tomorrow's world.

With every blessing,  
Rev Peter McAneney Adm

St. Brigid



### 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maureen Haugh, Raymond Wilson, Mary Grimley, Willie Harker, Philomena Doran, Marie Vallely, Patricia McKee & Bridget McGuirk

**MONTHS MIND:** Kevin Garvey (5th)

**Weekly collection amounted to £ 6344.28 & € 118.52**

**The recent collection to help support the work of the Irish Bishops Conference amounted to £ 2541.97 & € 53.00**

**Next weekend, the Parish Lourdes Group will take up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish.**

**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 or Maura, they can be contacted at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.**

**Feast of St Brigid Wed 1 Feb** – St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at all Masses on that day

**Feast of The Presentation of the Lord & the Feast of Candlemas Thurs 2nd Feb**– Candles will be blessed at all Masses on that day.

**Feast of St. Blaise Fri 3rd Feb** throats will be blessed at all Masses on that day.

**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 evening from 8 – 9pm.

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

**Adorers required** for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Thursday's at 4pm & 11pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

**Cathedral Webcam** All our Cathedral Liturgies are broadcast live on our webcam. To access our webcam visit our website [www.armaghparish.net](http://www.armaghparish.net) and click on 'Cathedral Webcam'.

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

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

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group** meet each **Tues** evening at 8pm in the SVP Centre at Chapel Lane . All welcome!

**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in this diocese on **Thurs 2 Feb** with Vespers in St Patrick's Cathedral at 6pm. On the evening, Archbishop Martin will launch a special prayer initiative in the Diocese. All prayer groups in parishes across the diocese have been invited to join for this occasion. All are welcome to join. We give thanks for the great gift that consecrated life is to the Church and to the world.

**A celebration of commitment in love** A special celebration for all who are living out a commitment in love will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm**. All married couples and couples who have celebrated their marriage in this parish over the past year are invited. We encourage couples who are engaged, those preparing for marriage and all who are living out a commitment in love at this time to attend. We will be joined on the evening by Archbishop Martin. As we gather on the eve of St Valentine, we will pray in thanksgiving for the gift of love and that we may continue to grow more and more in God's love. We pray for all who are striving to live out a commitment in love at this time and we encourage all to join for what promises to be a very memorable evening

**Records** We ask anyone who has moved house recently to please contact the Parish Office to

## 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** Activities this week: Mon 8-10pm: Indoor Bowls; Tues 4-5pm: Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm: Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm: Spin (fully booked); Wed 10.30-12pm: Parent/Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm: Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Total Body Workout & 7:30-8:30 Traditional Music Classes. **AGM** will take place Sun 19 Feb at 10.45am in Community Centre. We would invite all members of the community to attend.

**On each of these evenings, Mass will be at 7.30pm.**

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## CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

**Bookings** All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office - 37522813.

**Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Booking Open!** Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina last year, another Parish Trip will take place from **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in the 4\* 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.

**First Saturday's Devotion** When Our Lady appeared to Lucia at Pentevedra, she made a request for the Five 1st Saturdays & gave her great promise to assist at the hour of the death all those who on the 1st Saturday of five successive months go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say 5 decades of the Rosary & keep her company meditating on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary. 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 9.30am, 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.

**Confirmation Pledge** At the Ceremony of Light on **Thurs 2nd March**, all P7 Pupils will have an opportunity to take the Confirmation Pledge & make the commitment to abstain from alcoholic drink & drugs until they are at least 18 years old. The issue of alcohol & drugs has become a big issue in society & the decision whether to take alcohol and/or drugs during ones teenage years will have a major influence on the rest of ones life. Alcohol/drugs could be the obstacle to someone achieving their hopes and dreams. In the coming weeks, members of the local PTAA Group will be visiting the Primary Schools in our Parish to encourage young people to seriously consider making this commitment & taking the pledge. Parents are encouraged to discuss this with their children. In becoming a Youth Pioneer, the person is joining a family of like minded young people who have made the decision to say no to alcohol/drugs until they are 18.

**A Reflection on our Parish Baptism Programme** The preparation course provides a chance for parents and God-parents to take "time out" of their often hectic and sleep deprived lives, to reflect on the true meaning of Baptism and its importance for the child, the family and the wider community. Two of the Biblical quotes used in the preparation course which I find particularly moving are "*I have carved your name in the palm of my hand*" and "*You are not alone, do not be afraid*". These quotations remind us that each one of us is known to and loved by God as unique and precious individuals. Through this sacrament, the newly baptised child becomes a member of the Christian family and I feel that the sense of belonging to a supportive community should be reinforced and developed at every opportunity. **Mrs G Gillespie (Baptism Team Co-ordinator)**

**Maintenance of Parish Grounds** Anyone who may be interested in tendering for the maintenance of the grounds at Tullysaran and Knockaconey Churches during the Spring/Summer season are asked to contact Caroline at Armagh Parish Office. All tenders are to be submitted **no later than Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at 1pm.**

**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.**