

**Life in the Spirit Seminars** Final seminar at 8pm **Tues 4th April** in the SVP Centre.

**COFFEE & FAITH Lenten Programme comes to an end!** The last gathering will take place in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane on Wed 5 April at 11am. Deacon Malachy McElmeel will speak on Lent as being a time to give. Feel free to join as we come close to the end of Lent and join in a relaxed environment, to reflect on the theme.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** 7nights from Belfast **2nd August** £579. Contact Anthony 07753406356

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina One Day Retreat** with Cardinal Sean Brady **Sun 9th April** 10am-5pm in the Ryandale (Moy) £25 inc. coffee & lunch. Relic available on the day. Limited places. Book with Nuala 37548382

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Outing** to St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. **3rd May**. Departing from St. Malachy's Church at 9am, refreshments enroute. Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Thomas McHugh. Opportunity for shopping & sightseeing. **Cost £35, inc Coach Fare, refreshments & Evening Meal. Booking with Maura, Tel: 07752409636.**

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha:** Lecture on 'Sir Nicholas Bagenal and East Ulster in the 1560s and 1570s' by Dr James Sheridan, Trinity College Dublin, in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh on **Wed 5th April** (8pm). All welcome.

**Armagh Widows** next meeting on **Weds 5th April** at the Community Centre, Cathedral Rd, 7pm-9pm. New members welcome.

**Eco-Spirituality Dromantine** A gathering of interested people who want to create a space in which we can explore how to best live our relationship with God, each other and with Creation; ensuring we will hand on a better world to future generations. First meeting in Dromantine on **Thurs 30th April** at 8pm. All welcome! Contact office 082 30821224 for further info.

**Saint Brigid's Camogie Club** are hosting LIPSYNC Battles in Armagh City Hotel on **June 17th** Tickets: £20 Contact: Maggie on 07787 798164

**The Beginning Experience Coping Programme** is starting in the Convent of Mercy 8pm -**Thurs 27th April** for 7 weeks. Contact 079-348-71718 or [bedundalk.wordpress.com](http://bedundalk.wordpress.com)

**Lislea Draw Results** 1st Prize of £100 to Sean Gordon, 2nd Prize of £50 to Donald Johnston & £60 to Brigid McArdle. Congratulations to all. Anyone wishing to join can do so by contacting any Lislea Committee Member. Our AGM will be held on **Tues 4th April** at 8pm and we would appreciate your attendance and support.

**Southern Area Hospice Services Annual 6K Towpath Walk** from Newry Cue Club on Sunday 23rd April @ 3pm. Refreshments afterward in Newry Hockey Club plus Easter Egg Hunt, facepainting & crafts for kids. Contact Amy on 028 30251333.

**Connecting Education with Employment** - Supporting our young people to bridge the gap. Please come along to share and discuss your experiences of helping your child to make key decisions about their education and career path. **Wed 5th April** at Armagh Golf Club. 7- 8pm

**The Westenders Group** will be hosting an Easter tea dance on **Wednesday 12th April** from 2.30-4.30pm at the Cathedral Road Recreation Centre, Armagh. Cost £2pp, includes refreshments and music. Everyone welcome.

**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](mailto:armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 4/7/20/27** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2400

**Abbey Lotto: 6/10/19/27** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2750

**Tullysaran Lotto: 3/4/13/16** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1100

**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/7/6/14** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1950



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**2nd April 2017**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

### Reflection

From our own experience of coping sometimes with the strange ways of God, we might be able to relate to Martha's sense of disappointment and possible frustration as mentioned in today's Gospel. What was the tone in her voice and what were the feelings in her heart when she left the house and went out to meet Jesus? Is there a hint of anger? Is she blaming Jesus for not coming sooner? "If you had been here, my brother would not have died...." Do we sometimes blame God when our plans don't materialise or when we don't seem to get the answers we expect?

The incident in today's Gospel reminds us that God has a purpose that may not always be very evident. We are told that at the sight of Martha's tears and those of her friends, Jesus was deeply moved. In one of the shortest sentences in the New Testament, we get a glimpse of his compassion: "Jesus wept". We can only imagine what must have been the thoughts of the people when he asked that the stone be taken away from the opening of the cave where the body of Lazarus had been buried four days earlier. Did they suspect that Jesus was so overwhelmed with grief that he might be deranged? And what was their reaction when he cried out in a loud voice: "Lazarus, here! Come out!?" Again we can only imagine their sense of terror and awe when the dead man emerged from the tomb. And what did they think as they unwrapped the bands of burial cloths so that he could go free?

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a very powerful story. During this fifth week of Lent, the same Lord calls each one of us to roll back the stone and come out of the tomb, the place of death and darkness. He invites us to step out of the tomb of our selfishness and fear. He wants to unbind us from all forms of bondage so that we can be free.

We might feel it is too late to change. We might argue that we have been so long in the grave of our mediocrity and sin that we couldn't possibly transform our ways. And yet we must recall that it was not by his own strength that Lazarus returned to life, but through the power of God. It is this same power that calls us and enables us to break out of the fetters of selfishness so that we can serve our neighbour and our God in a new life of generous love. Now is an opportunity for us to hear his call and to receive his power to be changed to a better life.

Every blessing,  
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

### World Meeting of Families: Special Collection

This weekend, a second collection is being taken up at all Masses throughout the country to help support the World Meeting of Families which will take place in Dublin next year. The event is held every three years and this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Please give generously to this special collection which will be taken up after Communion at all Masses.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barry Toal, Annette Maginness, Anne Mooney, Clarice Halligan, Dessie Sheridan, Ann McElvanna, Thomas Donnelly and Paddy McConville

**MONTHS MIND:** Patrick Donnelly (2nd), Marie O'Neill (2nd) & Eileen Hannon (8th)

**Weekly collection amounted to £6262.46 & €152.72**

**Lenten Masses continue each day in St Malachy's Church at 7am & 7:30pm and in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am.**

**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 at 7.30pm.

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

#### **Penance Service in preparation for Easter**

The Penance Service will take place in St Malachy's Church on Monday 10 April at 7.30pm. A number of priests will be present on the evening, to help us prepare for the celebration of Easter.

**Trocaire** Two representatives from Trocaire will share a few words about the work of Trocaire before the end of all Masses this weekend.

**Parish Safeguarding** The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen & Maura, they can be contacted @ 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 by 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. All Baptisms must be paid for in advance in order to secure the booking.**

**Adorers required** for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

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

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

**First Saturday's Devotion** 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 9.15am, 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.

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on **Sunday 28th May**. Further details to follow.

**Cathedral Gift Shop** is now stocking gifts and tokens for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A number of Fatima items have now been made available as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. Opening hours: **Monday – Saturday: 10.30am – 4.00pm. Sunday: 12 noon – 5.30pm.**

A reflective night of **Taizé Prayer At The Cross** will be held in the transept of St Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm**, led by Aoibhin our parish youth worker. As we approach Holy Week, we take this time to meditate with beautiful Taizé music by candlelight. All welcome!

**Do this in Memory Programme** continues in St Patrick's Cathedral next Saturday evening at 7pm for all Primary Four Pupils and their parents. We continue to remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are currently preparing for their First Holy Communion.

**Holy Week** Please note the programme for all services and events throughout Holy Week is available on the Parish Website - www.armaghparish.net.

**Distribution of Weekly Envelopes** Any home/family that has not received envelopes & wishes to do so should contact the Parish Office.

**Book Launch** A new book titled 'The Cross of Addiction' edited by Rev Barry Matthews, who is to be ordained to the priesthood later this year, will be launched by Archbishop Martin in Cuan Mhuire on **Tues 11th April** at 1pm. All welcome.

**Palm Sunday Concert** Belfast Choir Cappella Caeciliana will be joined by the internationally renowned musician Eamonn Dougan in a concert " **A View of the Cross**" in St Patrick's RC Cathedral, Armagh on **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April**. Tickets (£10) available from the Parish Office or Armagh Visitors Centre. Students & under 25s will be admitted free.

#### **Armagh Parish Trip - June 2017**

The Parish Trip will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Those who travel will be based for the three nights in The Four Star, 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. Tel 028 37522813

#### **St. Brigid's High School, Armagh**

The Trustees of St. Brigid's High School, Armagh have confirmed the lease of St. Brigid's High School to Southern Regional College for a period of 3.5 years with immediate effect. Preparations are currently being made for the College to function within the building from September 2017.

**Armagh Diocesan Vocations Team** Some members of the Diocesan Vocations Team will join at the 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church on Monday evening. The Diocesan Vocations Team meets regularly to promote the vocation of the baptised and especially the vocations to priesthood and religious life. We continue to pray that as the labourers are few, that more men and women will respond generously and give of their lives for service as priests and religious.

**Aifreann na Gaeilge** Le sos na Cásca, ní léifear Aifreann na Gaeilge i séipéal Choláiste Phádraig arís go dtí **29ú Aibreán**. No Irish Mass in SPGS until after the Easter Break on **Sat 29 April**.

**RISE Youth Group & JOY** are joining together next **Sat 8th April** to pray the Stations of the Cross after the Vigil Mass in the Cathedral. Join us for prayer, music and discussion about the Stations of the Cross in preparation for Holy Week! For more info Aoibhin in the Parish Office.

**Tea Time for Trocaire!** Coffee morning in aid of Trocaire on **Saturday 8th April** in the Synod Hall. 10.30am-12noon. All welcome.

**Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance** for Parents & Families bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby on **Sunday 14th May** at 3pm in the Seagoe Parish Centre, 46 Seagoe Rd, Portadown. For an act of Remembrance you may wish to bring a flower. All Welcome

#### **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** Mon 8-10pm Indoor bowls; Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin (fully booked); Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm Music classes; Jiving classes Thurs 8-9pm on 31st March & 7th & 21st April. April Easter Flower-arranging 4th & 10th April 7-8pm. To book a place text 07542509624

**Mass** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception each Wednesday at 10am during Lent. Please note there will be no Mass on **Wed 12th**, Mass instead on **Tues 11th** at 10am.

**First Friday** This weeks calls will take place on **Thurs 6 April**

#### **CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY**

**Bookings** All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office 37522813. **Gaelic4Girls** starts on **Sat 1st April** 1pm - 2pm in St Colmcilles GFC for 12 weeks. Open to girls aged 8 - 12 years who are not registered with a Ladies Gaelic Football team. Cost £10. Contact Paula Keegan 07743398249.

**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.**