

SPRED, faith sharing group for people with learning difficulties, meets every 2 weeks to share activities, life experiences & a cup of tea. SPRED's aim is to integrate our friends into the liturgical life of the Parish. If you are a parent or guardian of a person aged 18+ who had learning difficulties & would like him/her to join our group, contact Lily 38891484. New faith friends also needed.

Lough Derg Three day pilgrimages begin **Thurs 1st June** until **Sun 13th August**. More info contact 00353 719861518 or www.loughderg.org

Forgiveness: Moving forward from life's hurts to Healing, Peace and Happiness. This day will give participants a deeper understanding of forgiveness & help to move from hurt to happiness. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. Dromantine Retreat + Conf. Centre. Date; **Sat. 13th May**. 9.30am -5 pm. Cost: £25 inc. lunch, tea/coffee. All welcome. Booking: (028)30821964

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Deirdre Rafferty (UCD) on 'Archives of Women Religious: Rich Sources for Irish History' in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh, **Wed 3 May** at 7:30pm. (Note earlier time; AGM follows lecture).

Lislea Monthly Draw 1st Prize of £100 to Ava Gordon and 2nd Prize of £50 to Grace Gordon. Congratulations to the winners.

Armagh City Library - Every Monday 11-1pm: Mindful colouring; Every Tuesday 1-2pm Macmillan volunteer available for info on cancer support services in your community. No booking necessary; Every Thursday 10.30-12.30: Patchwork – come along & take your project with you; Every Friday 10.30-12.30pm: Knit & Natter – come along & meet new people. All FREE to attend.

Fatima To commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima 100 years ago, the Knights of St. Columbanus have organised two talks about Fatima and devotion to Our Lady to coincide with the first two apparition dates. Dr. Tony Hanna will speak on **Tues 16th May** & Fr Desmond Farren MSC of the World Apostolate of Fatima will speak on **Tues 13th June**. Both talks will take place at 7pm in St. Catherine's College. Admission free. All are welcome to attend these inspiring talks in this special centenary year.

Pilates Classes continue **Tuesdays** 6.30-7.30pm in St Malachys P.S Armagh. Contact Anna 07811467348 for further details All welcome!

Armagh City Choir "Elijah" by F Mendelssohn will be presented by Armagh City Choir along with an orchestra and guest soloists in St Malachy's Church, ARMAGH on **Fri 5th May** at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available at the door on the evening or at Armagh Visitors Centre.

Saint Brigid's Camogie Club: Training resumes for U6,8,10,12 in Sherry's Field on Tues night 6-7; U14 Tues 5-6pm & Sunday 11-12. All children need registered ASAP £2 per session. Contact 07738152121. Saint Brigid's Camogie Club is hosting a night of the races in Rafferty's Bar on **Sat 6th May** at 8:30pm All welcome.

A 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.

Mary's Meals Armagh Benburb group. Please don't forget the children of Malawi! We are grateful to all those who have donated items so far but there is still a great need for the following: small towels, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, spoons, copybooks, rulers, pencil cases, backpacks, tennis balls, flip flops, skirts/tops, shorts/T-shirts to fit 4-12 year olds. You can place items in the baskets in the Cathedral or St Malachy's. Thank you so much for your support!

Mount St. Catherine's P.S. Present SIMBA'S SONG (Lion King) The production takes place on Tues 9th May & Wed 10th May at 7pm. All parents, grandparents & friends of Mount Saint Catherine's are invited. Venue: The Market Place Theatre, Armagh. Tickets £8 available from The Market Place Theatre & School Office

Charity Ceili in support of Hospice in Ballymacnab Hall on **Sunday 7th May** 8pm – 11pm
Music by Raymond Loney



Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 2/14/16/20 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2600

Abbey Lotto: 2/5/14/18 One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £100

Tullysaran Lotto: 6/9/14/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1200

St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 2/4/10/21 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2150



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30th April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Today we accompany two of the disciples on their way to Emmaus and eavesdrop on their conversation with a stranger who joins them en route. They're leaving Jerusalem where everything went wrong and all of their dreams were shattered. It's understandable that they want to get away from the place of failure and disappointment. Feeling lost and disillusioned, their faces are downcast, their hearts are heavy and sad. While we don't have much detail about the two individuals in question, this story is regarded as a masterpiece in terms of conversation and conversion, moving as it does from utter despondency to total enthusiasm. When they eventually recognise the stranger as the Risen Lord, the two disciples wonder to themselves: "Did not our hearts burn within us?" And in the end, we find them on their way back to Jerusalem filled with fresh hope.

There are many layers of meaning and countless depths of significance contained in this particular story which has bemused theologians and scripture scholars for generations. What happened on the road to Emmaus could also be linked to our celebration of the Eucharist; there is interplay between the two events with certain elements of the Gospel story reflected in various components of the Mass.

- ◆ Firstly, there is the encounter with the Lord in the guise of a stranger. Every gathering of the community for Mass is an encounter with the Lord. The community is already the Body of Christ. The Lord is present when two or three gather in his name.
- ◆ In the Penitential Rite, the gathered community acknowledges its need for God's mercy and healing, much like the two disciples expressing their disillusionment and sense of hopelessness as they reflect on recent events.
- ◆ There is the Liturgy of the Word as Jesus breaks open the Scriptures, explains its full meaning with regard to himself and leaves their hearts on fire with enthusiasm.
- ◆ There is also the remembering of the sacrificial death of Jesus which is at the heart of every Eucharist.
- ◆ There is the breaking of the bread by which the community recognises the living presence of the Lord in each one and the unity of that binds them together as the Body of Christ.
- ◆ Finally there is there is the desired conclusion of every Eucharist – the urge to go out and share the experience of knowing and loving Jesus as Lord and inviting others to share that experience.

"Lord, stay with us on our journey. Touch our lives and make our hearts burn within us so that we may recognise you in your Word and in the Breaking of Bread."

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Oran Keenan Toner, Patrick Brannigan, Marie Thomas, Padraig McGahan, & Christopher Rogers
MONTHS MIND: Jimmy Nugent (4th)

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6296.80 & € 200.12

Education of Priests' Collection amounted to £ 3302.33 & € 75.10.

The Priest Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Please note the 7.30pm Mass on Thurs 4 and Fri 5 May will be in St Patrick's Cathedral.

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.**

If you're interested in becoming an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel Contact Nora 37 525265

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

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

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.

& 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.

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.

A Holy Hour & Benediction in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday evening from 8-9pm.

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

Trocaire All outstanding Trocaire donations should be submitted to one of the Churches in the coming days.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As we thank God for our own calling and our own vocation, we continue to pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life at this time.

Concert Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus present: 'Monastic Chants and Songs' in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Friday 12th May** at 7pm. Admission: Voluntary Donation. All proceeds will help the good works of the sisters. A special exhibit from the workshops of the convent will be on display after the concert.

Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary by Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate at 8.15 pm on **Tuesday 2nd May**. All welcome.

***** Parish Office will be closed on Monday 1 May ****

Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Gentle Mary, we pray for hearts of courage that we may always accept the will of God.

Attentive Mary, we pray for hearts of wisdom that we may always hear the word of God and respond to it in our lives.

Loving Mary, we pray for hearts of love that we may always act in a spirit of charity and service. Mother Mary, we pray for hearts to be true disciples that we may always be led to live in God's ways. AMEN.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm.

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 Music

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima On **Sat 13th May** we will celebrate 100 years since Our Lady appeared in Fatima. To celebrate this centenary year there will be a Triduum of prayer dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. On **Thurs 11th May** Fr. Seamus White, who is directing the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima later this year, will be the guest preacher at the 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church; on **Fri 12th May**, Archbishop Martin will be the guest preacher at the 7:30pm Mass and on **Sat 13th May**, Fr. Peter McAnenly will celebrate the 10AM Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the feast day. All are welcome to share in these three special celebrations in this special jubilee year.

First Communion Dates 2017

Sat 6th May:

10AM - CBS Bunscoil - St. Malachy's Church

11:30AM - Christian Brothers P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

Sun 7th May:

10AM - Our Lady's P.S. - Church of the

Immaculate Conception

10AM - St. Malachy's P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

11AM - Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. - Cathedral

Sat 13th May:

11AM - Saint's and Scholar's P.S - St. Malachy's

Church

Sun 14th May: 11AM - St. Patrick's P.S. - Cathedral

Confirmation Dates 2017

Saturday 3rd June @ 2pm

Christian Brother PS

Mt. St. Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

Sunday 4th June @ 2pm

St. Malachy's PS

St. Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

Sun 4th June @ 10am.

Young people... help Pope Francis as he prepares to hold a Synod about young people. He wishes to hear from 16 – 35 year olds. Have your say about the Church. Take a few minutes to complete the online questionnaire and a report of this will be sent to the Vatican. See www.armagharchdiocese.org/synod/

Armagh Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Richard Byrne O. Carm. Provincial **27th Sept 2017** Hotel Mediterranee. 5 nights full board. Contact: Gerry Gribbon 07980628696/37522422.

All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine on **Sat 3rd June** which is the 25th anniversary of the death of The Rosary Priest, Fr Peyton.

Lourdes Mass All those travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 12 May are asked to join for Mass in St Malachy's Church on **Tues 2 May** at 7.30pm. Tickets for travelling to Lourdes will be distributed after the Mass.

Armagh Widows next meeting on the **3rd May** at the Community Centre, Cathedral Road 7-9pm. New members welcome!

Following the Life in the Spirit Seminars, **Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** are holding a Mass of thanksgiving on **Tues 2nd May** at 7.45pm. Celebrant Fr Bill Keough, from England. All welcome!

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.

