

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin on **Sun 7th Oct**. Fare: £12 return. Bus from St. Malachy's Church at 10.45am sharp. Contact: Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tuesdays at 8pm at new SVP Centre for prayer and praise.

Mary's Meals desperately need extra copybooks & rulers & indeed any of the items listed on the notices beside the collection baskets in the churches. We are very grateful for all your support so far. Donations can also be left into our HQ in Dobbin St any Tues or Thurs afternoon. Thank you.

Public Rosary will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be - Oct 6th - Nov 10th - Dec 8th. All welcome.

Community Well-Being Event to be held on **Wed 24th Oct** at the Armagh City Hotel from 6pm - 8pm. There will be a number of organisations promoting health & wellbeing through workshops, as plus on alcohol, drugs & mental health. Theresa Burke, guest speaker will talk about the devastating effect drugs had on her son, Light supper will be served on arrival.

Rosary on the Coast On **Sunday 7 October**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, many people will gather at different points on the Coast of Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith! A gathering will take place on that day at 12.30pm on the banks of Seaghan Dam, for the people of St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area. People are encouraged to come along and join in this great act of prayer and the assembly point will be the car park at Seaghan Dam.

Mount St Catherine's Little Buds Playgroup has a limited amount of places available for children 3yrs and above. Places will be available for children 2yrs and 10mths from November. If you would like your child to attend playgroup and take part in our exciting new programme 'Eager and Able to Learn', please contact the playgroup by phoning 028 37511003 or 07470192796.

Road Race Armagh 10 mile road race & 4 mile fun challenge **Sun 14 Oct** at 12noon from the Navan Centre. £15/€20 & £7/€9. Late entries on the day between 10-11am only. Group/club rate available. Contact Edel 02837 529636 edel.ferson@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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

Armagh Harps Charity & Fundraiser Any clothes suitable for recycling can be left in the recycling bin provided at the Abbey Park Football Grounds or in the Harps Social Club.

'More Than Words' Armagh Autism Group Join us in the Charlemont Arms Hotel on **6th October** with DJ Marty Connor playing the best of 70s/80s music. 9pm-12am. Admission: £6. All welcome.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Dr Andrew Sneddon, Ulster University on 'A shared political culture?: Witchcraft in Ireland after the Islandmagee trials, 1711-1922.' **Wed 3 Oct** (8pm) in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - next meeting on **Wed 3 October** in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Abbey Lane, immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. New Members Welcome.

Lislea News Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: 1st Prize of £100 to Damien Gribben and 2nd Prize of £50 to Sally Rafferty.

Ceile dancing class commences in Ballymacnab Community Hall on **Thursday 4th October** @ 8.30pm. New members always welcome.



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 5/19/20/24. One winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1200
Abbey Lotto: 9/12/18/28. Next weeks Jackpot is £1150
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/15/19/20 Next weeks Jackpot is £2250

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30th September

26th Sunday of the Year Reflection

Earlier in the Gospel of Mark, the disciples were arguing about who amongst them was the greatest; in any group there is bound to be the occasional dispute! Today they're complaining that people who are not part of the gang are performing works in Jesus' name. The disciples are eager to pass judgment, yet Jesus is asking them not to focus so much on how other people are a stumbling block to the Gospel, but to look inwards and ask themselves how are they doing? What stumbling blocks do they put in their way or in the way of others?

In the second reading from St James, we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme also carries into the Gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down "the little ones". It is a lesson in tolerance. As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation, let today's Gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable. Through our exploitation of the earth's goods, it's the poorest of the world who suffer. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wondrous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment. In a few days, we celebrate the Feast of St Francis (4 October), patron saint of ecology. Perhaps we can mark this special time in some way and embrace our role as stewards of creation.

This weekend, the Enrolment Ceremony took place in St Patrick's Cathedral for all P4 children in the different Primary Schools in the Parish. This was the first of a number of gatherings throughout the year for these children and their parents as part of the "Do this in Memory" Programme. We're mindful that this is a very important year in the lives of these children & we pray they will be blessed as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance & First Holy Communion later this year.

Finally, a special meeting will take place in Mt St Catherine's P.S. on **Tuesday 9 October at 8pm**. Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will help us to reflect on the role of a PPC and the evening will be an opportunity to explore some of the ways in which the Council can help make a real difference and help develop the local parish/faith community. It's hoped that at this meeting that we will look towards the appointment of some new members. Our Parish depends on the active participation of everyone doing their bit, to help build our faith community and so I encourage people to make a special effort to come along to this important meeting on the evening.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

October: Month of Prayer for the Missions

October is a special month of prayer for the Missions. World Mission Sunday is being celebrated on 21st October 2018 and the theme for Mission Sunday this year is "Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all". The theme echoes the upcoming Synod of Bishops which takes place from 3-28 October in Rome and its theme is "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment".

In writing for Mission Sunday this year, the Pope urges young people to join the Church in bringing the Gospel to all. He invites young men and women who want to follow Christ, to seek, to discover and to persevere in their vocation. "

Be missionaries of God's love and tenderness and mercy." Pope Francis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernadette Donnelly

MONTHS MIND

Mairin Robinson (30th) & Angela McCluskey (4th)



Weekly collection amounted to £ 6086.73 & €149.53
Peter's Pence collection amounted to £ 3279.35 & €59.35

Anniversary Requests

All Anniversaries & Month's Minds should be left in the Parish Office **no later than 12noon on the Thursday of the week before the anniversary is due to be remembered, this includes Saturday Anniversaries.** You can leave anniversaries in as early as you wish, but anniversaries left in after this time are considered **late**, and therefore there is **no guarantee** that they will be read out at Mass. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: 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.

Silence in our Churches We ask people to be respectful when visiting our Churches for Masses and other events. Please keep noise levels to a minimum in these Sacred spaces.

The **Cathedral Gift Shop** carries a large range of religious gifts, candles, statues, books, cards and more! We encourage you to support the gift shop and the fantastic work of our shop team!

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Tuesday 9am, & Friday at 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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 will take place in St Malachy's Church on Friday evening from 8-9pm.

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

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

German Choir to visit St Patrick's Cathedral
A visiting Choir from Germany will sing at the 10am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Friday 5 October.**

Do this in Memory Programme

Congratulations to the many children from our parish who enrolled this weekend in the Do this in Memory Programme as part of their preparation for First Penance and First Communion. The next gathering for the Do this in Memory Programme will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 20th October** at 7pm. We remember all Primary Four Pupils in our prayer during this special year in their lives.

St. Malachy's Webcam

Due to popular demand we are delighted to announce the launch of our new webcam in St.Malachy's Church, Armagh.

The webcam in St. Patrick's Cathedral has proved to be incredibly popular for parishioners near and far and we hope our webcam in St. Malachy's will be received just as enthusiastically!

The webcam streams 24/7 – including all our Masses, weddings and funerals. The webcam is LIVE and is watched by people all over the world, but we especially encourage families to assist their elderly relatives in getting the new webcam bookmarked on their tablets and computers!

You can view the webcam on our website here: <http://armaghparish.net/st-malachys-church-webcam/>



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday Evening at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday. The group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All primary school children are welcome to attend. All leaders have been vetted. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.



Community Centre Activities / classes this week: Monday: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday: Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday Parent toddler group 10.30-12, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday: Music 7-8pm; Fiddle all abilities 7-8pm Tin whistle beginner 7-7.30pm advanced 7.30-8pm. "On Your Feet" 4 week exercise programme starting Fri 28 Sept 10-11am in Tullysaran Community Centre. Fun filled programme for anyone still active but who may find a traditional exercise class too much. For further information contact Martina on 07542509624

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

First Anniversary Mass in Knockaconey on Monday evening (1 October) at 7.30pm for Annie Colette Mallon

St Colmcille's GFC 75th Anniversary Gala Ball takes place on **Sat 10th Nov** in Armagh City Hotel. Evening includes drinks reception, 4 course meal and music. Gala Ball Tickets are available by emailing Stephen at Secretary.grangestcolmcilles.armagh@gaa.ie, contacting martin on 07801947813 and can be collected from the club every Monday evening (8-9pm).

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council: Important Meeting

An important meeting will take place in Mt St Catherine's Primary School on **Tuesday 9 October at 8pm** in relation to our Parish Pastoral Council. Our PPC has been in place for the last few years and at the meeting, we hope to recruit some new members to join our Council for the next three years. Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk will join on the evening and she will help us to reflect on the importance of a PPC within a Parish and it will also be an opportunity to explore some of the ways in which the Council can help make a real difference and help develop the local faith community.

Whilst we're very aware of many of the initiatives that our current PPC have been involved in, we're also aware that the future of our parish depends on the active participation of lay people in building our faith community. We all have God given gifts and talents and we all can make a contribution or a difference for the better. **Perhaps you might ask yourself: How can I become more actively involved in the life of my parish/my Church? Could I make a real difference in my parish by becoming more involved with our new Parish Pastoral Council?** Please come along and bring a friend to this important meeting!

Parish Census Following on from the areas that were visited in the parish in the early part of the Summer, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of St Columbanus will deliver Parish Census forms to homes in Mullacreevie Park and Abbey Park in early October. Further details to follow.

Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood On **Friday 19th October**, there will be a day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh. Parishes are encouraged to have a time of prayer during the course of the day, to pray specifically for more Vocations to the Priesthood at this time. The Day of Prayer which is being encouraged by Armagh Diocesan Vocations Team is taking place on the weekend of World Day of Prayer for the Missions. It's hoped that the time of prayer will be an opportunity for people to pray for all who are engaged in the mission of the Church as priests and also, a time to pray that more men will commit their lives to the Churches mission as priests at this time. A time of prayer will take place on the day in St Malachy's Church, Armagh from 4pm – 7pm.

Family Photos In the lead up to the World Meeting of Families, we have been developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families featured will be remembered in prayer for the remainder of the year. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

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.