

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to our prayer meeting each Tues at 8pm for Prayer and Praise in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane.

St. Vincent de Paul Shop is now based in Ogle Street. The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929

Trocaire Romero Family Award! Spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 aiming to provide families with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world. Please log onto www.trocaire.org/romeroaward to register your family. You will receive your "Family Journal" This award is centred around meal times in our family homes and affords family members the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue around social justice and the meaning of family spoken about in Amoris Laetitia.

Youth 2000 Annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co Kildare **Fri 8th – Sun 10th Dec**. Many young people (aged 16-35) from across Ireland are expected at this donation only event & newcomers are very welcome. Free buses available. Online booking necessary. See www.youth2000.ie or call 01 6753690

Cuchulainn Hurling Club Notes AGM **Fri 8 December** at 7.30pm in Cathedral Road Complex; County Club Draw tickets (£100) with excellent prizes available from Club Secretary on 07776140794 www.armaghgaa.net/clubdraw - income from tickets supports both Club and County.

Carol Service by Candlelight in St. Luke's Hospital **Thurs 7th Dec** 6.30pm. Tickets £5 available from Mary 07767402743. Refreshments after in Mullinure Hospital.

Charity Christmas Bingo in Pearse Og Club on **Sun 10th Dec** from 3pm-5pm. Adm. £3. Prizes, Hampers...etc. Proceeds to Children's Orphanage and Sr. Muriel Medugorje.

Armagh City Choir Christmas Concert with excerpts of 'Handel's Messiah' **Fri 8th Dec** at 7:30pm in the Church of Ireland Cathedral. Adm: £10. Tickets available at the door.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Dr Alison Forrestal, NUI Galway, on Connections & Collaborations: Vincent De Paul (1581-1660) in Catholic Reformation France'. Ó Fiaich Library **Wednesday 6th December** 8pm. All welcome.

Charity CD Two songs written by Willie Nugent & sung by Shane Sullivan Dublin have been released on a CD, "The Gaslamplighter of old Armagh " & "One Decent Man". CDs are £2 each, entire proceeds in aid of charity, see press for details.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on **Wed 6 Dec**. in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane, following 7.30 pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please join us in praying for Vocations.


Armagh Widows next meeting on **6th Dec** at the Cathedral Rd Community Centre, 7pm-9pm. New members welcome

Advent 2017 Prayer Group will commence **Monday 27th Nov** at 10.45am in the Missionaries of Charity Convent, Cathedral Rd. All welcome.

Benburb Priory Annual Bazaar will take place **Mon 4th Dec** at 8pm. Free entry, prizes, craft corner, toys, stocking fillets and more! All welcome!

Fundraisers in aid of Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Jumble Sale will take place on **Sat 9th Dec** 10am-4pm in Dobbin Community Centre. Christmas Draw & Tea after Parish Carol Service in the Synod Hall **Sun 17th December**.

Southern Area Hospice will be holding a street collection in Armagh on **Sat 16th Dec**. We are in great need of volunteers to help collect for an hour or two. please contact Andrea McCann or Rosie Teggarty on 30267711 for more info.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 2/7/18/23** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £4150
Abbey Lotto: 20/21/23/25 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2500
Tullysaran Lotto: 8/9/15/17 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1975
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/8/20/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3700



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3rd December 2017

35th Sunday of the Year

Reflection

The Season of Advent begins today and ends on 24th December. During these weeks, we're preparing for the coming of Christ in a threefold way.

1 We commemorate the historical birth of Jesus, who shared in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity. "The Word was made flesh and lived among us".

2 We acknowledge the fact that Christ continues to come to us in mystery every day, especially in His Word and in His Sacraments. "His abiding presence is with us and within us".

3 We look forward in hope to Christ's final coming at the end of time when "He will come again in glory and hand over the Kingdom to the Father".

As we wait patiently during these weeks, it can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may be even more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened when we're waiting for important news or results or when we're waiting on a loved one to call or arrive. Waiting isn't always seen as a good thing and yet, it can be a time for great growth.

These weeks are full of hope and joy as we celebrate Gods entering into our lives once more. The short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we make our ways through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use a few minutes just, to stop and to be still and to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

Advent....waiting!

Lord, little one and mighty one: be born in the Bethlehem of every town of the earth that has faith in you; in the Bethlehem of every home that has love for you; in the Bethlehem of every heart that hopes for you. Above all, be born with your healing and peace in the houses of hearts divided by sin and haunted by loss and loneliness. Be born among us and with us. AMEN.

Christmas with Cantabelles

Join us for a festive evening of Christmas Classics in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Thursday 14th December** at 8pm. Cantabelles are a vocal ensemble combining rich harmonies and sumptuous vocals. All classically trained musicians with a fresh take on the female vocal ensemble. This promises to be a very memorable evening as we prepare for Christmas. Refreshments following the performance.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret O'Brien, Mary Brady, Patricia McGarvey, Teresa Corrigan, John Convery, Susan Cullen, Gavin McNaney, Fr. Brendan McNally and Fr. James Crowley

MONTHS MIND: Maureen Brannigan (1st), Bill Hughes (3rd) & Maisie Grimes (6th)

Weekly collection amounted to £6038.41 & €80.63

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

****REMINDER****

Regarding Parishioners Entering a Church Sacristy

We would like to remind all parishioners of the necessity for ANYONE entering a sacristy in the Parish to sign the relevant book, with their name, time of entering and time of leaving. This is an important part of our safeguarding policies & procedures and we urge you to comply with this request. In the event of anyone refusing to sign the appropriate book, the sacristans have the authority to request the parishioner to leave the sacristy. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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: Mon: 8am; Wed: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Floral Society New members required to help with the floral arrangements in our Parish Churches. Anyone interested in assisting with this Parish Ministry is asked to contact Claire in the Parish Office.

RISE Youth Group will continue this Wednesday 7-9pm in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! All 1st—3rd years welcome!

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal Members of St Vincent de Paul will give their Annual Address at all Masses in the Parish **this weekend**. The annual Christmas collection will be taken up by the Society on the weekend of **Sat 9/Sun 10 December**. Please donate generously to this collection.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees will be placed in the Cathedral, St Malachy's and Vincent's Shop, Ogle Street from the beginning of December. The Giving Trees is an opportunity to provide someone less fortunate with a gift this Christmas. Simply remove a tag from the tree and purchase a suitable gift or voucher to match the tag profile and return the gift unwrapped to the tree before the 21 December, to allow volunteers time to distribute them for Christmas. (No second hand gifts please.)

Lislea Community Centre Turning on Christmas Tree Lights, Carol Singing and arrival of Santa with gifts for children this evening at 5pm.

Pre Christmas Coffee Morning for Parish Volunteers: Church collectors, counters, flower arrangers, members of PPC, Finance Committee, Baptism Team, Shop Staff, Ministers of Word and Eucharist and anyone who is involved in ministry within our Parish - The Synod Hall on Monday 11 December at 10.30am.

Vivaldi's Gloria The Senior Girls Choir from St Paul's High School, Bessbrook will present Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by The Generation Louth String Orchestra in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 10 Dec** at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

The Parish Christmas Carol Service will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 17th December** at 5pm.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday 8 December
Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Times

St Malachy's Church	7.30pm (Thursday), 8am, 10am & 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral	11am
Tullysaran	7.30pm
Knockaconey	7.30pm

*"Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou among women".*

Parish Christmas Cards on sale now in Cathedral Gift Shop or in Rocks Newsagents & McArdles Shop, Thomas St. Packs of 12 for £2

Folk Mass will take place in ST Malachy's Church on **Sunday 17 December** at 12noon (Gaudete Sunday).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Community Centre Tues mum & me fitness class & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am (fully booked), Corebox 7-8pm, Spin 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Music 7.30-8.30pm; Tullysaran Sports Club Sat p1-3 9.30-10.30am; P4-7 10.45-11.45am; Christmas movie evening Sat 9th December 3-5pm for primary school children

Children's Liturgy Group takes place each Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils. Families are encouraged to come along & have their children join in the special Catechesis. The leaders are already very pleased with the response to this new initiative and they encourage parents across the parish to bring their children along. Anyone who wishes to volunteer with the group should contact the Parish Office.

An Advent evening with Armagh Cathedrals Partnership An evening of Advent Meditation in music, prose, poetry & prayer in The Market Place Theatre on **Tues 5 Dec** at 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Padraig O'Tuama, of the Corrymeela Community. We will be joined on the evening by a Choir from St Catherine's College. It promises to be a special evening to reflect on Advent as a time to prepare for Christ's coming. All are welcome to join.

Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran Open Night will take place on **Thurs 7th Dec** 7-8PM. We welcome Parents and Children of Reception and Primary 1 Age for School Year 2018/19

St. Patrick's Primary School Open Day will take place on **Tues 12th Dec**, beginning at 1.30pm with a presentation by current P1 children. We welcome all prospective 2018 pupils and their parents to join on the day.

College Farm Nursery School Open Afternoon will take place **Thursday 7th December** 3pm - 5pm all welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Liturgy and Church Music are hosting a series of sessions to rehearse a new Mass setting for Choirs and Musician's with the aim to promote congregational singing. These sessions will take place **Dec 5th** in Parish Centre, St Patrick's Church, Stonebridge at 7.30p.m. Copies of the full score of the Mass: £3.00/ €3.00 each & Trifold cards (Melody line) for Choir members: £1.00 /€1.00 will be available each evening.

Trocaire Gift Sale will take place after Masses in the Parish on **2nd & 3rd December**. Trócaire Gifts help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are ten gifts to choose from starting at chicks for families in Kenya and Ethiopia for just £5. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>

Bambinelli Sunday in Armagh Parish, Sunday 17 December For many years, people have brought their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peter's Square on Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) where the Pope blesses both the people & the figurines before the Angelus. This year, we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at the 12noon Mass in St Malachy's Church & at the **Parish Carol Service** at 5pm in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sun 17 Dec**. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed. It's suggested that following the blessing, people take their "bambinelli" home & place it in a gift box, wrap it & save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib & have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family. **The 5:30pm Mass on this evening will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church.**

At the Parish Carol Service a special icon of the Holy Family will be distributed to all families. It is hoped that families will place the icon within their home and pray before it as we continue to prepare for the WMOF2018

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 13th December** from 7:30-9pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

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.