

Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet at 8pm each Tuesday in the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. All welcome.

Legion of Mary Home Visits Members of the Legion of Mary are currently visiting homes in different areas of Armagh. They will be distributing Novena Prayer Cards and also promoting a Novena to the Sacred Heart in June.

Coffee Morning in Aid of Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on 9th June in Mulberry Bistro at 10:30am. All welcome.

Dromantine Family Fun Day with a Grand Draw, Country & Western Extravaganza, Vintage Tractors, Magician, Funfair, Bouncy Castles, Stalls, BBQ, Refreshments and much more!
Sun 10th June 1:30pm – 6pm. Admission: £5 donation per car. All welcome.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture by Dr Ben Hazard, UCD, on ‘Micheline Kerney Walsh and the Irish Overseas Archive’ on **Wednesday 6th June** (8pm) in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library and Archive, Armagh. All welcome.

Benburb Sunday Weekend of Entertainment 5K & 10K Road Race for young and old on Sat 16th June, as well as horseshow jumping and a vintage rally at 1:30pm. On Sunday 17th there will be novelty acts, amusements, family games, refreshments, music and much more!

Blood Donation Service A team from the NI Blood Transfusion Service will be holding blood donation sessions on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June, each day from 1:30pm-4pm & 5:15pm-8pm in St. Mark’s Crozier Hall. Visit <http://www.nibts.org/> for more information.

Lough Derg 2018 Season opens for One Day Retreats on Sat 5th May. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on Friday 1st June.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society next meeting on **Wed 6th June** in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane immediately following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Saturday 23 June**. Bus departing from Tullygoonigan at 6.45 am, St. Malachy's Church 7am. Fare £20. Please bring a packed Lunch. Booking 028 37 524202 or 07752409636.

Marie Curie Tea Party will take place on **6th June** in Armagh Harps Club from 7-9pm. All welcome.

Armagh Diabetes Group A.G.M. takes place on **Wed 13th June** in Dobbin Street Community Centre at 7.30pm. Current and new members welcome. A representative from Diabetes U.K.NI will be present to receive a cheque for £4000 which members gathered through various fundraising events. This donation will be used to help to improve the lives & wellbeing of people with Diabetes. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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.

Church Leaders meet with PSNI Church leaders in Armagh met recently with the PSNI to discuss community concerns. One of the issues discussed was the ongoing problem of substance abuse in and around Armagh, and particularly around the Planetarium. Should any anti-social activity be noted please inform the PSNI immediately.

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 Óg Lotto: 2/3/11/18 Next weeks Jackpot £1150
Abbey Lotto: 7/9/11/25 Next weeks Jackpot £3850
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/11/20/23 Next weeks Jackpot is £1350



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3rd June 2018

Feast of Corpus Christi

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi invites us to take time to think of the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. It is first and foremost a celebration during which God nourishes us in a wondrous way with his own life. What remains of the consecrated bread is reserved in the tabernacle for the communion of the sick. Many also find consolation in the silent presence of the Lord. Just as Jesus welcomed the crowds who came in search of him, St Alphonsus Ligouri, in a prayer to the Blessed Sacrament, speaks of him as “awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit him.” Perhaps during this week, you might make a call to the God who welcomes.

This special feast reminds us of our responsibility to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the divine banquet – especially the poor and the hungry and Jesus says to us: “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world”. Having received Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we are expected to pass it on – to play our part in feeding the hungry and working for justice.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we gather to give thanks. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek Eucharistia, which means to give thanks. That’s what we do at every Mass, literally. We gather as one family to thank God for all that God has given us – the gift of life, the wonderful earth that we live in, our family, our talents, the salvation we have received through our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are so many things we need to thank God for.

And we show our thanks to God by loving God and each other to the best of our ability. It means trying always to forgive, it means seeing all people as our brothers and sisters; it means being concerned for the poor and for justice; it means being people who pray. We show our thanks by going from Church and into our communities to live a life of love and service.

In recent weeks, there have been a number of First Communion celebrations in the parish. Again I congratulate all the young girls and boys from the different schools who received Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life for the first time. I congratulate their parents, their teachers and all within our schools who supported the young people to this important stage in their lives. As we all know, ones First Communion is a special occasion in ones life but so too is ones second or third Communion. In other words, every Communion that we celebrate is an important moment on our faith journey and every Mass that we attend is a special celebration and it’s Jesus Christ whom we meet again and again each time that we receive him in Holy Communion.

To celebrate this special feast, we had a Corpus Christi Procession for St Patrick’s Cathedral Pastoral Area in the grounds of the Cathedral on Friday evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for the people of our Pastoral Area, to come together as a wider family/community to celebrate and give thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist. On this special feast, let’s reflect once more on those words: “Lord, you nourish me with the Bread of Life. Help me to share that love with those who need it most. Amen.”

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Kieran MacOscar, Mollie Rafferty, Michael Joyce, John Flood & Fr. John Flanagan

Weekly Collection: £ 6019.20 & €112.00

World Meeting of Families The fourth and final collection, to help support the World Meeting of Families will be taken up at all Masses throughout the country on **Sat 16/Sun 17 June**.

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: tel. 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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.

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:
Sun: 3pm & 6pm; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

One day pilgrimage to Lough Derg A pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Armagh Parish on **Sat 22 Sept**. Details to follow.

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!

Currently in stock: Gifts for Teachers!

Annual Rosary Relay for Priests will take place in St. Malachy's Church on **Fri 8th June** at 8:30am. All welcome to join with Archbishop Martin in praying the Rosary.

World Meeting of Families 2018 will be taking place in Dublin from **Thurs 23rd—Sun 26th August**. Registration is important! If you wish to take part in WMOF2018 please register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Forty years of Priesthood We congratulate Fr Sean Hegarty who celebrates the 40th anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood on Monday 4 June 2018. Fr Sean will celebrate Mass in St Malachy's Church on **Thursday 7 June** at 7.30pm to give thanks for all the graces and blessings bestowed on him over the last forty years. We thank God for his years in ministry and we ask God to continue to bless him in the years to come.

Armagh Parish Trip We remember in prayer all who have gone on the Parish Trip during these days, We pray that it will be an enjoyable trip for all.

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Celebration will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st August. The festival begins in the Shambles Yard at 5pm with family fun, music, dance, craic and much more! The celebration will continue in St. Patrick's Cathedral from 7:30pm-8:30pm. All are encourage to join for this special Armagh launch for the World Meeting of Families.

Blessing of the Graves 2018

Friday 8 June Knockaconey
Sunday 24 June Armagh

We pray for all those sitting exams in the coming weeks.

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.



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass on Sunday morning for P1-P4 pupils.

Community Centre Tuesday Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday Pilates 7-8pm.

Tullysaran Camogie Club Annual Coffee Morning & Cake Sale will take place this **Sunday 3 June** in Community Centre after Blessing of the Graves @10am. Everyone welcome

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Mass of the Angels A special Mass of the Angels will be celebrated in St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey on **Tuesday 5 June** at 7.30pm for Baby Derin Tatal (grandchild of John & Patricia Grimley) who died in Turkey last weekend.

Sale & Raffle tickets on sale now & can be purchased from any of the ladies teams. Draw will take place on **Fri 8th June** after the Blessing of The Graves

Armagh Cathedral Partnership Annual Trip This year's annual outing is to Downpatrick on **June 21st**. Coach will leave St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral Car Park (Moy Road entrance) at 9.30am returning at approx. 4.30pm. Cost £20 inc. travel, coffee/tea scone at Burrendale Hotel and light lunch at Down County Museum. There are a limited number of places. Booking at Parish Office.

Parish Census Armagh Parish Pastoral Council are undertaking a Census throughout the Armagh Parish. Census Forms have been collected from the Rock Road area Other areas of Armagh will be visited in the coming weeks. Parishioners are asked to cooperate with the Census and complete forms fully. If people are not at home on the day of collection, please leave your census in the Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Pioneer Association to gather in honour of the Sacred Heart The Pioneer Association from the parishes of Armagh, Keady & Derrynoose, Killcluney & Tynan & Middletown will come together for Mass in St Malachy's Church on **Wed 6th June** at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to join on the evening, to pray for a greater spirit of temperance in our world & in our local communities. A special invitation is extended to all P7 Pupils from the Pastoral Area who have become young Probationers this year. They will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to the pledge they have made. Anyone due to receive silver, gold or 60 year pins, or wishing to join the pioneers, please ring: Stella 38891002 or Brian 37524853.

St. Patrick's Primary School in association with the South Ulster Sinfonia present 'Rhythm and Harmony' in The Market Place Theatre on **Thurs 7th June** at 7:30pm. Come, enjoy and join in with an evening of music, dance & song. Something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets on sale from Market Place Theatre. Adults £10. Concession £5. Family 2 Adults and 2 children £20.

Family Photos We are currently in the process of developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral which is placed in the Cathedral.. All of the families will be remembered in prayer as we continue to look forward to the World Meeting of Families. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

Feast of the Sacred Heart: Friday 8 June.

Let's pray the Novena Prayer from Thursday 31 May until Friday 8 June. As we offer the prayer each day, let us ask that we will know personally the love of God in the heart of Christ. Let's renew our love of the heart of Jesus, who loved us first.

Novena Prayer

Lord, work on my heart until it becomes like your Sacred Heart. Give me hope. Then I can love you and all my sisters and brothers with the respect, compassion, and forgiveness that you have for everyone. I ask this in your name, Amen. I ask you to grant my special request during this Novena (here mention your intention).

If what I ask is not for my own good and the good of others, grant me what will most help to build up your kingdom of justice, love and peace. I make this prayer with confidence in your love. Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you (three times)

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.