

**Beginning Experience Coping Programme** is a support group for widowed, separated & divorced people. Starting **Sept 7th** for 6 weeks in Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre Dundalk. For more info contact Cora 07934871718.

**Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage** Knock Shrine 2.30p.m. **Sept 10th**. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'.

**Grand Variety Sale & Coffee Morning** in aid of Mary's Meals, Sat 23rd September, 10am, Armagh Community Centre, Dobbin Street. Donations of furniture, household goods, jewellery and other saleable items gratefully accepted. Jean ;-(028)87784597, Pauline (028) 7548716 /07713358295

**Free Irish language course** for all levels 10am - 4pm **Sat 9 Sept** An Ceannáras, Armagh Athletic Grounds Bookings sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

**Men's Singing Group** *Singing for fun, Singing for health*. Calling all men who are interested in singing or music. Come along & join in to our "Men's Singing Group" starting **Mon 4th Sept** in the Cathedral Rd Recreation Centre at 11am. No experience needed. No one has to sing by themselves and there is no audition to join. All musicians are welcome too..

**The Charismatic Prayer Meeting** will resume in the Servite Priory, Benburb, on **Thursday 7 September** from 8pm to 9.30pm. All welcome. For further info contact Bob Toner: 3754 9959

**Study Liturgy** Master, Higher Diploma and Diploma Level at the National Centre for Liturgy, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare [www.liturgy-ireland.ie](http://www.liturgy-ireland.ie)

**Armagh Breast Cancer Support Group** next meeting on **Wed 20th September** at 8pm in the Dobbin Street Community Centre. New members welcome.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** meeting on **Wed 6 Sept** in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane following 7.30 pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to come along and pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**Guitar Tuition** All ages and abilities. Tel. Eamon 07900295979. RGT@LCM Registered.


**Grand Charity Barn Dance** at Currans Commercials, 130 Markethill Road Armagh. **Fri 8th Sept** 8:30pm. Draw to be made for Lorry or £10,000. £10 admission, Draw tickets: £25, in aid of MS Society & Alzheimers Society.

**Bereavement Support** One to one Bereavement Support - confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (No cost involved) Time: Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm. Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk. Enquiries: from 0035342-9336393 10am – 2pm

**Mount St Catherine's Little Buds Playgroup** have limited places available. Children can attend our playgroup from the age of 2 years and 10 months. We also have an early bird club for working parents. Please contact Briega at 07470192796 or 37511003.

**Southern Area Hospice** are holding a door collection after all Masses on **8th October**. If you can help with this collection by volunteering 10 minutes of your time please contact Tania Bailie on 028 3025 1333.

**Faithcast** is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. It is published weekly and is available on catholicnews.ie.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 5/9/11/22** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,500  
**Abbey Lotto: 5/17/23/25** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1900  
**Tullysaran Lotto:**  
**St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 6/9/11/12** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £3050



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3rd September 2017

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends

We might have tried to ignore the "Back to School" adverts of recent weeks, but the Rose of Tralee puts the tiara on it – the end of the summer holidays is official! This week the long trudge back to school gets underway – the sight has become depressingly familiar: the excited gallop of youngsters going to post-primary for the first time; the confident stride of the second year veterans and the world-weary ambling of the rest...here today and here tomorrow. That's it for another year at least.

With much focus in recent weeks on results and points and places, you might get the impression that the educational system is only about academic achievement and has very little to do with the kind of suitability for a way of life that we used to describe as a "vocation". Producing top guns in Science, Maths and English is undoubtedly very important, but do our young people have the resources to use and develop the gifts they will need as people? What do they know about the world around them, and more significantly, the world within them? Have they a sense of beauty and a sense of appreciation for the higher things in life? Do they have some thought for the hungers of the human heart, the longing for completion that only a spiritual perspective can give? Are they aware that we don't have here in this world a lasting city, but that we are pilgrims towards a greater destiny? That's a big agenda, but at the end of the day it's what education is all about. For that reason, I like the following:

### A Teacher's Prayer

I want to teach my students how to live this life on earth,  
To face its struggles and its strife and improve their worth.

Not just the lesson in a book or how the rivers flow,  
But how to choose the proper path wherever they may go.  
To understand eternal truth and know the right from wrong

And gather all the beauty of a flower and a song.

For if I help the young to grow in wisdom and in grace  
Then I shall feel that I have won and I have filled my place.

And so, I ask your guidance God, that I may do my part  
For character and confidence and happiness of heart.

With every blessing for the year ahead!

With every blessing  
Peter McAnenly Adm

### First Communion Dates 2018

Sunday 29th April—Mt. St. Catherine's @ 11am  
Saturday 5th May—CBS Irish Medium @ 10am, English Medium @ 11:30am  
Sunday 6th May—Our Lady's, Tullysaran @ 10am  
Saturday 12th May—Saint's & Scholars @ 11am  
Sunday 13th May—St. Malachy's @ 10am; St. Patrick's @ 11am

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** James McKenna, Jim McRory and Joanie Gribben.

**Weekly collection amounted to £5292.11 & €268.42**

**The Priests Dues collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps** are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at [armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com)

**Sacristy** Any visitors to the sacristy of any church in the Parish **must sign the visitors book.**

**All 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.

**Hospital Visits** In the event of a parishioner being in hospital and wishing to receive a visit from one of the priests of the parish, please make contact with the Parish Office.

**Adoration Adorers needed to cover:**  
**Wednesday: 7pm, 11pm and 12midnight**  
**Thursday: 1am & 5am**  
**Friday: 7am**

Please contact Nora 37525265

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

**Gift Aid** Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme but we're keen to increase the number of contributors within the parish. Gift Aid means for every £1 given through the envelope collection, the parish can claim an additional 25p from Inland Revenue, as long as you pay Income Tax and sign a declaration form, permitting the parish to claim. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

**Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group** welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

**Prayers for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.** People across Ireland are invited to pray The Angelus or a decade of The Rosary at 12noon on the 13th of each month for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

All notices for the upcoming Bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5pm - please send them to [armaghparish@btconnect.com](mailto: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.

**Payment for Graves in Parish Cemeteries** All payments in respect of new graves and re-openings are to be made directly to Armagh Parish Office. It is the practice of Armagh Parish that following the Months Memory of loved ones an invoice is forwarded to the family of the deceased.

**Volunteers Needed** to assist with the Offertory at 12noon Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Please contact Parish Office.

**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.

### **Parish Trip to Lough Derg (One Day Retreat)**

Leaving from St. Patrick's Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on **Saturday 23rd September.** Tea & scones on arrival & a light lunch served. Pilgrims will enjoy a day of prayer, reflection, confessions and the celebration of Mass. Pilgrims are advised to wear warm & waterproof clothing. Bus will return to Armagh at approx. 6pm. Cost: £40 per person. Limited places. Booking at Parish Office. Payments no later than Fri 18th September.

### **Ordination of Permanent Deacons**

Five more men will be ordained permanent deacons on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. The men who come from different parishes in the diocese, including Martin Brennan from Armagh, will be ordained by Archbishop E Martin for service in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We wish each of the men well and we pray that God may bless and guide them in their future ministries.

### **Blessing of Graves 2018**

Saturday 2 June	Tullysaran Old Cemetery
Sunday 3 June	Tullysaran New Cemetery
Friday 8 June	Knockaconey
Sunday 24 June	Armagh

**AIFREANN NA GAEILGE:** Ós siocair nach bhfuil an séipéal ar Choláiste Phádraig ar fáil faoi láthair - obair tógála ar siúl go fóill - ní léifear Aifreann na Gaeilge arís go dtí an Samhain.

**IRISH MASS:** Due to ongoing works in the school chapel at SPGS, Irish Mass will not resume until Halloween.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN**

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

**Charity Car Wash** held by the family & friends of Mollie Mullan **9th/10th Sept** on the Carrickane Rd (Conlon Chicken Houses). All proceeds going to *Shine & Hugs* Charity. Also, a **Cake Sale/Coffee Morning** will take place on **Sun 24th Sept** after Mass in Tullysaran Community Centre.

**Novena Mass** on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

### **Children's Liturgy Group—Volunteers Needed**

*'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these' Mark 10: 13-16*

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a Children's Liturgy Group in the parish at the beginning of October. We plan to start the programme in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and then extend it to the other churches later on in the year. A Children's Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experiences of young children. We invite children from Year 1 to Year 4 to participate. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Claire in the Parish Office (Tel 37522813) leaving your name and number.



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

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

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

**Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin **Sun 1st Oct.** Bus departs St. Malachy's Church at 10.45am. £12 return. Booking with Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

**Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha** Armagh Diocesan Historical Society Lecture by Dr Fionntann de Brún, Ulster University. 'From subjugation to self renewal: Poems by Fear Flatha Ó Gnimh (fl.1602-1640) and Froinsias Ó Maolmhuaidh (1606-1677)', **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** 8pm in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library. All welcome.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** to Knock will take place on **Sun 24th Sept.** Bus leaving St. Malachy's at 7am sharp. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking: 37524202. (Cost to follow)

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**World Meeting of Families 2018** As we look towards celebrating the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, there will be a number of events taking place in our parish over the coming months as we celebrate the gift of family and ask God's continued blessing on all our homes and families. As well as a special Family Liturgy which will be taking place in Tullysaran Church each Sunday, beginning in the early Autumn, a couple of other events have also been planned. A special celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 8 October** at 5.30pm celebrating the Family of Sport. All sporting clubs and organisations in the parish are being invited to this special celebration and it promises to be an evening of great colour and joy! On the evening of **Tuesday 10 October**, another special celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm and it will be an evening when all who are part of the Family of Music Ministry in our diocese will gather to share in an evening of Sacred Music and Song. On the evening, the special hymn which has been commissioned for the World Meeting of Families (A Joy for all the earth) will be learned and there will be a Sung Evening Prayer as part of the celebration. Both of these evenings promise to be unique occasions and very memorable celebrations and further details about both celebrations will be available in due course.