

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place each Tuesday in the St. Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane at 8pm

THIS WEEK: 6th Mar - Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Fr. Gerry Campbell
13th Mar - Growth with Patricia Kelly (testimony also from Martin)
20th Mar - Transformation in Christ with Fr. Owen Gorman

Women's World Day of Prayer 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' **Fri 2nd March.** 8pm. First Armagh Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Rev. Patricia McBride.

Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH" We need you at the most important Rally for Life in Irish History. Be part of it, keep Ireland pro-life! Saturday 10th March. A free bus is going from St. Malachy's at 11:30am, Rally starts at 2pm in Dublin. For more info tel 07707106298 or 07596501003.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Annual One Day Retreat with Cardinal Seán Brady will take place on **Sun 25th March** 10am-5pm in The Ryandale Inn, Moy. Price £25 (includes morning coffee and lunch). Please contact Nuala Somers: T 028 3754 8382. Places are limited. Booking essential.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture on **Wed 7th March** (8pm) by Dr Elaine Sissons, (IADT, Dún Laoghaire) on 'Wild Tumult': Bohemian Life in 1920's Ireland'. All welcome.

Apostolic Work invite you to their Spring Sale & Coffee Morning on Sat 10th March in Mt. St. Catherine's Primary School. 10am-12noon. Cakes, plants, knitted goods, gifts, raffle...etc. Adm: £1.50 (adults) and 50p (children) inc. refreshments. Please support the missions.

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

St. Pio's Prayer Group will gather in St. Malachy's Church on **Thurs 8th March** at 7:30pm. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - next meeting on **Wednesday, 7 March** in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane immediately following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. All welcome.

Saint Brigid's Camogie Club Training U6 & U8's Tuesdays @ Saint Patrick's PS 6-7pm, U10's Christian Brothers PS Thursdays 6-7pm, U12 Saint Patrick's PS Tuesdays 7-8pm, U14 Sherries Field 3G Pitch Tuesdays 6-7pm & Sherries Field Grass Pitch Saturday 10:00-11:00am U16 & Senior Monday 8-9pm and Friday 7-8pm Sherrys Field £2 per session Family concession New members welcome. Registration will be held over coming weeks please keep an eye on Facebook for updates!

Vocation Discernment Weekend - Dominican Contemplative Nuns welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house and offer the opportunity to experience our life of Prayer. **9th - 11th March.** (Early booking advisable as places are limited) Venue: Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth Contact: Sr M Breda OP - siena3@eircom.net or Tel: 041-9838524; www.dominicannuns.ie

Time for a New Challenge Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses? Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award) Accredited by: Pontifical University, St Patrick's College Maynooth. Please contact Accord Armagh Centre on 02838 334781

Thanks Willie Nugent would like to thank everyone who bought his CD " The Gaslampighter of Old Armagh ". The CDs have now all been sold raising £1,200. Four charities have each received £300. See local paper for details.

Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 9/11/17/23 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1450
Abbey Lotto: 7/9/18/19 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3050
Tullysaran Lotto: 4/13/19/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2000
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 12/14/15/18 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £700



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4th March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent
Reflection

The cleansing of the Temple, described in today's Gospel, might unsettle us slightly; we may find it hard to reconcile our long cherished images of Jesus with the sight of a man, totally enraged, driving the money changers outside. Why did he get so upset? Why was Jesus angry?

The traders selling animals within the precincts of the holy place and those who were changing money were taking advantage of the poor. The offerings for the Temple could be bought only within the Temple and from approved sellers. Thus the prices were hiked and people were charged exorbitant rates. The temple had become a place of mercenary gain and the most vulnerable people in society were being exploited. This blatant abuse of power and the infringement of the sacred annoyed Jesus deeply.

As followers of Christ, we are called to ask uncomfortable questions of ourselves and others. To remain silent in the face of wrongdoing makes us accomplices of injustice. What are the issues that should cause me to be angry today? Who are the victims of injustice? Where do I see forms of exploitation? When should I speak out instead of remaining silent?

Every Blessing, Fr Peter McAnenly, Adm.

24 hours for the Lord!

The 24 hours for the Lord will take place on Fri 9th & Sat 10th March in St Malachy's Church. From 12noon to 12 midnight on the Friday and from 7am to 7pm on the Saturday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. The Adoration Chapel will be closed during this time. People are encouraged to pray for Life, especially that the gift of Life may always be respected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Groups & Organisations within the parish will lead prayers/reflections during each hour. Confessions available after Mass on Friday evening in St Malachy's Church until 10pm and Saturday in St Malachy's Church from 11am - 3pm.

Friday 9th March

12noon - Midday Prayer
3pm - Way of the Cross
7pm - Evening Prayer and Benediction
7.30pm - Mass
10pm - Night Prayer
12midnight - Rosary

Saturday 10th March

7am - Morning Prayer
10am - Rosary
12noon - Midday Prayer
3pm - Way of the Cross
5pm - Evening Prayer
6.30pm - Benediction
7pm - Mass

Lent has traditionally been known as a time for fasting, a time to tame one's body so that we may concentrate on higher things. The three spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving go hand in hand and the Church invites us to practice all three at this special time of year. Pope Francis reminds us that our fasting must never become superficial... that Lent is a good time for penance and self denial and our Lenten activities must enrich others. He also challenges us by saying that if we're going to fast from anything, we must fast from indifference towards others. As part of our special 24 hours, we might challenge ourselves to fast from something for those hours as a special offering to the Lord!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin McBride, Seamus Leonard, Teresa Watters, George Coulter, Nuala Kerr, Colette Toner, Patsy Fields & Jackie McConville
MONTHS MIND: Oisín Gill (6th)

Weekly collection amounted to £5899.07 & €124.55

World Meeting of Families Special Collection amounted to £ 2385.34 & €113.86.

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

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; Fri: 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

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

JOY Youth Group All young people aged 16-30 are welcome to join each Thursday at 7pm in the Cathedral Gate Lodge.

Armagh Parish Trip to Wexford will take place from **Mon 4th - 7th June**. Booking in the Parish Office. Cost: £235 per person sharing, or £310 for a single room. Deposit: £50 (non-refundable) must be paid at time of booking in the Parish Office. **Itinerary available in Parish Office.**

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela: 25 September- 2 October

Walk part of The Way of St James for the week. Beginning at St Jean Pied-de-Port, the route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns. Pilgrims will walk approximately 130 km & on the last day, we will be brought by coach for our walk into the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. Booking through www.marian.ie

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.

24 hours for the Lord will take place in St Malachy's Church from 12noon to 12 midnight on **Friday 9 March** and from 7am - 7pm on **Saturday 10 March**. It will be an opportunity to take some time, to reflect and to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season.

Dates of First Penance

St Patrick's PS - Wed 14 March @ 6pm
Mt St Catherine's PS-Tues 6 March @ 7pm
CBS PS - Thurs 8 March @ 6pm
Tullysaran PS - Tues 13 March @ 7pm
Saints & Scholars PS - Wed 7 March @ 6pm

Change of Venue

Due to the event in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 10th March**, the Vigil Mass on that evening will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church at 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Novena Mass on Monday at 7:30pm. & each Wed of Lent at 10am

Children's Liturgy Group continues each Sunday at 10am Mass.

Community Centre Monday Indoor bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday mum & baby yoga 10.30-11.30am, Corebox. 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday parent toddler group 10.30-12pm; Yoga 7-8pm; Thursday mum & daughter class 7-7.45pm, music 7.30-8.30pm, Indoor bowls 8-10pm Couch to 5K every wed & fri @6.30pm.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Flower Arrangers Anyone who would be willing to help with Flower Arranging in the Church of St. Colmcille, Knockaconey is asked to leave their name & number in the sacristy of the Church.

AIFREANN NA GAELIGE: Léifear Aifreann deireannach an téarma seo i gColáiste Phádraig ar 10ú Márta. Ní bheidh Aifreann sa scoil Dé Sathairn 17ú Márta, Lá le Pádraig, mar léifear Aifreann as Gaeilge san Ardeaglais ar 9.00rn ar an dáta sin. **IRISH MASS:** The last Irish Mass of this term will be celebrated at SPGS on 10 March. No Mass in the school at 5.30pm on Saturday 17 March, St Patrick's Day, as there will be Mass in Irish in the Cathedral that morning, at 9am.

Lenten Evening of Prayer & Reflection this special evening for all Ministers of the Word (Readers) in any of the Churches in the parish will take place in The Synod Hall on Tuesday 6th March at 8pm. All Ministers of the Word are asked to make a special effort to attend on the evening.

Parish Envelopes 2018/19 The new year envelopes begin on Sunday 1st April. **Envelopes will be available for collection by distributors from Tuesday 20th March at 10am at Parish Office.**

Inviting all Key Stage 2 pupils to join in "Celebrating St Patrick" As we prepare to celebrate the feast of St Patrick, KS2 pupils in our Parish are invited to write a prayer or a poem in honour of St Patrick or design/create a card which reflects the life of St Patrick. The competition is open to all pupils in KS2 in any of the Primary Schools in the Parish of Armagh. There are no restrictions with writing the prayer or the poem or creating the card (it must be original) but entrants must write their name, address, their age and the name of their school on the back of their entry. Pupils are asked to submit their entries to Armagh Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge not later than 12 noon on **Monday 5th March**. The Knights of St Columbanus in the Parish have kindly agreed to sponsor five very special prizes for the five most creative entries and the winners will be presented with their prizes on the eve of St Patrick's Day.

Remembering Patrick: a man of faith A Novena to St Patrick will take place from **8 - 16 March**. Novena Prayers will be offered at all Masses during these days and people are encouraged to join in offering this Novena for their own personal and family intentions. The Novena will close at a special celebration in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Friday 16th March** at 6pm, the main celebrant of Mass will be Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. A special statue of St Patrick will be placed in the sanctuary of St Patrick's Cathedral and people are invited to place a little pot of shamrock in front of the statue in memory of those who have passed onto us the great gift of our faith.

An Evening with Patrick - The Market Place Theatre: Wed 14 Mar 7.30pm Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you to an evening of music, story, poetry & prayer to celebrate St Patrick. Guest speaker, Fr Peter McVerry, a native of Newry and Jesuit priest, founded The Peter McVerry Trust (formerly Arrupe Charity), which seeks to address homelessness. During the evening, he will invite us to reflect on the words of St Patrick in his Confession "I am Patrick...utterly worthless in the eyes of many". Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Free but booking essential through The Market Place Theatre.

Celebrate St Patrick - St Patrick's RC Cathedral: Saturday 10 March, 8.00pm Join composer & presenter John Anderson as he conducts a reflective and celebratory event honouring St Patrick in the magnificent St Patrick's RC Cathedral, choirs from all over Ireland and beyond will join together in a unique evening of music and spoken word. A limited number of audience seats priced £5 are available through The Market Place Theatre Box Office.

St Patrick's Vigil - St Patrick's Cathedrals: Friday 16 March commencing at the COI Cathedral @ 9pm where Archbishop Clarke will lead a prayer. Visitors will then be led by both Archbishops in torchlight to the RC Cathedral where Archbishop Martin will conclude with a prayer. Light refreshments will be served in the Synod Hall after this event.

St Patrick's Lecture - The Market Place Theatre: Friday 16 March, 11am On the eve of St Patrick's Day, the Primates of the two principal Churches in Ireland, Archbishop Richard Clarke and Archbishop Eamon Martin will speak about what St Patrick means to them in a modern world. In conversation with Sarah Clarke from UTV, the two will discuss how St Patrick's words still resonate and have relevance for many of the challenges we face today. Booking through the Market Place Theatre.

St Patrick's Tea Party, The Synod Hall, St Patrick's R.C Cathedral: Saturday 17 March, 3 - 5.30pm Free admission A special tea party to celebrate St Patrick in the lovely surroundings of this unique hall. Enjoy a special afternoon tea as well as a feast of Irish traditional music and song. People are encouraged to wear something green and come along and enjoy the afternoon's festivities as we celebrate the feast of our national apostle and what's a special day in our yearly calendar.