

Youth 2000 Summer Festival Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from **Thurs 17th-Sun 20th Aug.** All young people aged 16-35 welcome. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. Info & booking at www.youth2000.ie

Mary's Meals greatly appreciate your support for the backpacks for Malawi. Please continue to place the following items in the baskets in either the Cathedral or St Malachy's: Small towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pencil cases, rulers, copybooks, tennis balls, spoons, flip flops, T-shirts, shorts, dresses or skirts & tops to fit 4-12 year olds. Volunteers always welcome in the old clinic in Dobbin Street, Tues or Thurs 2-4pm. Thank you.

The Gospel of the Family. Joy for the World In preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018, the Pontifical Irish College invites parishioners to come to Rome from **18th – 23rd September 2017** in order to reflect on the theme of “The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World”. The five days in Rome will include a series of talks and liturgies on the theme, along with guided visits to significant Churches & Basilicas, a day of spiritual recollection and reflection, a pilgrimage to an Italian shrine, along with an opportunity to attend a General Audience with Pope Francis. Cost: €700. Places are limited. A deposit of €300 secures your place. Travel arrangements to Rome are the responsibility of participants. If you wish to reserve a place, please telephone the Pontifical Irish College main office number, +39 06 772 631 or email ufficio@irishcollege.org for more information.

Cathedral Gift Shop Urgently Requires Volunteers Would you be willing to offer 2-3 hours a week volunteering in the Cathedral Gift Shop? Anyone interested in getting involved is asked to please contact the Parish Office 02837522813. The Gift Shop is fully stocked with religious items and gifts.

Southern Area Hospice Services have relaunched their Annual Donard Day Climb for **Sat 19th Aug @ 10am** from Donard Car Park Newcastle. Registration fee £15 & £40 sponsorship. Please join us for this challenge. T shirts & refreshments afterwards. All proceeds in aid of SAHS. Contact James on 028 3025 1333 for more details.

Music for a summer's evening Donna Taggart will headline a fundraising concert for the Michaela Foundation on **Sat 12th Aug**, at The Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon., with special guest Mairéad Duffy. Tickets (£25) are available online from michaelafoundation.com or in various locations in Tyrone & Armagh.


St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk Relic of St. Mother Teresa Of Calcutta Coming to St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk **Thurs 10th August 2017.** Arriving at 10am Mass & leaving at 5pm on 11th August. All welcome.

West Armagh Community Festival 5K FunRun and 2K Walk to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Callan Street Gas Explosion. This terrible tragedy resulted in the loss of the life of young Brendan Donnelly aged five & serious injury to many more. A Memorial is being erected at the site in Callan Street. The Run/Walk is open to all adults & children & it begins at 8pm in Sherry's Field. All proceeds in aid of the memorial & PIPS Charity.

West Armagh Community Festival Presentation from local historian, John Nixon, on the Callan St. Gas Explosion Wed 9th August at 7pm in Sherry's Hall, Cathedral Rd. Admission Free.

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.

St. Pio's Prayer Group will meet on **Thurs 10th August** in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 12/24/25/28** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,300
Abbey Lotto: 10/17/25/28 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1700
Tullysaran Lotto:
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/5/10/14 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1700



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6th August 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

In the Scriptures, the mountains are often places where people encounter God. Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top to pray, to a quiet place, away from all the attention and the crowds. They have the most amazing and wonderful experience as we read in the Gospel today.

Can you recall a place where you have felt deep peace or a sense of experiencing God? In nature or in the places you go for some “time – out” for yourself? Perhaps it is in special moments with family and friends; times of joy or sorrow. These “mountain top” experiences nourish us and they can bring us insights or help us to deal with difficult periods in our lives. They can bring feelings of euphoria, deep joy and blessing and often sustain us in life. It's no wonder that the disciples wanted to build “three dwellings” so that Moses, Elijah and Jesus would stay with them like this forever. However, we cannot remain in those experiences forever. Jesus' way involves both time for encounters with mystery but also coming down from the mountain and continuing on life's journey and mission.

Can we carve out these moments of quiet in our busy days to be with the Word, to create the space to listen and make room for these encounters with the Lord? This week, imagine yourself in this story as you read “Jesus took me with him and went up on the mountain to pray...”

As we reflect on this wonderful story of the Transfiguration, we might reflect on the following questions....

What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are and what your relationship with God is like?

Have there been times when “going apart” has been an important element in preparing you for a deep experience?

Have you ever had the experience in a friendship where you have got to know a friend in a new and deeper way as a result of sharing?

Finally, after their special experience, the disciples came down the mountain again and the memory of the special spiritual experience would sustain them in the difficult times ahead. What are the memories that sustain or strengthen you in times of difficulty or pain?

With every blessing,

Fr. Peter McAnenly, Adm.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Tuesday 15 August Holy Day of Obligation: Mass Times in Armagh Parish

On this special day, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary. Mary's “Yes” to God's call provides a wonderful example for all of us to follow. The almighty has done great things for her and we join our praise to the generations who call her blessed. We give glory to God who glorified Mary.

Masses as follows:

St Malachy's Church: 7:30pm (Vigil), 8am, 10am, 7.30pm (Tues)
St Patrick's Cathedral: 11am (Tues)
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran: 7:30pm (Vigil)
St Colmcille's, Knockaconey: 7.30pm (Tues)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Scannell, Sarah Lavery & John McKenna,
MONTHS MIND MASSES: Oliver Devine (6th) & Margaret Oliver (16th)

Weekly collection amounted to £6143.76 & €176.63

Trocaire Collection amounted to £6823.52 & €345.15

The Sick & Retired Priests 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

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: 11pm and 12midnight
Thursday: 1am & 5am**
Please contact Nora 37525265

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

Fatima Devotion On the 1st Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

Pews in St. Patrick's Cathedral The kneelers on the pews in the transept of the Cathedral have recently been restored. We ask people not to stand on the kneelers & treat them with great care.

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 Pastoral Council are organising a one day retreat to Lough Derg on **Sat 23rd Sept.** Details and booking to follow.

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.

Fr. Michael Donnelly to celebrate his First Mass On Sunday 25 June, Fr Michael Donnelly from Armagh was ordained priest for The Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France. Fr Michael will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in St Malachy's Church, Armagh on **Fri 18 Aug at 7.30pm.** On the evening, Fr Michael would like to lead a time of prayer and reflection before the Mass from 6.15pm and it will conclude with Benediction at 7.15pm. All are invited to join on the evening and light refreshments will be available after the Mass in Armagh City Hotel. We wish Fr Michael well in his future ministry.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord -- August 6, 2017 "Lord, it is good that we are here." The apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they had seen. Is He calling you to share your experience of Him with others as a priest? Contact Fr Peter McAnenly 028 37522802

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima We remember in prayer all who will travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima on Thursday 10 August. May it be a blessed Pilgrimage as we celebrate this special Jubilee Year.

Please note: there will be no Parish Bulletin next weekend.

Exam Results! Good luck to all the young people from our Parish who are to awaiting their exam results! We pray especially for those who will be faced with making important decisions about their futures. May God inspire and guide them in the choices they make.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN
ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran must be booked in advance at Parish Office

Months Mind Mass for John Dillon—Friday 18th August.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Parish Radio Ministry After 11 years the Parish Radio Ministry has run its course. The transmitters are no longer functioning so transmission of the Masses is not available. If anyone wishes to return their radio please leave it into the Parish office. Thanks to all those who supported this worthy cause over the years, you can still receive Masses from the Cathedral via the Cathedral Webcam, on www.armaghparish.net.

Knock Novena: Living Life to the full! Mon 14th - Tues 22nd August 2017. The national Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers nine days of reflection, prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in a sacred space. There will be strong emphasis during the Novena on appreciating the gift of life and finding beauty in the everyday. One of the highlights during the Novena will take place on **Mon 21st August** with the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 programme "Amoris: Let's talk family, Let's be family!" Families representing each diocese in Ireland will travel to Knock for this special day. A newly commissioned Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled and commissioned and this special Icon will travel to each diocese in the country as part of the WMOF 2018 celebrations. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Mass 3pm & 8.30pm. More info on worldmeeting2018.ie

Lough Derg 2017 You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. Further information available regarding public transport by telephoning Maureen or Lorraine on 00353 71 9861518

Divine Will Conference, Armagh Father Robert Young OFM (USA) will be speaking on The Divine Will, with permission, in St Vincent De Paul Conference Centre, Chapel Lane on **Thursday 10th August from 6pm to 9.30pm.** Everyone welcome.

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.

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.

Accord NI Marriage Preparation Course The next course scheduled in the Diocese are at Quinn's Corner, Dungannon **12th, 19th & 26th Sept & 7th, 14th & 21st Nov.** Info & Booking tel. 02838334781.

Charles Wood Summer School Programme can be found: www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/

Children's Liturgy Group

'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)

