

Forgiveness: Moving forward from life's hurts to Healing, Peace and Happiness. This day will give participants a deeper understanding of forgiveness & help to move from hurt to happiness. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. Dromantine Retreat + Conf. Centre. Date; **Sat. 13th May.** 9.30am -5 pm. Cost: £25 inc. lunch, tea/coffee. All welcome. Booking: (028)30821964

Mary's Meals Armagh Benburb group. Please don't forget the children of Malawi! We are grateful to all those who have donated items so far but there is still a great need for the following: small towels, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, spoons, copybooks, rulers, pencil cases, backpacks, tennis balls, flip flops, skirts/tops, shorts/T-shirts to fit 4-12 year olds. You can place items in the baskets in the Cathedral or St Malachy's. Thank you so much for your support!

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome with Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission **28 Oct – 2 Nov** £540.00. Pilgrims (20-35 year old) have the opportunity for a day away from Rome to visit Assisi or the Catacombs. Contact: Dermot 028/048 3752 3084 armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

A Music Workshop with Fr Liam Lawton: "The Mass of St Patrick" Stonebridge Pastoral Centre, **Wed 7th June** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost £12 inc. Music Book and Workshop.

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.

Armagh Parish Trip - June 2017 The Parish Trip takes place from Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June. Those travelling will be based in The Four Star, Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. There are limited twin/double rooms available. Payments must be received in full no later than **Fri 9th May** at 1pm.

Armagh Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by. Fr. Richard Byrne O. Carm. Provincial **27th Sept 2017** Hotel Mediterranean. 5 nights full board. Contact: Gerry Gribbon 07980628696/37522422.

Saint Brigids Camogie Big Breakfast in Harps Social Club **Sun 21st May** 9am-1pm. LIPSYNC Battles in Armagh City Hotel **Sat 19th June.** Tickets £20 Contact Maggie 07787 798164.

Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on **Tues. 9th May** at 8.15pm.

Review, Renew, Relax Programme looking at the causes of stress and practical tools for dealing with stressful situations, Cathedral Road Recreation Centre 10am-1pm on **Thurs 18th May** To book your place please contact Arlene on 02837529636 or before Friday 12th May.

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm, Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published weekly and is available on catholicnews.ie.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise. Rosary at 7.30pm. All welcome!

Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for Parents and Families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss and the death of a baby. **Sunday 14th May at 3pm** in the Seagoe Parish Centre Portadown. For an act of Remembrance you may wish to bring a flower. All Welcome

St Joseph's Young Priests Society - the next meeting will be held on Wed 7 June 2017 in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Ogle Street, Armagh following 7.30 pm Mass in St Malachy's Church. New Members welcome.

Armagh City Library - Every Monday 11-1pm: Mindful colouring; Every Tuesday 1-2pm Macmillan volunteer available for info on cancer support services in your community. No booking necessary; Every Thursday 10.30-12.30: Patchwork – come along & take your project with you; Every Friday 10.30-12.30pm: Knit & Natter – come along & meet new people. All FREE to attend.

 **Na Piarasaigh Óga Lotto: 3/9/17/19** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2650
Abbey Lotto: 15/16/21/28 One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1050
Tullysaran Lotto: 5/11/18/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1225
St Colmcille's GAC Lotto: 1/11/12/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2200



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7th May 2017

Good Shepherd Sunday

Reflection

I think it's true to say that in many hearts in western society, there is a growing sense of alienation that can lead to despondency and hopelessness and even, to suicide. Again and again Jesus refers to us as those who belong to him, the ones to whom he will give eternal life and who will never be lost. As we are told in today's Second Reading, our relationship with Jesus is so intimate that we are to be called "children of God". On the other hand, the Gospel of the Good Shepherd is an incredibly reassuring one in which we hear in the metaphor of the shepherd, Jesus' pledge to continue to care for us and love us as he loves the Father and the Father loves him. It is an encouraging and revitalising message, a message of hope and the challenge is to believe it personally and to live accordingly. We're all familiar with the psalm "The Lord is my Shepherd" and I think that the image of Jesus as shepherd is worth reflecting on, especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday. A few years ago, Pope Francis urged bishops and priests to get to know their flocks, and to be like shepherds who "smell of their sheep". He was really echoing the language of the Gospel extract we hear today, when Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep. It's because he knows us by name and has sacrificed so much for us and cares for us so well that we are able to love and follow him in return.

A necessary requirement for growing in faith in God is to experience that sense of belonging to a community of believers who support each other in practical ways as well as sharing prayer and praise of God. Without such an experience of genuine secure belonging, faith in a caring God is almost impossible today. So the young move elsewhere. Therefore the challenge for all followers of Christ is to build vibrant, faith filled communities and parishes, centred on the Eucharist, and influencing the affairs of daily living. To this task, some dedicate their lives full time as priests, religious and deacons. The role in forming community and gathering the people around the table of the Eucharist is a central role.

On this Vocations Sunday, we are invited to pray once again that such leaders in the faith will never be found wanting. The need for them was never greater. The demands have never been more intimidating, the opportunities never more challenging, the rewards never more worthwhile. Today, we thank God for our own calling and we give thanks in a special way for all bishops, priests, religious and deacons and all who have worked and continue to work at building the Kingdom of God among us. We pray for all our seminarians and we pray in a special way for Rev Barry Matthews from Dundalk who will be ordained priest for service in our diocese in June of this year. We also pray that more men and women will be open to God's call in their lives and so respond by giving of their lives as priests, religious or deacons at this time.

"Lord, inspire young men and women to give their lives to the building of your Kingdom on earth; we pray especially that some, in our own parish, will be alert to the promptings of your Spirit whispering to their hearts. May they have the courage and the grace to hear your call and answer it".

With Every Blessing,
Rev Peter McAnenly

RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Oran Keenan Toner, Patrick Brannigan & Marie Thomas,
MONTHS MIND: Pdraig McGahan (12th)
The Month's Mind Mass for Christopher Rogers will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Ballymacnab on Mon 8th May at 7:30pm.

Weekly collection amounted to £ 7667.39 & € 157.39

Trocaire collection amounted to £ 20,448.70 & € 2526.23

The Priest Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Parish Safeguarding The contact persons for the Parish are Aileen & Maura, they can be contacted @ armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or 07895 460797.

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

All requests for prayers and Masses to be arranged through the Parish Office. The list of intentions is sent to the churches on a Friday morning, containing all intentions from the Saturday night vigil Mass until the following Saturday morning. **Only Anniversaries and Month's Minds left in the Parish Office by 12 noon on 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. The course is on the first Monday & third Wednesday of every month. All Baptisms **must be booked through the Parish Office.**

Adoration Adorer needed each Wednesday at 12noon. Contact Nora 37 525265

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

Missionary of Charity House One hour of prayer, scripture & song before the Blessed Sacrament **every Wed** from 8-9pm

First Saturday's Devotion In celebration of the 100 years since the appearance of Our Lady in Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.15am, followed by Mass at 10am & recitation of the Rosary immediately after in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

Concert Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus present: 'Monastic Chants and Songs' in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Friday 12th**

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.

May at 7pm. Admission: Voluntary Donation. All proceeds will help the good works of the sisters. A special exhibit from the workshops of the convent will be on display after the concert.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes We remember in prayer all who are travelling on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 12 until Wednesday 17 May. We remember especially all the sick pilgrims who are travelling and we pray that it will be a time of great graces for all who travel.

Visit of Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta to St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh A Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta is to visit the Cathedral Churches in Ireland during the month of June. The special Relic will be in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh from the evening of Thursday 8 June until lunch time on Saturday 10 June, so that people will have an opportunity to venerate it. St Teresa of Calcutta is revered for her work with the poor in India and two apparent cures of sick people after her death in 1997 have been attributed to her intercession. On the day of her Canonisation, Pope Francis said: "St Teresa of Calcutta spent her whole life bowing down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God given dignity". Further details about the visit of this special Relic will be available in the coming days.

Fr John Sullivan SJ to be beatified Fr John will be beatified on this Saturday morning in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin. Beatification confers the title "Blessed" and it means that a man or woman is considered to be truly holy and worthy of veneration. Fr John Sullivan's reputation for holiness stemmed from his untiring attention to the sick and the poor. Most of his priestly life was spent in Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare and it was mainly in the towns and villages around the school that he spent a lot of his time walking and cycling to those in need. After his death in 1933, devotion to him continued to spread.

First Communion Celebrations We remember all the young boys and girls in our Parish who are receiving their first Holy Communion at this time of year. We thank their teachers, parents & all who have supported and helped them to this special stage in their lives.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass Monday @ 7:30pm.

Months Mind Mass for Pdraig McGahan and also remembrance of this two cousins who died recently on Friday 12th at 7:30pm.

Tullysaran Community Association: Tues 4-5pm Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm Corebox; Tues 8.15-9pm Spin; Wed 10.30am-12 Parent & Toddler Group; Wed 7-8pm Pilates; Thurs 7.30-8.30pm Music Class; **NI Blood Transfusion Service - Thurs 11 May - 2.30-4pm & 5.15-8pm.**

Review, Relax & Renew Thurs 25 May 6.30-9pm. To book text your name to 07542509624. This is a free programme - Stress Management.

O 'Connell GAC Tullysaran present 'GAA Championship Preview' on **Sat, 13th May** in the Community Centre. Guests inc Chrissy McKaigue, Kevin Cassidy, Paddy Bradley, Enda McGinley, Barry McElduff & Niall McCoy & Whitecross All Ireland Winning Ceili Dancers. Tickets £15 and can be purchased from any committee member.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

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

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima On **Sat 13th May** we will celebrate 100 years since Our Lady appeared in Fatima. To celebrate this centenary year there will be a Triduum of prayer dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. On **Thurs 11th May** Fr. Seamus White, who is directing the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima later this year, will be the guest preacher at the 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church; on **Fri 12th May**, Archbishop Martin will be the guest preacher at the 7:30pm Mass and on **Sat 13th May**, Fr. Peter McAnenly will celebrate the 10AM Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the feast day. All are welcome to share in these three special celebrations in this special Jubilee Year.

Fatima To commemorate the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima 100 years ago, the Knights of St. Columbanus have organised two talks about Fatima and devotion to Our Lady to coincide with the first two apparition dates. Dr. Tony Hanna will speak on **Tues 16th May** & Fr Desmond Farren MSC of the World Apostolate of Fatima will speak on **Tues 13th June**. Both talks will take place at 7pm in St. Catherine's College. Admission free. All are welcome to attend these inspiring talks in this special centenary year.

Fatima Prayer by Pope Francis

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence, we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed. May we allow your sweet gaze to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile. Guard our life with your embrace: bless and strengthen every desire for good; give new life and nourishment to faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide us all on the path to holiness. Teach us your own special love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering, for sinners and the wounded of heart. Gather all people under your protection and give us all to your Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Legion of Mary will lead a Rosary at Our Lady's Statue in Dalton Estate on **Monday 8th** at 8.15pm. There will be Miraculous Medals distributed and blessed at the Novena Mass on **Monday 22nd May**.

That time of year again, when many of our young people are doing exams!

We remember in prayer all the young people in our parish who are doing exams in the coming days and weeks. We pray that God may send his Spirit upon all of them and may they be guided in the work that they do.

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.

