

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group meet on Tuesdays at 8pm at new SVP Centre for prayer and praise.

Mary's Meals desperately need extra copybooks & rulers & indeed any of the items listed on the notices beside the collection baskets in the churches. We are very grateful for all your support so far. Donations can also be left into our HQ in Dobbin St any Tues or Thurs afternoon. Thank you.

Public Rosary will take place on the 1st Saturday of every month for the intentions of reparation & purification of Holy Church. Market Street Armagh @ 3pm. Next Rosary will be Nov 10th & Dec 8th. All welcome.

Rosary on the Coast On Sunday 7 October (today), the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, many people will gather at different points on the Coast of Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith! A gathering will take place on that day at 12.30pm on the banks of Seaghan Dam, for the people of St Patrick's Cathedral Pastoral Area. People are encouraged to come along and join in this great act of prayer and the assembly point will be the car park at Seaghan Dam.

Mount Saint Catherine's Primary School have vacancies for childcare places aged 4-12years, at their after school club. We are open 2pm-5pm (Monday-Friday). Cost 2pm-3pm: £2.50, 3pm-5pm: £5.00; 2pm-5pm: £8.00. 3 qualified staff. Healthy snack provided For info tel. 02837511003, between 2pm -5pm.

SPRED is a voluntary organisation consisting of small groups of people who share their faith, understanding and friendship with people who have learning needs (whom we call our special friends). Groups meet once a fortnight and each volunteer is assigned a special friend within a group setting. SPRED is open to all ages and offers acceptance, comfort and security. We need more volunteers in our Parish group and encouragement for people with special needs to come along and benefit from the Armagh Parish SPRED group. If you would like to join SPRED, please phone: Lily Conway—38891484 or Gabrielle Maguire—37524226.

St. Pio's Prayer Group on **Thurs 11th October** in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

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

Bereavment Retreat A reflective time to ponder issues around loss and grief, led by Sr Una Boland, L.C.M. (Formerly Director Hospital Chaplaincy Training Cork). 3rd November – 10am registration & refreshment until 4th November 2pm. Cost £80.00/€95.00. Booking essential: admin@dromantineconference.com or tel. 028 30821964.

The Legion of Mary in Down and Connor is organising a 4th conference for young Catholic adults (18yrs-40yrs) at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen's University Belfast on **Sat 20th Oct** from 10am-5.30pm. Contact: cayaconference16@gmail.com or call 07753379110.

1921 Documentary BBC NI are looking for people born in 1921 to take part in a documentary. The film will mark the centenary of the creation of Northern Ireland in 2021 and tell the story of the state through the lives of ordinary people, born at the time of it's foundation in 1921. We are interested in talking to them about their family backgrounds, where they grew up, their faith or schooling, their favourite memories from childhood, or their lives during the Second World War for example. If you know of anyone who would like to get involved, please contact swhittaker@doublebandfilms.com

NI Blood Transfusion Service next session in St. Mark's Church, Crozier Hall, **Thurs 11th & Fri 12th Oct** 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm.

Cill Chluana History Group next History Talk is on **Tuesday 9th October** on Partition and the GAA - The Early Years - in Ballymacnab Community Hall at 8pm. All welcome.



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 5/7/20/22. Next weeks Jackpot £1250
Abbey Lotto: 2/11/21/27. Next weeks Jackpot is £1200
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 3/4/8/22 Next weeks Jackpot is £2300
Tullysaran Lotto: 12/14/15/19 Next week's Jackpot £2000

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7th October

27th Sunday of the Year Reflection

In the time of Jesus, the Jewish vision of marriage was very high, but in practice, divorce was easy to obtain. Some people had the view that even the spoiling of food, or talking to a strange man, or criticising her in-laws, was sufficient grounds for a man to divorce his wife. There were fewer options for a woman to divorce her husband! Small wonder then that Jesus took a line on divorce that brings us back to the original plan, where two become one in body, heart and mind. Most great religions have sacred stories which account for the beginning of creation and the origins of the human race. The Book of Genesis has two stories of creation, the second of which is recalled in today's first reading. These stories are not intended to be interpreted as historically or scientifically factual; they are however, deeply religious and loaded with profound significance.

By recalling the creation story from Genesis, Jesus reminds us of an essential truth: the life we enjoy comes from God as a gift. From the beginning we were created for others – “companion”, “help mate”, “flesh from my flesh”, to be cherished and loved, to be respected and esteemed. This is what Christian marriage is meant to be: complete self giving. No conditions. A recent cartoon depicted a wedding couple and the priest at the exchange of consent. “Do you Mary, take John as your husband, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health all the days of your life?” The bride looks quizzically at the priest: “Father, could you be a little more specific?”

Some people may be familiar with the prayer which captures well the sentiments and hopes that we carry in our hearts for all married couples: “Help them to share all their dreams and all their joys. Help them to have no secrets from one another, keep them ever closer to one another. Teach them to pray together and help them to live with you, so that their love may grow perfect...”

As we're well aware, not all marriages work out as intended. In that context, I refer to a wonderful programme called Beginning Experience (BE) which has been designed specifically for men and women who have lost a married partner through death or separation. BE enables such people to deal with the grief process and to discover for themselves that “just existing” can be transformed radically in to “new living”. For more information contact Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre at 0035342 9336393.

Finally, today is Day for Life. Some years ago Saint John Paul II initiated Day for Life in order to encourage people throughout the world to celebrate the sanctity of human life. The theme this year is; “Human Trafficking”. We pray for all victims of human trafficking, that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. As we reflect on the gift of life itself and especially at its beginning and near its end, we pray that all peoples will acknowledge and respect human life as a great gift from God and may we work each day to promote a more just and humane society for all.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

RECENTLY DECEASED
Martin Henry & Eleanor Fields
MONTHS MIND
Bernadette Donnelly (12th)



Weekly collection amounted to £6211.57 & €163.98

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: 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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.

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.

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!

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover: Tuesday 9am, & Friday at 11pm; Please contact Nora 37525265

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

meet each **Tues @ 7pm** in the Synod Hall. **New members welcome.**

Do this in Memory Programme

Congratulations to the many children from our parish who enrolled last weekend in the Do this in Memory Programme as part of their preparation for First Penance and First Communion. The next gathering for the Do this in Memory Programme will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 20th October** at 7pm. We remember all Primary Four Pupils in our prayer during this special year in their lives.

Prayer for the Protection of Life including holy hour and benediction will take place in St Malachy's Church on **Wednesday 10th October** from 8-9pm.

EWTN You can watch "The Rosary of Our Lady" on EWTN Catholic TV on **Sun 7th Oct** (4pm); **Thurs 11th Oct** (9am); **Fri 12th Oct** (3pm) & **Sat 13th October** (9pm). EWTN available on: Sky 588or watch online at www.ewtn.ie

St. Malachy's Webcam

Due to popular demand we are delighted to announce the launch of our new webcam in St.Malachy's Church, Armagh.

The webcam in St. Patrick's Cathedral has proved to be incredibly popular for parishioners near and far and we hope our webcam in St. Malachy's will be received just as enthusiastically!

The webcam streams 24/7 – including all our Masses, weddings and funerals. The webcam is LIVE and is watched by people all over the world, but we especially encourage families to assist their elderly relatives in getting the new webcam bookmarked on their tablets and computers!

You can view the webcam on our website here: <http://armaghparish.net/st-malachys-church-webcam/>

Legion of Mary extends their thanks to all who joined them on their pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in September. There were a pair of glasses and a quantity of Holy Water bottles left on the bus. Contact 37524202 for return of items.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

Mass Novena Mass on Monday Evening at 7:30pm.

Children's Liturgy Group The Children's Liturgy Group continues at 10am Mass every Sunday. The group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All primary school children are welcome to attend. All leaders have been vetted. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office.



Community Centre Activities / classes this week: Monday: Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tuesday: Corebox 7-8pm, Spin Class 8.15-9pm; Wednesday: Parent Toddler Group 10.30am-12, Pilates 7-8pm; Thursday: Music 7-8pm Fiddle all abilities 7-8pm, Tin whistle beginner 7-7.30pm advanced, 7.30-8pm. 4 week Jiving class starting Sun 14 Oct 6-7pm.. £25 per person or £40 per couple

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

St Colmcille's GFC 75th Anniversary Gala Ball takes place on **Sat 10th Nov** in Armagh City Hotel. Evening includes drinks reception, 4 course meal and music. Gala Ball Tickets are available by emailing Stephen at Secretary.grangestcolmcilles.armagh@gaa.ie, contacting martin on 07801947813 and can be collected from the club every Monday evening (8-9pm).

Armagh Parish Pastoral Council: Important Meeting

An important meeting will take place in Mt St Catherine's Primary School on **Tuesday 9 October at 8pm** in relation to our Parish Pastoral Council. Our PPC has been in place for the last few years and at the meeting, we hope to recruit some new members to join our Council for the next three years. Mrs Sharon Dunne from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk will join on the evening and she will help us to reflect on the importance of a PPC within a Parish and it will also be an opportunity to explore some of the ways in which the Council can help make a real difference and help develop the local faith community.

Whilst we're very aware of many of the initiatives that our current PPC have been involved in, we're also aware that the future of our parish depends on the active participation of lay people in building our faith community. We all have God given gifts and talents and we all can make a contribution or a difference for the better. **Perhaps you might ask yourself: How can I become more actively involved in the life of my parish/my Church? Could I make a real difference in my parish by becoming more involved with our new Parish Pastoral Council?** Please come along and bring a friend to this important meeting!

Parish Census Following on from the areas that were visited in the parish in the early part of the Summer, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Knights of St Columbanus will deliver Parish Census forms to homes in Mullacreevie Park and Abbey Park this week. If you are not at home when the forms are being collected, please return to the Parish Office.

Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood On **Friday 19th October**, there will be a day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood on the weekend of World Day of Prayer for the Missions. It's hoped that the time of prayer will be an opportunity for people to pray for all who are engaged in the mission of the Church as priests and also, a time to pray that more men will commit their lives to the Churches mission as priests at this time. A time of prayer will take place on the day in St Malachy's Church, Armagh from 4pm – 7pm.

Diocesan Advisers in R E to visit schools in Parish The Diocesan Advisers in Religious Education will visit the Primary Schools in the parish from Monday to Wednesday of this week. We thank all the teachers and the staff in the different schools in our parish for all that they do in handing on the faith to our young people.

Family Photos In the lead up to the World Meeting of Families, we have been developing a Parish Family Collage in the Cathedral. All of the families featured will be remembered in prayer for the remainder of the year. If you would like to include your family photo, please drop it into the Parish Office.

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.