

Beginning Experience Coping programme: **12th, 19th & 26th Jan; 2nd, 9th & 15th Feb;** Weekend **24th-26th Feb.** These programmes offer hope and support for men & women who have lost their partner through death, separation or divorce. Tel. 07934871718

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th January** in SVP Centre Chapel Lane Armagh at 8pm.

Couch to 5k is back 9 week programme each Monday & Wednesday evening starting **9th Jan 2017** 6.30pm-7.00pm at the War Memorial on the Mall. £1 per night per session to register contact www.craigavonactivity.org or contact Edel Ferson on 02837 5296 36

Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on **Tues 10th Jan** at 8.15pm

St. Pio's Prayer Group are gathering on **Thurs 12th Jan** in St. Malachy's at 7:30pm. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Now taking names for pilgrims and sick wishing to travel on 12th—17th May. Call Anne on 07736415305

Armagh Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima for the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions. **10th - 17th August.** Cost: €848 per person sharing. €200 deposit secures place. More info contact: Fr Seamus White 02887722631 or Joe McLaughlin 02890701606. Applications & itineraries available from the Parish Office.

Armagh Parish Trip June 2017 Following on from the success of the Parish Trip to Ballina in June, another Parish Trip will take place in 2017. The trip will take place from Monday 5th – Thursday 8th June and those who travel will be based for the three nights in Hotel Westport in Co Mayo. During the few days, the trip will include visits to Achill, Clifden, Kylemore Abbey and other places of interest. Further details about the trip and booking will take place in the next few weeks

Family Care Adoption Society is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more info contact 028 71 368592 (or) email@familycaresociety.org

Celtic Spirituality Inter-Church Prayer in Church of Ireland Cathedral (Lady Chapel) first **Wednesday** of every month @12:30pm.

Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People meet in Dobbin St Community Centre on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2:45pm-4:15pm. The group are all visually impaired people. If you feel the Orchard Social Club would benefit you please contact Ann Curran 37524505 / 07594248180

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is hosting an infor morning for school leavers, mature students & parents on **Sat 14th Jan** between 10am & 1pm in the Muirhevna Building in DkIT.

Lislea Community Association Monthly Draw Winners were: 1st prize - £100 - Geraldine McCone; 2nd prize - £50 - Kathleen Comiskey. Congratulations to both our winners.

School Aid Romania Table Quiz and Raffle in Armagh Harps Social Club on **Sat 14th January** at 7pm. All welcome.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration are holding a diocesan meeting for parish representatives and all those interest in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in Armagh City Hotel on **Saturday 28th January**, commencing with Mass at 10am and concluding with a light lunch at 1:30pm. All those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 18th January at 12noon.**

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Info: www.catholicsingles.org.uk

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.

Na Piarasigh Óga Lotto: 12/15/22/24 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1800
Abbey Lotto: 2/15/18/27 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2150
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/20/21/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £800
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 2/6/15/22 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £1350



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8th January 2017

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

On The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it's appropriate that we should recall the promises made on our behalf when we were baptised. On this special feast, we also pray for all the children who have been baptised in our parish community during the past year. Through the sacrament of Baptism, we become followers of Jesus Christ and members of his Church: but the significance of this would not be appreciated if we didn't have good parents in our homes and committed teachers in our schools, to share their faith with us. And so, we pray on this special day that God's Holy Spirit will accompany all of our parents and indeed, all in our community, who have the awesome challenge of passing on faith.

When parents bring their new baby to be baptised, the priest says to them "You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Throughout the ceremony, parents are reminded of the grave responsibility they undertake as the "first teachers of the faith".

Today we pray that they may be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith in everything they say and do and may they always be aware that their own personal example of Christian living will be the most powerful and lasting influence of all. If for example, parents don't ever pray in the home or go to Mass at the weekend, then there is little possibility that their children will be people of faith. If even one generation is lost to the faith, it is difficult and rare for the next generation to return to the practice of their religion once more. Handing on the faith is like a relay race, in which one team hands on the torch or the baton to the team taking over from it. If the torch is once allowed to fall, if the baton is once dropped and lost, each succeeding team, however hard it tries, will have great difficulty in reaching the finishing line.

It's not so much a question of handing on a set of truths or facts, it's more a matter of offering our children and young people a vision of life, based on the values of Jesus Christ, that will give them a sense of purpose and fulfilment. This special feast should be a reminder that by our Baptism, we are privileged children of the Father, touched by the Spirit, who are always in need of continuing conversion through the power and love of God.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly, Adm.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we thank the members of the Parish Baptism Team for the wonderful service they provide in our Parish. The team are currently seeking new members, anyone who would like to a member is asked to contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Virginia Farnan, Doreen Murtagh, Mary Morrissey, Philomena Maginness, Philomena Lyons, Briege Martin, Vera Wallace, Betty Johnston & Jean McKee
MONTHS MIND: Kathleen Hunter (8th) and Diarmuid McCourt (14th)

Hungry & Needy 25.12.16 £ 16,910.54 & € 662.00
Weekly Collection 25.12.16 £ 7429.8 & € 222.48
Priests Dues 01.01.17 £ 11,185.92 & € 157.47
Irish Bishops Conference Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of **Sat 21/Sun 22 January**

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid forms can be accessed on the parish website or by contacting the Parish Office.

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

Sacristy Any visitor 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.**

Home visits/First Friday calls If there is anyone who is seriously ill and/or confined to their home and would like to receive a home visit from one of the priests of the parish, please leave details at the parish office so that the visit can be arranged.

Home visits/House Blessings Should anyone wish to arrange for one of the priests of the parish to visit their home or should anyone wish to arrange a House Blessing, please leave details at the Parish Office so that the visit can be arranged.

Roof Repairs continue in the Cathedral. It is hoped that disruption will be kept to a minimum within the Cathedral during this period of work.

Adorers required for Adoration Chapel in St. Malachy's: Thursday's at 4pm & 11pm and Sunday's at 1pm. Contact Nora 02837 525265

Cathedral Webcam All our Cathedral Liturgies are broadcast live on our webcam. To access our webcam visit our website www.armaghparish.net and click on 'Cathedral Webcam'.

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

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

Do this in Memory Programme continues for all P4 pupils & their parents in St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 21st Jan at 7pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At this time of year and we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (**18 – 25 January**). The theme chosen for this year is: **Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us. (2 Cor 5: 14 - 20)** Throughout the Christian world, people of different denominations come together during this special week for conferences, prayer services and social gatherings. As we celebrate the week, we recall how an Episcopalian Franciscan priest from America, Fr Paul Watson, started these gatherings in 1908 by praying for Christian Unity. This year and our Ecumenical Service will take place in St Patrick's RC Cathedral, Armagh on **Wed 18 Jan at 7.30pm. The guest preacher will be Bishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher.** All are welcome to join for the special service.

PRAYER

God our Father, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit ever more deeply into our hearts and minds that we may think thoughts of peace, speak words that build up and do the truth always in love, the truth that sets us free, the truth that gives us hope. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

Novena Mass Monday evening at 7:30pm.

ALL Baptisms & Weddings in Tullysaran **must** be booked in advance at Parish Office - 37522813
Tullysaran Community Centre Activities this week: Mon 8-10pm: Indoor Bowls; Tues 4-5pm: Irish Dancing; Tues 7-8pm: Corebox Tues 8.15-9pm: Spin; Wed 7-8pm: Pilates; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Total Body Workout will recommence Thursday 19 Jan 6.30-7.30pm.

The **SVP** group wish to convey sincere thanks to the parishioners who contributed so generously to the annual church collection which raised £1958.10. Since then we have received £835.00 in donations with a Grand total of £2793.10 for which we are most grateful We also wish to acknowledge your response to the 'giving tree'. Your generosity has given many children and families a Happy Christmas.

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Bookings All Weddings & Baptisms **must** be booked in advance through the Parish Office - 37522813.

PSNI Meeting Armagh PSNI are holding a special meeting for people from our parish at which they will address community related issues. There are many issues which are of concern to all of us and many of these issues will be addressed on the evening including crime, domestic violence, substance abuse, road deaths, cyber bullying and others. The PSNI are anxious for people to come together to explore ways in which all of us can work more closely together to address issues that concern all of us. The meeting will take place in **The St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane** (below St Malachy's Primary School) on **Wednesday 25th January at 8pm**. Representatives from many local bodies/agencies will be in attendance on the evening and all are invited to come along for this **important gathering.**

First Communion Dates 2017

Sat 6th May:

10AM - CBS Bunscoil - St. Malachy's Church

11:30AM - Christian Brothers P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

Sun 7th May:

10AM - Our Lady's P.S. - Church of the Immaculate Conception

10AM - St. Malachy's P.S. - St. Malachy's Church

11AM - Mt. St. Catherine's P.S. - Cathedral

Sat 13th May:

11AM - Saint's and Scholar's P.S - St. Malachy's Church

Sun 14th May: 11AM - St. Patrick's P.S. - Cathedral

Confirmation Dates 2017

Saturday 3rd June @ 2pm

Christian Brother PS

Mt. St. Catherine's PS

Our Lady's PS

Sunday 4th June @ 2pm

St. Malachy's PS

St. Patrick's PS

Saints & Scholars PS

Blessing of the Graves 2016

Armagh: Sun 25th June 12noon

Knockconey: Fri 9th June 7:30pm

Tullysaran Old Cemetery:

Sat 3rd June @ 7:30pm

Tullysaran New Cemetery:

Sun 4th June @ 10am.

Job Vacancies

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh wishes to recruit a Church cleaner. Duties & responsibilities include the general cleaning and upkeep of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh wishes to recruit a cleaner for the Parochial House, Armagh. Duties & responsibilities include the general cleaning of Priests' accomodation .

Full job descriptions and applications are available through the Parish Office. Closing date for applications is 20th January 2017.