

RISE Youth Group All 1st - 3rd year pupils welcome to a new youth group every **Wednesday** 7-9pm in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane. Fun, Faith & Friendship! Contact Aoibhin in the Parish Office for more info.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at 8pm on Tuesdays for prayer and praise.

Service to mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. This Service takes place in St Patrick's COI Cathedral on **Sunday 8 October at 3.15pm**. The guest preacher will be Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are welcome.

Bereavement Support - One to one confidential Bereavement Support available on Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk. Enquiries: 0035342-9336393 10am - 2pm

Alone Again, Separated or Widowed? Beginning Experience helps people work through their grief to be healed & free to live again. A Beginning Experience week-end Programme is taking place from 20th - 22nd October in Dromantine. For inquiries & registration contact Cora 07934871718

SIENA Young Adult Programme if you are aged 18-35 and looking for something more than the SIENA programme is for you. SIENA is designed to help you discover who you are meant to be and what path God is calling you to. Participants are asked to set aside six Saturday afternoon between Nov 2017 & May 2018 to take part in the programme which will be taking place in either Sligo, Roscommon or Athlone. For more info please contact frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting in Sacred Heart Convent on Tues 10th Oct. at 8.15pm

St. Pio's Prayer Group will gather on **Thurs 12th Oct** in St. Malachy's Church at 7:30pm. St. Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

Legion of Mary invite you to join them each Sunday in November at 3:30pm to pray the rosary in the Cemetery. All welcome.

Trocaire Are you interested in volunteering and becoming part of something really worthwhile? Trócaire is looking for Parish volunteers in the Armagh Archdiocese to help raise awareness of the challenges facing the world's poorest communities and the difference being made by support from Ireland. For more info email volunteering@trocaire.org

Stanton Healthcare Coffee Morning and Presentation A coffee morning is taking place in the Synod Hall on **Sat 21st Oct** at 11am. Stanton Healthcare provide life-saving crisis pregnancy support & need your help right now to protect both mother & baby. Find out more about this fantastic local charity while enjoying a cup of tea & some treats. More info at 02890332882.

Dundalk Solemn Novena to St. Gerard Majella in the Redemptorist Church, Dundalk **Sunday 8th—Monday 16th Oct**. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Shop reopens this Monday October 9 at 10am in Ogle Street. The new SVP Shop Number is: 07518909929

'Dancin' the Decades' Marie Curie Fundraiser **Sat 21st Oct** in Armagh Golf Club at 8pm. Music by Black Diamond. Light supper. Tickets £10 available from the Golf Club.

Gift Aid Thanks to all who avail of the Gift Aid Scheme but we are keen to increase the number of contributors within the parish. Gift Aid means that for every £1 given through the envelope collection, the parish can claim an additional 25 pence from the 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.



Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 3/11/17/25 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £3,750
Abbey Lotto: 1/4/6/11 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2150
Tullysaran Lotto: 2/9/11/12 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1775
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 5/8/18/19 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2150



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8th October 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Last weekend, we celebrated "Day for Life" – a special day in the Church's year that's dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. During the week I visited a couple of people who are currently having psychiatric care or help and it occurred to me that there are many people in our world who struggle with mental health issues. It's estimated that 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem at some stage in their life whether it be depression, schizophrenia, self-harm, bereavement, substance abuse or mental health difficulties. While any sickness is unpleasant, the experience of mental illness is particularly distressing as it may deprive a person of the ability to direct their own lives. Both those who are affected by mental illness and their carers often experience isolation and rejection.

When we listen to the Gospel, we find that Jesus had a special care for the sick and those living in the darkness and in the shadow of death. Much of his ministry brought him into contact with those who were oppressed by mental illness. Increasingly, it's understood that spirituality has an important role in healing people in distress. Those who are weighed down can find a renewed purpose and meaning in their lives when they recognise how much they are valued in the eyes of God the Father. While Christian faith doesn't offer an instant cure to mental illness, it can mark the beginning of a journey of healing and recovery. It is Christ's wish that those living on the margins of society be brought back into the heart of the community.

The person in our parish community who may be suffering today might be the young mother with post-natal depression, the local businessman dealing with a stressful situation, the man who has recently lost his wife through cancer or the young person who has lost faith in life as well as someone with an obvious, severe and enduring mental illness. Offering the hand of friendship is a crucial step towards a person's recovery. We need to be able to acknowledge and talk about mental health problems and be able to invite people into our communities, especially those who are frequently left on the margins. We all need a willingness to listen, to be open and not fearful of what someone might say or do.

In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us of the marvel that he is: the one that was rejected, the one that was overlooked – the one abandoned by us. It is this stone, this rock, which becomes our Saviour. The rock symbolises one who never leaves us. God loves us not because we are good but because God is good. In Psalm 34 we read: "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit".

With every blessing
Rev. Peter McAnenly, Adm

Special Icon of The Holy Family to visit St Patrick's Cathedral.

The special Icon which has been commissioned in preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 will be in the Cathedral from **Mon 9 – Wed 11 Oct** and people will have an opportunity to venerate and pray before it. It will be present for the special celebration "The Joy of Love" on the Tues 10 Oct when all are invited to learn the official hymn for the WMOF, "A Joy for all the Earth" & celebrate evening prayer at 8pm with Archbishop Eamon Martin. A prayer intention box will be available.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paddy Comiskey, Annie Mallon & Sarah O'Neill,
MONTHS MIND: Maeve Woods (8th), Peter Hughes (9th),
James Curran (10th), & Joe Grew (13th)

Please note the 7:30pm Mass will be held in the Cathedral on Wed 11 – Fri 13 October

Weekly collection amounted to £ 6401.99 & €170.75.

Southern Area Hospice Services are taking up their annual Church door collection at all Masses in the Parish this weekend.

Parish Safeguarding Reps are Aileen & Maura. Contact: tel. 07895 460797 or email at armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

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.

Adoration Chapel Adorers needed to cover:
Wed: 11pm & 12midnight; Thurs 1am & 5am
Friday: 7am. Please contact Nora 37525265

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

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.

Triduum of Prayer in honour of Our Lady of Fatima

To mark the close of this centenary year of the first apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, a special Triduum of Prayer will take place in ST Patrick's Cathedral from **Wed 11 – Fri 13 October**. The Triduum will be led by The World Apostolate of Fatima and a visiting preacher will be present on the three days. The Triduum will close with Mass in the Cathedral on **Friday 13 October** and it will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin. During the Mass, a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be crowned as we mark this Jubilee Year.

**** Please note the 7:30pm Mass will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral over these three days and not in St. Malachy's Church ****

October: the Month of the Missions.
We celebrate Mission Sunday on **Sun 22nd Oct** and on that day, the annual Mission Sunday collection will be taken up at all Masses in the

parish. In writing for Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis urges all of us to "Reach out and spread the joy of the Gospel". We remember all who share in the life and mission of the Church and we remember in a special way all missionaries who are working in distant lands.

Celebrating the Family of Sport

As part of our preparations for the World Meeting of Families next year, we will have a special celebration of the Family of Sport in St Patrick's Cathedral this evening, **Sunday 8th October**, at 5.30pm. There are many sporting groups and organisations within the parish and all who are in any way involved with any of these clubs or organisations are asked to come along to this special celebration. A lot of work has gone into making it a memorable occasion for all. All are asked to wear sporting colours on the evening.

Design this years Parish Christmas Card!

As we prepare to celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in 2018, the children of our parish are invited to design/create what will be our Parish Christmas card for this year. **The competition is open to all pupils in KS1 or KS2 in any of the Primary Schools in the Parish of Armagh and the card must depict or represent The Holy Family of Nazareth.** There is no restriction to colours that may be used but it's important to keep in mind that the design will have to be scanned on to a card and any materials used on the actual design (eg fabric or glitter) may not be visible. Images from computer programmes should not be used. Entrants must write their name, address, age and the name of their school on the back of their entry. Pupils are asked to submit their entries (A4 size & preferably on card) to the Parish Office, Cathedral Gate Lodge not later than 12 noon on Monday 23rd October.

The Knights of St Columbanus in the Parish have kindly agreed to sponsor five very special prizes for the five most creative cards and the winners names will be published in a few weeks time.

Reception of the Eucharist

Anyone who is unable to walk up to receive the Eucharist is asked to sit in the front rows of Church. The Eucharistic Minister cannot attend to parishoners anywhere else in the Church.

Anyone who is Coeliac should make themselves known to the sacristan prior to Mass.

Notice Regarding Parishioners Entering a Church Sacristy

Following an important meeting with the Director of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese, it was agreed that the parish would bring to the attention of the parishioners the necessity for ANYONE entering a sacristy to sign the relevant book, with their name, time of entering and time of leaving.

The reason for this procedure is a major safeguarding issue in the event of a complaint or subsequent investigation. By signing the book, it will assist any investigation into a complaint and could potentially protect an innocent person. For these reasons the Archdiocese urges you to comply with this request.

However in the event of anyone refusing to sign the appropriate book, the sacristans have the authority to request the parishioner to leave the sacristy.

We wish to thank the parishioners of Armagh for their cooperation in the past and the future in safeguarding children.

Aileen and Maura (Parish Safeguarding Representatives)

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

New Eucharistic Ministers required Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister is asked to contact the Parish Office.

"Zumba with Grainne" Every Monday night in clubrooms from 7pm - 8pm @ £3.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, TULLYSARAN

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

Novena Mass on Monday evening at 7:30pm.

Fr Michael Donnelly who was ordained a priest for the Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist in France this year, will celebrate Mass in Tullysaran on **Fri 20th Oct** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Community Centre Mon Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Tues Corebox 7-8pm, Spin; 8.15-9pm; Wed Parent/Toddler Group 10.30-12pm, Pilates 7-8pm; Thurs Total Body Workout 6.30-7.30pm, Music 7.30-8. Indoor Bowls 8-10pm; Fri Cook It 11am-1pm, Drama class 6-7pm. Halloween Flower-arranging class Thurs 26 & Fri 27 Oct @7.30pm.

Eucharistic Ministers Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please leave your name into the sacristy in Tullysaran, or contact Mary or Bronagh on 37548999 or 37548786.

Children's Liturgy Group starts this Sunday at 10am Mass for P1-P4 pupils. Children who haven't already done so, should bring their consent form with them. Anyone who would like to volunteer with the group should contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation Dates

Important Dates for 2018

Saturday 19 May @ 2pm

St Malachy's PS
St Patrick's PS
Saints & Scholars PS

Sunday 20 May @ 2pm

Christian Brothers PS
Mt St Catherine's PS
Our Lady's PS

Friday 16th March @ 3pm

CBS Irish Medium

Dates of First Penance

St Patrick's PS - Wed 14 March @ 6pm
St Malachy's PS- Tues 27 Feb @ 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

First Communion

Mt. St. Catherine's PS—Sun 29th April @ 11am
CBS Irish Medium - Sat 5th May @ 10am
CBS English Medium - Sat 5th May @ 11:30am
Our Lady's PS - Sun 6th May @ 10am
Saints & Scholars PS - Sat 12th May @ 11am
St. Malachy's PS - Sun 13th May @ 10am
St. Patrick's PS—Sun 13th May @ 11am

Blessing of the Graves 2018

Saturday 2 June Tullysaran Old Cemetery
Sunday 3 June Tullysaran New Cemetery
Friday 8 June Knockaconey
Sunday 24 June Armagh

Annual Mass for all our deceased, especially those who have died in our Parish over the last year, will be celebrated in St. Malachy's Church on **Friday 17th Nov** at 7:30pm. All welcome.

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.