

The Most Precious Blood Catholic Church Choir from Florida will be performing a short recital in St. Patrick's Cathedral on **19th July** at 2:30pm. The Most Precious Blood Catholic Church Choir is under the direction of Mark Sibons. He and this choir have performed in the Vatican in 2012, and most notably sang Mass for the feast of Mary Mother of God, presided by Pope Benedict XVI, on New Year's Day 2013. All welcome!

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 8 nights (last remaining seats) **20 – 28 Dec**, Departing Dublin. More info: Contact James Treacy: 061 921470 or 0860572216

Let's Talk Family: Let's be Family! Preparing for the World Meeting of Families 2018 hosted by The Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies (in association with the Irish Institute of Catholic Studies) Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick **Thursday 13th July**.

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

Pilgrimage to Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo & Pietrelcina - 14 July - 7 nights - £899.00pp sharing. Info contact Marian Pilgrimages Belfast: (028) 956 80005 *Afternoon flights*

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.

Certificate in Theology This one-year course aims to provide a dynamic learning environment for those seeking a comprehensive foundation in Catholic Theology or for those who wish to develop & broaden their Theological knowledge. Participants will gain a more thorough understanding of their lived faith & its application to both parish & public life. For further details contact: suzanne.mulligan@spcm.ie, TEL: 01 4747665

Reek Sunday The annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Reek Sunday takes place this year on **Sunday 30 July**. Mass will be celebrated hourly on the summit at 8am; 9am; 10am; 11am; 12pm; 1pm & 2pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:30am - 2pm.

Order of Malta Coffee Morning in Armagh Harps Social Club **Sun 9th July** 10am-2pm. Cadets will demonstrate lifesaving skills. All proceeds in aid of the Order of Malta Cadet Unit. All welcome.

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.

 **Na Piarsaigh Óga Lotto: 10/11/12/26** No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £2950
Abbey Lotto: 2/4/25/27 One jackpot winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1450
Tullysaran Lotto: 1/4/8/20 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1425
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 1/2/17/20 No winner. Next weeks Jackpot is £2650



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9th July 2017

14th Sunday of the Year

Jesus had little success with the professionals of his day. In today's gospel, he bursts into a prayer of thanksgiving, for revealing wisdom to those who are considered "infants". In the context of these chapters of Matthew, it's stressed that the poor are the only ones who really understand the wisdom of God and they do so under the weight of great oppression and demands placed on them by the religious authorities.

Jesus wants people to leave aside these great oppressors and learn from him and he wants people to find rest in him. His focus is on mercy, compassion and love. Our gospel today shows the tenderness with which Jesus welcomes and accepts. He knows the reality of people's suffering and he's not saying that there are no burdens in life; but what he is saying is that he will help people to find wisdom. This wisdom gives consolation, tenderness, acceptance and the rest for which each of our souls yearns.

Recently, Pope Francis had some strong words for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: "A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two degrees, but has not learned to carry the cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and in the name of the Church to be merciful always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry and don't burden yourselves".

He must have been thinking of the extract from today's Gospel where Jesus talks about the opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away and lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there won't be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we shouldn't hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he's reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened, tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

With every blessing
Rev Peter McAnenly Adm

Have a nice holiday

Now that our schools have closed for the summer holidays, I hope that all our young people and those who work in the schools in our parish have a pleasant and restful holiday. As a child said to me in school one day "wherever you are, it's nice to be nice." Wherever you are this summer, at home or further afield, may you enjoy the break. Be nice to the people you meet and never be too busy to make time for God and never fail to give praise to His name.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Oliver Devine, Terry Loughran, Kathleen Sheridan, Eamon Nugent, Anne Donnelly, Teresa O'Brien, Sr. Elizabeth Casey & Danny Reilly

MONTHS MIND MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Joe Farmer (9th), Gerard Reid (9th), Sean Nugent (12th), Patricia Connolly (14th in Clonfeacle), Danny Reilly (17th), Sr. Elizabeth Casey (19th), Teresa O'Brien (20th), Eamon Nugent (27th), Kathleen Sheridan (28th), Anne Donnelly (28th) and Terry Loughran (29th)

Priests' dues amounted to £10615.04 & €108.20

The Sick & Retired Priests Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 5th * 6th August

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.

There will be NO 8am Mass in St Malachy's on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July.

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

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.

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.

Ordination of Candidates to the Permanent Diaconate on Sat 16 Sept in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 3pm. The five men to be ordained are Martin Brennan (Armagh), Martin Cunningham (Ardee & Collon), Tony Hughes (Keady & Derrynoose), Paul Mallon (Dungannon), Eamon Quinn (Donaghmore). We thank God for these men and for their wives and families who have helped and supported them on their journey. We congratulate them and we ask Christ, the Good Shepherd, to bless them abundantly. May the Lord assist them in their mission of handing on the faith and may they share the joy of the Gospel with others in their daily lives and work.

Daughters of Charity Special Appeal Two Daughters of Charity will visit the parish on the weekend of **Saturday 15/Sunday 16 July** to speak at all Masses about their work. They will make an appeal for support for their ministry.

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.

Feast of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh takes place on **Thur 20 July.**

Please note: there will be no Parish Bulletin on Sun 16th, 23rd or 30th July.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wed 12 and Thurs 13 July and will reopen at 9:30am on Friday 14th July.

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest? If you are discerning your vocation, call: Fr Peter McAnenly 028 37522802

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

Tullysaran Community Association: St Patrick's Ceili Club will hold a Ceili in Tullysaran Community Centre on Sat 22 July 9.30-12.30pm.

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.

World Meeting of Families 2018 As we look towards celebrating the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, there will be a number of events taking place in our parish over the coming months as we celebrate the gift of family and ask God's continued blessing on all our homes and families. As well as a special Family Liturgy which will be taking place in Tullysaran Church each Sunday, beginning in the early Autumn, a couple of other events have also been planned. A special celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 8 October** at 5.30pm celebrating the Family of Sport. All sporting clubs and organisations in the parish are being invited to this special celebration and it promises to be an evening of great colour and joy! On the evening of **Tuesday 10 October**, another special celebration will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm and it will be an evening when all who are part of the Family of Music Ministry in our diocese will gather to share in an evening of Sacred Music and Song. On the evening, the special hymn which has been commissioned for the World Meeting of Families (A Joy for all the earth) will be learned and there will be a Sung Evening Prayer as part of the celebration. Both of these evenings promise to be unique occasions and very memorable celebrations and further details about both celebrations will be available in due course.

Trocaire's Special Collection A special collection will be taken up at all Masses throughout the country on the weekend of **22/23 July** to help support Trocaire's relief work in East Africa. Approximately 25 million people are in need of emergency assistance. We remember in prayer at this time the staff and partners of Trocaire who are on the frontline, responding to this great crisis.

RISE Summer Scheme 2nd-4th August in St Vincent de Paul Centre Chapel Lane from 9am - 2.30pm each day. For boys and girls who are starting Yr 8 in September. Exploring our faith through fun games, music, activities and building new friendships! £10 per child. For more information contact Fr Thomas or Aoibhin in the parish office. **Pre-booking essential.**

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) leaving your name and number.

