

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Dublin on **Sun 7th Oct.** Fare: £12 return. Bus will depart from St. Malachy's Church. Contact: Stella 38891002 or Ann 37551458.

St Padre Pio Weekend at Knock Shrine takes place this year on the **15th & 16th Sept.** Speakers include: Rev Richard Gibbons PP, Fr Sean Kelly & Fr. Carlo Laborde . Personal testimony shared also. Mass will be at 4:30pm on Saturday, followed by a Holy Hour at 7pm. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 2:30pm in the Basilica by His Grace, Most Rev. Donal McKeown, DD, Bishop of Derry. All welcome.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhacha Lecture on 'The Conscriptio crisis of 1918' by Dr Fiona Devoy-McAuliffe, University College Cork, in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library and Archive on **Wed 12th Sept** at 8pm. All welcome.

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at: Tel:028 71 368592/028 90691133 Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

Armagh Diabetes Group next meeting **Wed 12th Sept** at 7.30pm in Dobbin Street Community Centre. Margaret Mc Turk, Podiatrist, will give a talk on diabetic foot care. Programmes for 2018/19 will be available. Admission is free & new members are welcome.

Lislea News Congratulations to the winners of the Lislea Monthly Draw: 1st Prize of £100 to Ava Gordon and 2nd Prize of £50 to Josie and Vera O'Hagan.

Irish Language Classes St Catherine's College Wednesdays 7- 8.30pm from 19th Sept. 12 weeks term for £30. Contact sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

Irish Language Intensive Course Athletic Grounds Saturday 15 September 10.30am-3.30pm sean@cairdeteo.com 028 3751 5229

Couch 2 5k commences on **Mon 10th Sept** 6.30-7pm at the war memorial side of the Mall, and will run for 9 weeks each Monday & Wednesday, £1 per session per night. All participants must register on www.getactive.com for further details contact Edel Ferson on 02837 529636

Benburb Community PlayGroup We have a pre-school place which has just become available in our playgroup, if you child was born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 and you wish to avail of this place, please contact the playgroup for details. 02837549501 - benburb@btconnect.com

Blessed is She is an online international Catholic women's ministry devoted to Scripture & community, serving university-aged women right through to grandmothers. It was founded in the Diocese of Phoenix and, for the first time, will bring their ministry outside the USA to host the Blessed Is She retreat at the Emmaus Centre in Swords, Co. Dublin on November 23rd & 24th. The theme of the weekend is from John 3:8: "*The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit*". We are expecting women from all over Ireland and Europe! All women aged 18+ are welcome to attend. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. For more information and to book your ticket visit blessedishe.net/wild

September on Lough Derg Season continues for One Day Retreats on September 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd & 30th. Two additional days: Finding God in the Mess, 20th Sept - This special day offers insight into how people find God in the everyday of life. Living with Suicide Day Retreat, 29th Sept. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Ballymacnab Crochet Class is on on a Wednesday @7.30pm in Ballymacnab Community Hall. New members welcome



Na Piarsaigh Óg Lotto: 2/3/11/26. One winner. Next weeks Jackpot £1050
Abbey Lotto: 1/17/20/28. Next weeks Jackpot is £4500
St Colmcilles GAC Lotto: 5/14/15/24 Next weeks Jackpot is £2100

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9th September

23rd Sunday of the Year

Reflection

As we get older, we're expected to complain that we don't hear as well as we used to and that what we hear, we are inclined to forget. The ritual response is that "we're as well off; half of it isn't worth hearing anyway" and "we're well able to hear what we want to hear". Both true. Both false. There is certainly a lot of rubbish spoken, but there is also some wisdom – the trick is in knowing the difference.

Today's Gospel tells how Jesus healed a man who was deaf and who also had an impediment in his speech. The actions of Jesus, touching the ears and the mouth of the man in the Gospel is repeated in the Rite of Baptism. Towards the end of the ceremony, the priest or deacon touches the ears and the mouth of the child being baptised and he says, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his Word and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father, Amen".

How we use the gifts of speech and hearing has a huge influence on the texture of parish life. Voices that praise and affirm; voices that encourage and support; voices that speak of beauty and truth; voices of gratitude and appreciation; voices that promote harmony and healing – these are treasures.

Ears tuned to good news; ears that filter out the scandal; ears that listen with compassion and respect; ears that can hear the pain that is unspoken; ears that are available when they are needed – these are God's gift to a community.

May we be thankful to the Lord for the gift of speech and the ability to listen. May we always use such gifts to build up rather than knock down, to give glory to God and to bring support to other people.

With every blessing
Rev P McAnenly Adm

*****Parish Trip to Lough Derg*****

(One Day Retreat) - LIMITED SPACES LEFT

Leaving from St. Patrick's Cathedral (back car-park) at 8am on **Saturday 22nd September.** Refreshments provided on the island. Pilgrims will enjoy a day of prayer, reflection, confessions and the celebration of Mass. Pilgrims are advised to wear warm & waterproof clothing. Bus will return to Armagh at approx. 6pm. Cost: £40 per person. Booking & Payments at Parish Office. Payments no later than Wed 19th September.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angela McCluskey, Frank Devlin, Marie Hamill, Margaret O'Neill,
Marie Kelly & Briege MacSweeney,

MONTHS MIND

Joe McCartan (15th), Theresa Campbell (15th) and Marie Therese Kelly (15th)



Priests' Dues collection amounted to £ 10,945.93 & €214.58

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, Wednesday 12noon & 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.**

Mass for Life Archbishop Eamon will celebrate Mass to pray for the protection of life, from conception until the moment of natural death, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on **Tuesday, 11 September** at 7.30 p.m. Prayers of thanksgiving will be offered for all those who work and give witness for the protection of life. **There will be no 7:30pm Mass in St. Malachy's on that evening.**

WMOF Mass of Thanksgiving

A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Wed 26 Sept** at 7.30pm to give thanks for all who were involved in the diocese in helping to plan & prepare for the WMOF. All who were involved in any way in planning for the opening celebration in Armagh on **Tues 21 Aug** are invited to join. **There will be NO 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's Church on that evening.**

Hour of Prayer for Life An hour of Prayer for Life will take place in St Malachy's Church on **Wed 12th Sept** from 8-9pm, to pray for the protection of life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.



Prayer for Grandparents

God, our heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on our grandparents. They are valued links between the past and present. They are treasured gifts and strong models. May they be anchors that provide stability and a sense of identity for us. May their wisdom guide us. May their lived example challenge us. May their witness to their faith strengthen us. May they always be surrounded by the love, respect and support of their families.

Lord, bless and empower our grandparents. Keep them in your love. Give them your joy and peace each day, so that they may forever follow your Son Jesus.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in heaven, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

AMEN

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN

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

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". (Mk 10: 13-16)

The Children's Liturgy Group resumes in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the 10am Mass today. It ran every Sunday last year and it was a wonderful experience for the children who took part. It's hoped many more children will take part in the Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings. Each Sunday the group gather in the Community Centre where the Liturgy of Word is suitably adapted to suit young children. All children from P1 to P4 are invited to participate. Leaders will be available after Mass if parents/guardians wish to learn more about the group. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer at the Children's Liturgy, please contact Claire in the Parish Office—37522813.



Community Centre Indoor Bowls: Mon 3 Sept 8-10pm; Spin: Tues 4 Sept 8.15-9pm; Pilates: Wed 12 Sept 7-8pm; "On Your Feet" 4 week exercise programme starting Fri 28 Sept 10-11am in Tullysaran Community Centre. Fun filled programme for anyone still active but who may find a traditional exercise class too much For further information contact Martina on 07542509624

CHURCH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKACONEY

Grange GFC Mass for all deceased members on **Fri 14th** at 7:30pm.

Family Photos Throughout the year, 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.

Aifreann Na Gaeilge Thosaigh an t- Aifreann i ndiaidh Sos an tSamhraidh sa tséipéal i gColáiste Phádraig dé Sathairn seo caite. Bíonn fáilte roimh Ghaeilgeoirí ag an Aifreann seo ar 5.30 i.n. gach Satharn i rith an scoil-théarma. IRISH MASS: Mass has recommenced after the Summer Break in the school chapel at SPGS and will continue for now on Saturdays at 5.30pm.

Armagh Widows next meeting **Thurs 13th Sept** in Community Centre, Cathedral Rd, 7pm - 9pm. New members welcome.

Legion of Mary Bus to Knock on **30th September**. leaving St Malachys at 7am. Cost £15. Bring a packed lunch. Booking: 07799867714.

St. Pio's Prayer Group next meeting in **Thurs 13th Sept** in St. Malachy's Church. St Pio relic available after Mass. All welcome.

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 - Oct 6th - Nov 10th - Dec 8th. All welcome.

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

Meeting for all Parents of Primary 4 children are invited to a special meeting of parents of children who will be celebrating their First Penance & First Communion in our Parish this year. The meeting introduces parents to the "Do this in Memory" programme, a parish based programme in preparation for both sacraments. Parents may attend on either **Mon 17th Sept** or **Thurs 20th Sept** in The Synod Hall at 8pm. It's hoped that parents will make every effort to attend as we hear more about the programme & how we can support our children at this important time in their lives. The Enrolment Ceremony for all Primary Four children in the parish will take place at the 7pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 29th September.

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.