

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

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Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am
Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

St Malachy's Church

Tuesday - Friday: 8am
Mon, Wed & Fri: 7:30pm
Tues & Thurs: Prayer Service - 7:30pm
Sunday: 8am & 9.30am

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 7:30pm

St Colmcille's Church

Sunday: 10am

Confessions in St Malachy's Church on Saturdays @ 12 noon.

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Baptisms & Weddings - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

"Christ has no body now but yours" - no hands or feet on earth but yours" these words from St Teresa of Avila are so very appropriate to the readings of today's Mass - Jesus sends the disciples 'out to the whole world, to proclaim the Good News'. As we listen to these words we too are being sent - we are being missioned by the risen Jesus to be his witnesses in our community and in 'our world' be that your home or your workplace with our families or our friends.

Mission is a challenging prospect - to speak of faith in an often hostile environment can seem daunting however as Christians we must remind ourselves often that it is indeed 'Good News' that we share - the faith we hand on to the next generation is truly a gift. We need to refocus on the Lord, maybe for a moment this week we could reflect silently on Jesus' Ascension - place yourself in that moment - and hear Jesus' words to you. Maybe bring yourself to a moment when you knew Jesus was close - maybe a little miracle you have experienced or a prayer that was answered or a sense that God was truly present.

Often in the world today our focus can be on the material things - let us re-focus towards the beauty of heaven - let us focus on Jesus taking His place in heaven and let us do so at the moment of the Consecration of the Mass. As the Host is raised so too we see Jesus - as we receive the Eucharist so too we are being nourished and sent to witness His unconditional love for those we encounter and those we love.

Fr Barry Matthews Adm.

Anniversaries & Month's Mind Masses 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. Anniversaries are read out at all Masses on weekday and one Sunday Mass. Months Minds will be remembered at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday following the Months Mind. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop The Cathedral Gift Shop is open each day from 10.30am - 1.30pm and it stocks a wide variety of cards and gifts for special occasions, including traditional Irish crafts and gifts and souvenir booklets on the Cathedral.

St Patrick's Prayer Guild Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards Our new range of Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are now available in the Cathedral Shop and in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church after Masses. The 10am Mass each Saturday in the Cathedral is dedicated to St Patrick's intercession and the intentions for these Mass Cards/Bouquets will all be included in this weekly Mass.

Visitation Anyone wishing to receive a visit from a Priest or have a house blessing are invited to leave their name, address, postcode and phone number in the Parish Office. Anyone who is aware of a family member, friend or neighbour who is housebound are invited to let the Parish Office know to ensure those most in need are attended to. Family Members are reminded to ensure that their loved ones in Hospital are seen by the Hospital Chaplain on duty and that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Priests' Dues Collection

£8220 & €139.70

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Kevin Cartmill, Sammy Gillespie, Geoffrey Brennan, Mairead McQuade, Jessie Hamill and Caroline Hackett.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Colm Conlon (11th) and Hugh McCusker (13th).

May they rest in peace.



St Patrick's Cathedral Rosary Group invite you to join them in reciting the Holy Rosary each morning (Monday- Saturday) before 10am Holy Mass, beginning at 9.30am. Those unable to attend can listen online. All welcome.

The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral Fundraising Campaign continues. If you can help, please contact Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office. A special word of thanks to the "Cathedral Ambassadors" who have been visiting Parishes in the Diocese as part of our Fundraising Campaign. Our fundraising is going slowly currently but hopefully we will be able to start work on the Cathedral Steps later in the Spring. Work has recently been done on several damaged stained glass and storm glass panels as well as the installation of new TV screens. We thank all those who have contributed to date.

Parish Envelopes Some Parish Envelopes remain available for collection from the Parish Office for the following areas: Umgola Manor, Ballyrath, Oakridge, Rosemount & Tullymore Downs. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year. If you haven't received your envelopes and would like to do so, please visit the Parish Office. Thank you!

Evening for Readers We invite all existing readers, as well as those who are interested in reading at Mass, to join us on 15th May at 7pm in the Synod Hall. All welcome!

Evening for Eucharistic Ministers We invite all existing Eucharistic Ministers, as well as those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, to join us on 20th May at 7pm in the Synod Hall. All welcome!

Sacraments We congratulate the children who have received their First Holy Communion and pray for those families preparing for the Sacraments during these days.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 26th May. A bus will leave the main Cathedral Gates on the day at 7.30am. Price £20. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking at Armagh Parish Office.

Legion of Mary are inviting new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays 6-7.30pm in SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane, Armagh. We pray the Rosary, learn more about our Faith, make new friends and become more involved in Church life. More Information can be found on the Parish website.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcome new members. RCIA is for people who have not been Baptised or have not received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We also welcome Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tues at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. For more info 07856 172206

Prayer for Vocations O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.



Adoration Please consider spending an hour with the Lord each week. Our Eucharistic Adoration takes place each day in St Malachy's Church from after Mass (8:30am weekdays) until evening (7pm weekdays - 5pm weekend). Please sign the attendance sheet in the Church & encourage family and friends to engage with this special apostolate. We especially need adorers from 9am to 11am.



Exam Mass An Exam Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11th at 6:30pm. All welcome!

Dates for your diary! On Wednesday 6th June, there will also be a talk on the History of Devotion to the Sacred Heart at 3pm in the St. Vincent Paul Centre, Chapel Lane with Sr Mary Roe. All welcome.

Prayer before Exams Loving God, be with me now, as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can. Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exams and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Legion of Mary will be gathering at Our Lady's Shrine at Dalton Road to pray the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Monday 13th May at 8.10pm (after 7.30pm Mass in St Malachy's). Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic at Benburb Priory on Sunday 12th May from 11am-6pm with Mgr. Anthony Figueiredo from Assisi and Live Zoom call with Bl Carlo's Mother, Antonia, on the day. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. All welcome!

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome new people to join us at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings. Join us for a cuppa at 7.30pm, rosary at 7.40pm, and prayer meeting 8-9.30pm. Theme this week: Healing through the rosary. All welcome.

Mary's Meals - Pray in May Mary's Meals, provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. We are praying particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. Further details on our Ethiopia appeal and prayer resources for adults and children can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

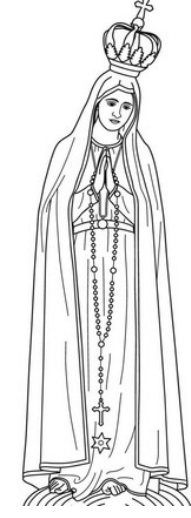
Confirmation Dates 2024 in St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 18th May - 2pm - Christian Brother's PS, Mt. St. Catherine's, Our Lady's PS and Armstrong PS
Sunday 19th May - 2pm - St Patrick's PS, St Malachy's PS and Saint's & Scholars PS.

Cemetery Sunday 2024

St. Colmcille's Church - 9th June after 10am Mass
Church of the Immaculate Conception:
Old Graveyard - 14th June at 7:30pm
New Graveyard - 15th June after 7:30pm Mass
St Patrick's Cemetery - 30th June at 12noon

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.