

# 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.

## Parish Contacts

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

*Dear Friends,*

Do not be afraid, only have faith!

I imagine that at some point or other in our lives we all get afraid. Maybe it's as a result of a sickness or death or indeed just the isolation and loneliness that we all face at times - Jesus' words today bring comfort not by the words themselves but because He is reminding us that He walks with us every step of the way, always.

Our fears and anxieties are not representative of a lack of faith, merely we are experiencing human earthy emotions. Growing up, we had a plaque on the wall on which the poem 'Footprints in the Sand' was written, I was always comforted by those words that in the moments of fear Jesus would carry me.

Like the girl in the Gospel and just like St Paul tells us in the second reading - we are all nourished and renewed by Jesus, word and sacrament - however we must be open to receiving Him. This week let us be intentional disciples - let us each be more aware of Jesus in our lives, everyday and most especially as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Our vibrant faith community gives us an opportunity to nourish one another in all the moments of our lives. This weekend is a reminder of the importance of coming together as a faith community supporting one another as we journey together on the path of life. Any one interested in becoming more involved in our faith community are invited to contact the Parish Office or any of the priests.

*Fr Barry Matthews Adm.*

**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.

**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.

## Weekly Collection

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Patrick McGuigan, Declan Hunter, Pat Donaghy, Patrick Pearse Killen & Pat McNaney

### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Oliver Rooney (1st)

*May they rest in peace.*



## The Fundraising Campaign

A special word of thanks to all those who contributed to the fundraising appeal so far. We are still a long way off our target and are appealing once again for your support. The Cathedral stands tall as an icon of hope for us at home and many who have moved away from our city. Let us work together to ensure we can hand on this magnificent building to the next generations. Please do spread the word. Become a 'Friend' or 'Benefactor' of the Cathedral by making a donation or signing up to a direct payment. Feel free to speak to Fr Barry about this worthwhile cause.

**Parish Buildings** Over the summer months we can see an increase in anti-social behaviour and unauthorised access to some parish properties. We encourage parishioners to remain vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity please let us or the PSNI know.

**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.

**Missionaries of Charity** One hour of prayer, scripture and song before the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Missionary of Charity House, Cathedral Rd.

**Summer Play Scheme** organised by the Missionaries of Charity, Armagh in Sherry's Field from 15th July - 2nd August. Forms available from the Sisters at 19A Cathedral Rd. Tel. 02837528654.

**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.



**Theology Programme** Do you want to learn more about your faith? Do you want more confidence to play a role in your parish? If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The programme is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year and starting late September. If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 0(0353 42)9342954 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9am - 2pm). All are welcome.

**Legion of Mary** welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays 3pm 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

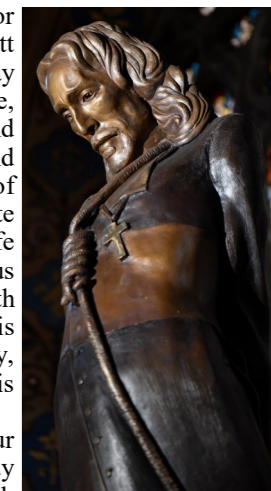
**Armagh St Patrick's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** are organising a parish bus trip to Enniskillen on Wednesday 17th July. The cost is £20 per person and includes dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. All enquiries should be made Bridget on 0754 982 9423 .

**All Ireland Rally For Life** takes place in Dublin on Saturday 6th of July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn children. The Armagh Knights of St Columbanus have kindly sponsored our bus to the Rally. The bus will be traveling from St Malachys at 9.15am for more information contact 07596501003

## Prayer in honour of St Oliver Plunkett - Feast Day - 1st July

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the faith and courage of St Oliver Plunkett and all the Martyrs of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. In their time and place, they gave heroic witness to your mercy and love, even in the face of hostility and hatred. St Oliver Plunkett was a man of peace and worked tirelessly to promote justice and peace wherever the road of life brought him. We ask you to give us something of Saint Oliver Plunkett's faith and courage. In particular, moved by his example of prayerful trust in your mercy, we ask you through his intercession for this special intention.....

Help us to give witness to you in our homes, schools and places of work and play now and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for us  
All Holy Martyrs of yesterday, today and tomorrow, Pray for us

## Prayer for the Holiday

Dear Lord, how we have waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here. Thank you Lord for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so that they may better serve you. Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way. Help us not to worry about having the perfect holiday but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. We are grateful for the joys that await us whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude. Watch over us and protect us as we travel and bring us safely home again refreshed and renewed. Amen.

## Men's Adoration Group - Parish of Armagh

*Could you not watch one hour with Me? [Mt.26:40]*

Join Us on the First Friday of Every Month

Are you seeking a deeper connection with your faith? Do you feel called to make a meaningful sacrifice for Jesus? Join the Men's Adoration Group in the Parish of Armagh.

On the first Friday of each month, we gather to keep Jesus company, just as He invited a small group of men to do so on the night of His Passion. Between the hours of 9 PM and 9 AM, each member dedicates one hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Why Participate?

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to sit with Him, to watch and pray during His time of agony. By dedicating one hour of your night, you will:

- Reflect on His sacrifice.
- Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus.
- Experience a profound sense of peace and fulfillment.

What to Expect:

- A quiet, contemplative environment.
- A chance to reflect and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- A supportive community of men dedicated to spiritual growth.

How to Join: If you feel called to join, to keep watch and pray for one hour during the night on the First Friday, we welcome you. This is an opportunity to make a meaningful sacrifice and to grow in faith alongside your fellow parishioners. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kevin Duffy on 07732220632.

