

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

Sunday: 10am

St Colmcille's Church

Saturday: 6pm

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

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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate today is a special reminder of our own baptism and the blessings that we receive from that most sacred of moments. As Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist a voice came from heaven declaring that 'This is my Son - the beloved' - each one of us are children of God chosen and beloved for a special purpose in life - to bring Hope, Joy and Love into the World in Jesus' name.

We are each baptised as Priest, Prophet and King, symbols that we should be witnesses to God's presence in the world - each of us are called to be leaders, speaking up for the persecuted and marginalised, speaking truth to those who seek to deceive and leading those whom we love to a new and deeper relationship with Jesus.

This Jubilee of Hope offers us an opportunity to renew our own understanding of our baptismal call - whatever role God has laid out for us - we are called to live out our baptismal duty to love and care for all the gifts which Jesus has given to our care, our loved ones and the created world around us. As we begin this year let us make a commitment to more fully understand our role as a baptised member of the Church and seek to make a difference in the world by bringing others to more fully understand God's presence in their lives.

With every blessing,
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 or 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 lovely 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 are 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 contact details 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.

The Hungry and Needy Christmas Day Collection raised £19,940 & €604.30. We thank you for this incredible generosity towards those less fortunate than ourselves. These funds will be distributed to the needy in our community through our Parish Outreach on your behalf.

Weekly Collection 29th December £6620 & €298.29

Priests' Dues Collection £8448 & €122.75

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Ann Mackey, Imelda Kelly, Gemma Geraghty, Baby Senan Mackey, Patrick Corvan, Micheal McGurgan and Bernadette O'Hare.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Anthony McGuinness (13th), Kieran McBride (17th) and Sean Rice (17th)

May they rest in peace.



The Fundraising Campaign The campaign to raise much needed funds for the renovation of the Cathedral is ongoing - thanks to all those who have supported us to date. Anyone who is in a position to support the fundraising please contact Fr Barry. Maybe it is an opportunity to remember a loved one who has died by making a gift in their name.

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.

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 & friends to engage with this special apostolate. Adoration from 7-10pm each Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel.

Archdiocese of Armagh Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place on Monday 5th May 2025 to Saturday 10th May 2025. Anyone interested either as Pilgrim or Assisted Pilgrim (sick person) please contact Ann 07736415305. Also Armagh City & District Lourdes Committee wish to thank all our parishioners, local sponsors and business for their continued support. It is all greatly appreciated. Our Church Door Collection will take place on 1st and 2nd February.

College Farm Nursery School welcomes parents and children due to start their pre-school year in September 2025 to our open afternoon on Tuesday 14th January from 4pm to 6pm. We look forward to welcoming you!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 & wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tues at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. New members welcome! For more info contact 07856 172206

Legion of Mary welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays 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. For more info contact Denise: 07856172206

A Prayer by Telephone The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk. Welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel: 0035342-9331602 9am -9pm daily. One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you.

Thanks Willie Nugent would like to thank everyone who bought his Christmas book "Maisie comes to the Rescue". A total of £3300 was raised which will be divided between Friends of the Cancer Centre Belfast City Hospital, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and Guide dogs for the Blind.

Let's Talk About Faith Join Let's Talk About Faith on Thursday 16th January for an exciting change of pace! Instead of the usual presentation, we're hosting an open, interactive session. Bring your questions about faith — no topic is off limits! Don't miss this unique opportunity for an engaging and insightful discussion. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7.15pm and talk begins at 8pm in the SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane.

St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference Tullysaran wish to thank our Parish Community and friends for their generosity in response to our Annual Appeal over the Christmas period, during which we have received the generous sum of £6,725 allowing us to help many people/families in need.

Indulgences in the Jubilee Year

"Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" (Spes non confundit, 6).

One of the great graces of the Jubilee Year lies in the opportunity it presents us for starting afresh, for conversion and restoration of our relationship with God. God is his mercy wants to forgive our sins. The Jubilee Year provides us with opportunities to be free from the consequences of sin - past and present - which leaves a mark on our lives. The Jubilee indulgence is offered to remove the punishments due to our having sinned and wounded our relationship with God. It is a way for us to begin afresh and restore our communion with God. We can also obtain the indulgence on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

The first step in obtaining the Jubilee indulgence is a desire for repentance and conversion. We undertake to detach our lives from sin - even venial sins.

Secondly, as "pilgrims of hope" during this Holy Year, we undertake to receive devoutly the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion, and to pray for the Pope's intentions in one of the following ways:

- (1) *By pilgrimage or visit to any sacred Jubilee site* in Rome, the Holy Land; or to one of Ireland's National Pilgrimages at Knock, Lough Derg or Croagh Patrick; or to a designated local Jubilee Church - **St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, St Peter's Church, Drogheda, or the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Colman, Newry**; or to a similarly designated Jubilee site in another diocese. In each case we participate in the organised pilgrimage exercises, or make a "Jubilee visit", consisting of engaging in Eucharistic adoration, meditation and prayer, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

Note: Those who for reasons of sickness, age, vital work or other reasons who cannot make such a pilgrimage visit, may obtain the Jubilee indulgence by uniting from their homes and offering up their sufferings or hardships in spirit with the faithful taking part in person.

- (2) By works of mercy and penance

- Visit someone in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely, elderly people, disabled people...);
- Dedicate Friday fasting or abstinence;
- Support the defence and protection of life in all its phases; the cause of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants; volunteer in the community; make a charitable donation for the poor;
- Participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.

Prayer to St Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and charity for His creatures,
made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Encouraged by this thought,
I implore you to obtain for me (request).

O gentle and loving St. Anthony,
whose heart was ever full of human sympathy,
whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus,
who loved to be folded in your arms.
The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.
Amen.

