

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

www.armaghparish.net



## 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.

## Parish Contacts

Parochial House: 028 3752 2802

Emergency Phone: 07596 899 031

- **Fr Barry Matthews, Adm**  
E: barrymatthews@gmail.com
- **Fr Emmanuel Fasakin, MSP, CC**  
E: emmafash725@yahoo.com
- **Fr David Nugent, CC**  
E: frdavidnugent@gmail.com
- **Fr James Adawai, SMMM, CC**  
E: jfaustin84@gmail.com
- **Deacon Paul Mallon**  
E: paul.mallon@tudublin.ie
- **Deacon Eunan McCreesh**  
E: eunan.mccreesh@gmail.com

## Parish Office

Cathedral Gate Lodge, 41a Cathedral Rd.

Tel: 028 3752 2813

Opening Hours: Mon - Friday: 10am-3pm

- **Caroline Caherty, Finance Manager**  
armaghparishfinance@gmail.com
- **Claire Corr, Parish Secretary**  
armaghparishoffice@gmail.com
- **Thecla Brolly, Parish Safeguarding**  
Tel: 07895 460 797  
armaghparishsafeguarding@gmail.com

**Sacristans:** Roger Duggan, Gary McGuirk & Kieran Kelly

**St Patrick's Cathedral: 028 3752 2638**

**St Malachy's Church: 028 3751 0516**

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

**SVP Helpline:** 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's Gospel - The Wedding Feast at Cana is a popular Gospel proclaimed regularly at wedding ceremonies and it acts as a reminder to us that Jesus will always attend where He is invited. The first public miracle that Jesus performed was at the wedding feast, highlighting the importance of family life in His ministry. In our families and our homes this weekend, we have an opportunity to renew our invitation to Jesus to be present with us, to join in our everyday routine - maybe a simple prayer at teatime or maybe we could refill the holy water font.

Mary's role in the Gospel is important as her words to the workers present "do whatever he tells you" reminds us that the commandments that Jesus stated as the most important - the commandments of love - love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus' message is always a message of love and we are called to be instruments of that love - witnesses to his presence in our lives and our families.

This year as we focus on hope and the hope that comes from our relationship with Jesus - maybe we can consider ways to identify how our faith brings us hope and then identify ways of gently letting others know - our world needs hope now more than ever and we can be heralds of that hope. Our hope is always in Jesus' present in our midst - we don't need another saviour as we already have Jesus, however many people are so engulfed in worldly ways that they fail to see Jesus - who is always with us in our joys and our sorrows.

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.

## Weekly Collection

£5856 & €66.24

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Elizabeth McAneney, Bridie White, Sean Cullen, Noel Flynn, Katie Rose McKeown, Ann Mackey, Imelda Kelly, Gemma Geraghty, Baby Senan Mackey, Patrick Corvan and Micheal McGurgan.

## MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Nora Fields (19th) and Bernadette O'Hare (22nd)



**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.

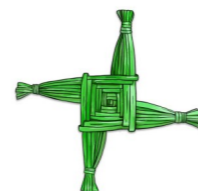
**Prayer for Vocations** O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church,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

**Catholic Schools Week** This week is Catholic Schools Week - a week in which we celebrate our Schools and give thanks to those who work in the schools for their dedication and commitment to the children and families that they serve. The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is "Alive in Christ" which reflects how our Catholic Schools provide children with the opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self belief and come to know God all in the one place. The holistic approach of Catholic Education and the message that "Everyone is Welcome" is very important in our schools - thanks to the faith community for your support and prayers for the Schools here in our parish.

**'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'** begins next Sunday, it is a week where we acknowledge how Christians of all denominations are called to work together to promote the Gospel values of Faith, Hope and Charity. Here in Armagh we are working closely with the Main Christian Churches through the Cathedrals Partnership which is an interdenominational group who work towards building relationships and a greater understanding of the needs of the wider community. Anyone interested in getting involved in the work of the Partnership are encouraged to speak with Fr Barry.

**New Reliquaries in St Patrick's Cathedral** We thank Colm O'Farrell and his team at The Deluxe Group for the beautiful reliquaries which are now housed in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Cathedral. As a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee of Hope we are hoping to welcome many visitors to the Cathedral and the Museum this year and as such are hopeful that the display of some of the Relics held by the Cathedral will add to the experience of our guests.



**Save the Date - St Brigid's Crosses** We are looking volunteers who will join with us to make St Brigid's Crosses to be made available to parishioners on her Feast Day. We will gather on Monday January 27th at 3pm - all are welcome to come along and join this special gathering. experts and beginners are all welcome.

**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.

**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.

## Do This in Memory Masses 2025

The Do This in Memory Programme will take place at the 6:30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on the following Saturday's for all P4 Pupils and their parents.

- Saturday 1st February 2025
- Saturday 1st March 2025
- Saturday 5th April 2025
- Sunday 22nd June - Corpus Christi



## Blessing of the Graves 2025

Knockaconey - 14th June at 6pm

Tullysaran (Old Graveyard) - 20th June at 7pm

Tullysaran (New Graveyard) - 22nd June at 10am

St Patrick's Cemetery - 29th June at 12noon

## Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

25th January

## Prayer to St Paul

Glorious Saint Paul,  
Most zealous apostle,  
Martyr for the love of Christ,  
Give us a deep faith,  
A steadfast hope,  
A burning love for our Lord,  
So that we can proclaim with you,  
"It is no longer I who live,  
But Christ who lives in me."  
Help us to become apostles,  
Serving the Church with a pure heart,  
Witnesses to her truth and beauty  
Amidst the darkness of our days.  
With you we praise God our Father:  
"To him be the glory, in the Church  
And in Christ, Now and forever."  
Amen