

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

**SVP Helpline:** 07733 482604

*Dear Friends,*

Some years ago Pope Francis dedicated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the "Sunday of the Word of God" - this Sunday we reflect in a special way on the impact of Sacred Scripture on our lives.

Often people are confused at the difference between the Old Testament - the readings and psalms which Jesus himself read and which we hear He recounted in the synagogue in today's Gospel, and the New Testament which I like to separate between the 4 Gospel (like newspaper accounts of Jesus' words and actions) and the 23 books such as the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of St Paul which interpret the words and actions of Jesus and the early Apostles.

The Old Testament foretold the coming of Jesus, the New Testament describes Him, His Words and Actions and then there is 'our testimony' how we live out and act out our Christian Values in our lives today. The Word of God is 'Alive and Active' through each of us - that is our duty as Christians, to live out in love the message that Jesus came to deliver. We are the hands and feet that are chosen to bring the message of hope to our homes and communities.

This year I would encourage you to decide to read a Gospel or a book from Scripture - but not just read it, rather to ask God to give you the wisdom and courage to be changed and challenged by it. Jesus' word always challenges us but this is why we have the Sacraments to nourish and strengthen our resolve that we may be faithful witnesses in His service.

*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**  
£5942 & €145.37

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Bernie Hamill, Annette Toner, Damian Daly, Delia Smith, Elizabeth McAneny, Bridie White, Sean Cullen, Noel Flynn, Katie Rose McKeown, Ann Mackey and Imelda Kelly.

### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Micheal McGurgan (26th), Patrick Corvan (27th), Baby Senan Mackey (29th) and Gemma Geraghty (31st)

*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 Thursday in the Adoration Chapel to pray for priesthood and vocations.

**'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'** begins today. This 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.

**Next Sunday** is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. We take this opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the work of the religious in our Parish. In particular we acknowledge this week the work of the Sacred Heart Sisters and the Missionaries of Charity.

**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

**First Saturday** Saturday 1st February is the First Saturday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church at 9am. All welcome.

**Monthly Rosary** We gather on the first Saturday of each month at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray a rosary for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Our next gathering is on Saturday 1st February at 3pm. All welcome.

**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

**St Brigid's Crosses** Join us on Monday 27th January at 3pm in the Synod Hall to make St Brigid's Crosses.

**Feast of St Brigid**  
**Saturday 1st February**

Saint Brigid.  
You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

