

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,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, a special day as we thank God for the gift of family and those who have handed on so much to each of us by way of faith, hope & love. Today is a day of gratitude as we look back on the last year and the many blessings we have received - even on the darkest day we can be illuminated by God's goodness.

Today we are delighted to welcome Archbishop Luis Montemayor, our Papal Nuncio who joins with Archbishop Eamon, Bishop Michael and our entire Archdiocese in opening the Jubilee of Hope. This year we are called to reflect the hope that comes from our relationship with Jesus - we reflect this in our homes and our communities but hopefully this year will be an opportunity to think about handing on this gift to the next generations.

During these days I would like to invite you to visit the cribs around the Parish, the display of cribs in the Synod Hall is open each weekend after Masses and each Church is open for you to call into during the day and light a candle.

Finally on this Feast of the Holy Family, I want to wish you and your family every blessing for the year ahead - may this Jubilee Year of Hope be filled with many blessings. Thank you for your generosity and support to the entire team over this past year - may the Lord reward your kindness.

Wishing you a blessed week,
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.

We pray for all our recently deceased loved ones and friends:

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with
your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Sean Rice, Kieran McBride, Anthony McGuinness, and Peter McCrory

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Moira Fitzpatrick (30th) and Theresa McKillion (3rd)

May they rest in peace.

Mass Schedule

Monday 30th December

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am
St Malachy's Church - 7:30pm

Tuesday 31st December

St Patrick's Cathedral - 10am
(No prayer service in St Malachy's Church)

Wednesday 1st January - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St Patrick's Cathedral - 11am

Normal schedule of confessions and Baptisms will resume on Saturday January 4th.

Parish Office The Parish Office is closed until Thursday 2nd January at 10am.

Jubilee of Hope Today on the Feast of the Holy Family we welcome the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, to the Cathedral for the 11am Mass as we celebrate the opening of the "Jubilee Year of Hope". We encourage all parishioners to make a special effort to join for this Mass as we begin this wonderful year of celebration.

Thanks Fr Barry and the Parish Clergy wish to thank all those who have supported the Parish over the Christmas period, to our volunteers and all who made the celebrations so memorable and to all those who attended and brought great joy - may God reward you with abundant blessings

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.

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.



A New Year's Prayer

Holy God, as we enter this New Year, we thank you for your presence with us in all the years of our lives. We have known joy and also sorrow, success and failure, and through it all, you have been with us, the companion on all our journeys. Much of life is fleeting and so we thank you for things that endure - the love of faithful friends, wisdom gained from experience, the reliability of nature and your steadfast love. We thank you for this year which awaits us. Take us by the hand and lead us on, Amen.

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.

St Malachy's Primary School invite parents and children starting school in September 2025 to our Open Day on Tuesday 7th January 2025 from 2pm - 4pm.

Monthly Rosary On the first Saturday of each month, we will have a rosary at the grotto at St. Malachy's Church to pray for peace in the world and for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Please join us at 3pm on Saturday 4th January. All welcome.

Life in the Spirit Seminars Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invites you to their Life in the Spirit Seminars on Sat 11th and Sun 12th January 9.30am-4.30pm in the Synod Hall of St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)

