

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

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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

This week's readings bring us back to the beginning - reminding us that as we enter a New Year we enjoy a new opportunity to renew our relationship with God and with those around us. This New Year is a particular opportunity as we begin the Jubilee Year which is an opportunity to count our blessings and look forward with renewed Hope in God's plan for us.

January is always a time for New Years Resolutions - (both making and breaking) this year why not place God in each of your resolutions, whatever you resolve to do ask God to give you the courage and commitment to follow through - rely on God who walks with you every step of life's journey and make sure the cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are central to your 2025 jubilee year. This jubilee, even though we are surrounded by so much war and violence, is an opportunity to celebrate God's presence in the world - even in those areas affected by darkness and persecution we can recognise God's presence comforting those who suffer.

St Patrick's Cathedral has been designated as a special place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year - each month during the year we will have an event that highlights the jubilee and more details will follow. These past weeks have been very blessed in the Parish as we celebrated Advent & Christmas and I want to again thank all those who prepared, attended and participated in any way during this season - so many people have spoken of the joy that they experienced within the parish and please God we will carry this sense of community and shared hope into 2025.

Wishing you and those whom you care for every blessing for the jubilee year ahead.
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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Imelda Kelly, Gemma Geraghty, Baby Senan Mackey, Patrick Corvan, Micheal McGurgan, Bernadette O'Hare, Sean Rice, Kieran McBride and Anthony McGuinness

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Peter McCrory (9th)
May they rest in peace.

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

Christmas Crib Display Thanks to all those who donated cribs and those who visited our display in the Synod Hall - a truly inspiring display of the reason for the season. - do try and call in this weekend if you can. Anyone wishing to donate a crib for our display which will be open again for Christmas 2025 can leave it in the Parish office

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.

Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and a holy day of obligation. Mass Times:

- St Patricks Cathedral: 10am
- St Malachy's Church: 7:30pm
- St Colmcille's Church: 6pm
- Church of the Immaculate Conception: 7:30pm.

A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this home and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ
That our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Anam Cara - Supporting Parents After Bereavement, are hosting their first Online Bereavement Information Evening of 2025 on Tuesday 7th January from 7pm-8:30pm. This online talk is for bereaved parents only. Guest Speaker: Niamh Finucane. To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/24jkc2sh>

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

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.

PRAYER FOR JUBILEE 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Franciscans

