

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.

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel, the "Sermon on the Plain" is an opportunity for us to reflect on Jesus' teaching on the moral values that we as Christians are called to live. Similar to the 'Sermon on the Mount' Jesus reflects on those aspects of life that we all face and He does so in a way that brings hope to those who hear His words.

In St Luke's Gospel we hear how Jesus 'fixes his eyes on the disciples' - today we are called to a deeper consciousness that Jesus is united with us and is present at every moment of our lives - especially those moments where we carry the heaviest of crosses. We are called to recognise Jesus in our suffering as well as in our joys. The hope of Jesus' message is that He walks with us every step of the journey and that when life's journey is finished that we unite with Jesus in our eternal home.

This jubilee year we are called to consider Jesus' call to be a disciple - to leave everything and follow Him, today we leave behind our material wants and needs and place our trust in God's plan - we trust that even in our darkest days Jesus is our light and our salvation, our hope and consolation.

This week let us pray for those who have no Hope - those who cannot recognise Jesus on the journey. That those who carry a heavy cross in life may find rest in Jesus' name.

*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
£5950 & €166.54

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Imelda Hart, Maureen Allard, Dympna Gribben, Margaret Connolly, Peggy Lynch, Mary Murphy and Gerard McNeice

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Annette Toner (17th), Delia Smith (17th), Damian Daly (18th), Bernie Hamill (19th), Michael Phipps (21st)

May they rest in peace.



The Fundraising Campaign Our Fundraising Campaign is on-going, a special word of thanks to all those who supported the project so far. We have now completed the tender document for the restoration of the Cathedral Step's and plan to put this to tender in the coming weeks. As a result of the storm damage we are currently assessing the damage and planning the most efficient proposal for the restoration of the damage to the roof and storm glazing / stained glass windows. As you know the Churches of the parish are constantly in need of repair and maintenance and our Cathedral is particularly in need at this time. Any assistance that you can provide will be greatly received. As always we are constantly seeking ways to access grant funding etc however these opportunities are extremely limited at this time.

Vocations Anyone considering God's call to Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh is invited to contact Fr Barry (www.armaghpriest.com) to arrange a meeting to discuss the process and the programme of formation. This Jubilee Year is an ideal time to consider God's call for your life. Family members also can do their bit by encouraging a young person to consider a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life and by praying for Vocations

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.



Ceremonies of Light We wish all the P7 children in our parish every blessing as they gather this week for their 'Ceremonies of Light' - these ceremonies are special moments in the preparation for Confirmation where the children take on a new responsibility to build their relationship with God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Feast day of the Chair of St Peter is on Saturday 22nd February. This is a special feast where we unite with the global church and pray for the Church and our Pope.

Divine Mercy Chaplet We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in the Cathedral on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the Jubilee of Hope - please feel free to join us in person or online for this special moment of prayer.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Fr Barry from 11th-18th May 2025. £570 per person sharing (Deposit £200). For further information and booking contact: 07732 220 632.

Parking We continue to encourage parishioners to be aware of the need for responsible parking on parish grounds. Please do not park on pedestrian paths.

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

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth and community. Rosary at 7.45pm. The last Tuesday of every month there will be Adoration & Prayer Ministry. All newcomers welcome.

Malachi Cush & Friends in Concert
Sunday March 9th - St Patrick's Cathedral - An Evening of Hope

Join Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin, Catherine Grimley and guests for an evening of music and reflection to begin the St Patrick's Festival 2025. Tickets are available online by scanning the QR Code and from the Cathedral Shop.



Mary's Meals Charity Dance on Thursday 6th March in The Ryandale Hotel, Moy. Dancing 8.30pm-11.30pm. Music by John Molloy. A signed Jersey & football of Co. Armagh Champions will be auctioned on the night. Admission £10.

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



Weddings in Armagh Parish All weddings should be booked through the Parish Office by calling 02837522813 or emailing us at armaghparishoffice@gmail.com. You can find full details about getting married on our website: <https://www.armaghparish.net/sacraments/marriage/>

Prayer for the Year of Jubilee

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

