

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,

Oftentimes we fail to recognise God in our midst! Like the disciples in today's Gospel we can have our eyes and ears closed to the reality of God's presence even right in front of us. There are so many little miracles that go unnoticed, the miracle of life itself, the miracles of healing and peace, of providence and renewal.

In some ways it's encouraging that we are like the disciples - they who witnessed the many physical miracles that Jesus performed, also questioned and wondered as is our human condition to do. This weekend like at every Mass we come face to face with Jesus in the Eucharist - let us truly recognise Him, let us pray that God opens our eyes and our hearts that we may be truly present with Him at this most sacred moment.

Over this past number of week's, I have been particularly moved by being with people close to their death and I have been amazed at the strength that they get from the Eucharist, the power of their faith in time of distress & the consolation that they receive through knowing the risen Jesus is close to them - this is the power of faith - this is the gift that is handed through the generations - this is what happens when Jesus is near - peace and consolation reigns.

Today let us pray for courage to recognise Jesus in our midst, let us be witnesses to His love in the world and let us pass on to those who we love the greatest gift of all - the gift of relationship with Jesus.

Of course at this time we pray for Pope Francis, we ask God to bless him and grant him healing and peace in his time of ill health.

*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: £5616 & €125.10

Cathedral Maintenance & Repairs: £3565 & €88.20

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Thomas Rogers, Maeve Gallagher, John Richardson, Imelda Hart and Maureen Allard.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Peggy Lynch (26th), Margaret Connolly (1st) and Dymrna Gribben (1st)

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the Jubilee of Hope. Please feel free to join us in person or online for this special moment of prayer.

Congratulations We congratulate Cardinal Brady who celebrated the 30th anniversary of his episcopal ordination this past week. We give thanks for his years of ministry here in the parish & diocese.

First Penance We continue to pray for all our P4 pupils who are preparing for their first penance in the coming days.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 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

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



Join Malachi Cush, 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.

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.

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



Let's Talk About Faith You're invited to join us for on Thursday, 27th February, at the SVP Centre, Chapel Lane. This month we are delighted to have Fr James Adawai SMMM leading a talk on the powerful and prayerful topic of the Rosary. The evening begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:15pm, followed by the talk and a warm cup of tea. It's a wonderful opportunity for reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Everyone is most welcome to join us, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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 March at 3pm. All welcome.

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

