

# 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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*Dear Friends,*  
 Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - it's been 40 days since Christmas and today marks the end of the wider season of Christmas. Today is a day where we are thankful that we too can be present here as part of the faith community, thankful for all the blessings this brings us.  
 As we reflect on Jesus being presented as an offering for the world - maybe we should ask the question - what can we offer our families and community that we are not currently offering. How can our living out of the Christian message more fully enliven our hearts and the lives of those we engage with and care for.  
 Like at baptism when Parents, God-parents and family members present children for the first sacrament - we too can carry the names of our loved ones to Mass this weekend and seek that God blessed them with a new and spiritual blessing. The Feast of Candlemas - the Presentation, reminds us of the great light that Jesus is in the world, also the light that we as Christians can offer to those who we engage with - this weekend we celebrate the role of the religious in our community - particularly conscious of Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Missionaries of Charity and Fr Brian of the Jesuit community who are engaged in pastoral outreach in our parish. Please join with me in thanking God for all those who serve the needs of others in His 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**  
 £4916 & €114.40

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We pray for:* Dympna Gribben, Margaret Connolly, Peggy Lynch, Mary Murphy, Gerard McNeice, Bernie Hamill, Annette Toner, Damian Daly, Delia Smith, Elizabeth McAneney, Bridie White, Sean Cullen and Katie Rose McKeown.

**MONTHS MIND**

*We pray for:* Noel Flynn (8th) and Ann Mackey (8th)

*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.

**This Week** Monday is the Feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed at all Masses. Tuesday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Anointing of the Sick will take place on Monday night (10th Feb) at the 7:30pm Novena Mass in St Malachy's Church, please let others know.

**Storm Clean-Up!** A special word of thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who assembled over last weekend to assist in the clear up following the damage caused by storm Eowyn. As you know extensive damage was caused to our Churches, Grounds and Cemeteries with works on-going to try to repair the damage.

**Fr Cathal Deveney** We congratulate Fr Cathal Deveney, a native of our parish on the celebration of his silver jubilee recently. Fr Cathal currently is PP in Aughnacloy Parish. We wish Fr Cathal every continued blessing in his ministry.

**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.

**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



**Monthly Divine Mercy Mass** All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey. Confessions starts at 7pm with Rosary/Mass at 7.30pm. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

**Vocations Society of St Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)** The next Branch meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th February in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Ogle Street, Armagh following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for much needed Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life followed by a short meeting.

**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.

**St Brigid Celebration - Conclusion** An Evening of Music and Reflection to conclude the 'Year of St. Brigid' will take place in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 F3FC, on Thursday 13th February 2025 from 7pm. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival.

**Feast Day** Today 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.

**Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation**

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the mystery of the Presentation. In honour of this mystery, we ask You to hear our prayers. You were presented in the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after Your birth, in accord with the laws You gave to the Hebrew people. Out of love for God, Your Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph willingly carried out the commands of this law and travelled to the Temple as a family. We ask You to help us in all of our needs, and we particularly pray today that all families may be full of holiness and love. Help us to grow in holiness and love for You each day of our lives. Give us the grace to do all we can to serve You faithfully in every circumstance. And we especially ask you to intercede for our family, today and always.  
 Amen

