



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,

This Sunday's Gospel is a Gospel in which Jesus speaks to all the baptised, encouraging us not to lose heart, not to be afraid and not to give up in our attempts at reaching out to others in His name. The readings remind us of the importance of being open to responding to God's call to service our response should always be "here I am, send me" St Paul reminds us that none of us are worthy of our calling as followers of Jesus but we are chosen by God's grace the fullness of God's plan for us will be known only in our eternal home.

The current Synod journey that the Church is engaged in is an opportunity for us to re-energise our sense of belonging in God's Church - this Jubilee Year dedicated to Hope is an opportunity for us as ambassadors of Jesus to be hope filled in all that we do, by radiating God's love to those we engage with and those whom we encounter.

I am often surprised by the language used by people when talking about the Church and / or faith, sometimes I hear people suggesting that they cannot "force" their children to go to Mass or that young people are "bored" by religion - we are reminded today in the readings that Faith is a 'Gift' - something precious and when we come to the sacraments particularly the Eucharist we are in the presence of Jesus - this is life changing if we recognise it for what it is, our language should therefore reflect how sacred these moments are for ourselves and those whom we speak to.

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

£5732 & €96.40

Bishop's Conference

£1875 & €7.20

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Maureen Allard, Dympna Gribben, Margaret Connolly, Peggy Lynch, Mary Murphy, Gerard McNeice, Bernie Hamill, Annette Toner, Damian Daly and Delia Smith.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Sean Cullen (10th), Bridie White (12th) and Elizabeth (Betty) McAneney (14th)

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.

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 our 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.

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick This Week we unite in prayer with all those who are sick, elderly or infirm. As always we value to opportunity to unite with those who join us on webcam and over Facebook etc for Mass and we value the presence of all who join us. On Monday night as part of the weekly Novena Mass in Honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal we

will have the Anointing of the Sick (after Mass) all are welcome to join and we particularly encourage those who are in need of a blessing to come along. All are welcome.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortress of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.



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

