

# 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 (7am during Lent)  
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 we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration - a wonderful account of how Jesus was shown in front of the Apostles that He was the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. On the mountain Jesus was radiated with the light of Heaven and acclaimed as "The Son, The Chosen One". Like Jesus we are all chosen as Children of God and baptised as Children of the light and our call is to respond to God's call in our everyday lives.

This weekend we celebrate our Patron Saint, Patrick - we are aware of his slavery and how he was a witness to the love of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit - and how he brought the Good News to this land. St Patrick will of course be used to promote many aspect of secular life in these days but we must focus our minds on the fact that Patrick came as a missionary, sent by the Pope to bring a new hope to the Irish who were themselves enslaved in the darkness of despair, where the culture was fierce and where no value was placed on the. sacred or even life itself.

This weekend let us recognise Jesus, with us, within us and all around us, let us pray that the message of St Patrick will resonate with our young people that they may see past the darkness of the material world and be enlightened by the presence of God in our community. Let us be like the young Patrick, full of energy to reach out to those we encounter with joy filled and hopeful hearts.

Wishing you a blessed and special St Patrick's Day.

*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** - £6640 & €153

**Ash Wednesday Collection** - £1347 & €23

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Roseann Rafferty, Ann Doherty, Mary McCool, Patricia Curran, Eugene Sullivan, Eileen Reilly, Noreen Russell, Brendan Garvey, Monsignor Raymond Murray, Michael Duggan and Anne Marie Mallon.

### MONTHS MIND

*We pray for:* Thomas Rogers (17th) and Maeve Gallagher (19th)

*May they rest in peace.*



### Lenten Mass Times

#### St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday-Saturday - 10am  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 3pm - Jubilee Hour of Prayer

#### St Malachy's Church

Monday - Friday - 7am & 1pm  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30pm  
Tuesday & Thursday Prayer Service - 7:30pm

**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.

**Parish Envelopes** The Parish Envelopes are currently being prepared and will be ready for collection from Tuesday 25th March in the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who helps with the distribution each year.

**Parish Office** The Parish Office is closed on Mon 17th March and will reopen on Tues 18th March at 10am.

**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.

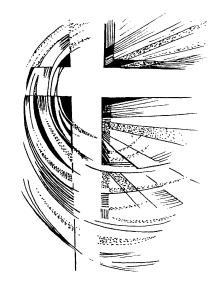
**Parish Youth Gatherings** Our Parish Youth Council invites young adults aged 18 to 30 to join them each Thursday for the next five weeks in the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane - from 8-9:15pm for prayer and catechesis. Parishioners are encouraged to let young adults in their family know!

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

**African Mass** All are welcome to join our "African Mass", as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, on Sunday 23rd March at 2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Synod Hall.

**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



### St Patrick's Day—Mass Times

8am - St Malachy's Church  
9:30am - St Malachy's Church

10am - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran

10am - St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey

11am - St Patrick's Cathedral

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

**1st Armagh Scouts** On Monday 17th of March 1st Armagh Scout Group is holding their Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will be leaving from Navan Street at 10.15 am and going through the town centre to 11am Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the blessing of shamrock will take place. After Mass, we are parading from the Cathedral to our Scout den on Lonsdale Road.

**Legion of Mary** Come and be part of something special! The Legion of Mary is welcoming new members to our Junior (7-11 years old) and Intermediate (12-17 years old) groups every Monday at the SVP Centre, Armagh. Step into a world of faith, friendship, and purpose as we pray the Rosary, explore our Catholic faith, and make lasting connections. Be part of something bigger—a community that supports, uplifts, and empowers you to live out your faith in a meaningful way. For more information, contact: 07856 172206

**Stations of the Cross** Experience the Stations of the Cross in a meaningful way this Lent as the Legion of Mary Juniors and Intermediates lead us in reflection each Wednesday at 7pm, starting 12th March, in St. Malachy's Chapel. Join us in this sacred journey before the 7:30pm Mass as we prepare our hearts for Easter. All are welcome

**Lenten Journey of Hope with the Holy Spirit** In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Group invite you to a series of talks each Tuesday in St Malachy's Church at 7.15pm

**18th March** - "We will be saved by His life" Romans 5:19 with speaker Fr. Eamonn Kelly.

**25th March** - "Signs of Hope - The Youth" with speaker Dermot Kelly and Mass celebrated by Fr Barry Matthews.

**1st April** - "Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ" Romans 8:35 with speaker Louise Magennis.

**8th April** - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace" Romans 15:13 with speaker Archbishop Eamon Martin.

**Mary's Meals Armagh and Benburb** In 2024 we raised enough funds to pay for daily school meals for 4,244 children. Sincere thanks to all who donated. Our project for 2025 is to increase this to five thousand children. Our new target is £95,750. If you would like to donate the link is [bit.ly/5000children](http://bit.ly/5000children). We would like to announce that our centre is moving from Dobbin Street to Benburb Priory in the near future. Further info to follow.



**Mary's Meals Armagh and Benburb Priory Benburb Group**  
Donations: £81,284.13 / £76,944.70

**Discover the Wonder of Eucharistic Miracles! Join us at Let's Talk About Faith** on Thurs 20th March at the SVP Centre (1-5 Chapel Lane). This month, we delve into the fascinating topic of Eucharistic miracles—extraordinary events that have deepened faith and left science in awe. The evening begins with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:15pm, followed by an engaging discussion and a warm cup of tea. Everyone is welcome—we'd love to see you there!