

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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Dear Friends,
 The Gospel today raises a question, Can the blind lead the blind? Indeed the answer lies within each one of us - to be fully aware of what is going on around us we must be open to seeing, listening and understanding the truth that we face. Jesus reminds us in John's Gospel that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life - that he wishes for each of us to be energised by Him, that true Him we would see clearly.

So many in our world fail to recognise Jesus, many people even question whether He is "real" - Jesus of course is our Leader in Faith but also a historical figure recognised by those of faith and none. We have a duty to be witnesses to Jesus' message - Jesus whom we know and have a relationship with has opened our eyes - we must now lead others to see Him in their lives.

This week as we said a sad farewell to a former Adm. Mgr Murray RIP - I was so aware of the impact he had on so many in our community, his work for peace, justice and reconciliation was tireless and all this in the name of Jesus. As a community we have shown an appreciation of the role that Mgr Murray and many other faith leaders played in bringing about the peace we now enjoy - we thank God for their leadership and courage. We pray that the next generations will recognise God working in and through them and maybe that our young adults would be inspired towards offering their lives to serve others as priests and religious.

Today (11am Mass) we receive the statue of the Sacred Heart which was blessed by Pope Francis recently. Ireland was first consecrated to the Sacred Heart the year the Cathedral opened (1873) and as such we now have a wonderful opportunity to re-consecrate ourselves, our homes, our parish and our country to the Sacred Heart. The statue will remain with us until Friday in the Cathedral.

*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
 £5101 & €297.32

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Monsignor Raymond Murray, Michael Duggan, Anne Marie Mallon, Thomas Rogers, Maeve Gallagher, John Richardson and Imelda Hart

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Maureen Allard (8th)
 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.

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

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, 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.

World Day of Prayer - Prayer Service will take place on Friday 7th March at 8pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by tea & coffee in the Synod Hall. All are welcome to join.

Divine Mercy Mass All are welcome for the first Thursday Divine Mercy Mass on Wednesday 6th March at St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey. Confessions starts at 7pm with Rosary and Mass at 7.30pm. It is surely a wonderful time to commit our families and ourselves to the mercy of God.

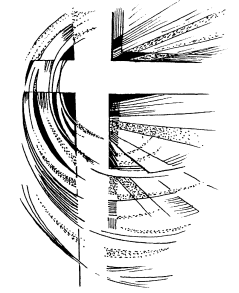
Ash Wednesday Mass Times
5th March 2025

St Malachy's Church
 7am, 1pm and 7:30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral
 10am

St Colmcille's Church
 6pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception
 7:30pm



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

Prayer to the Sacred Heart
by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Lord Jesus,
 let my heart never rest until it finds You,
 who are its centre, its love, and its happiness.
 By the wound in Your heart pardon the sins that I have committed
 whether out of malice or out of evil desires.
 Place my weak heart in your own divine heart,
 continually under your protection and guidance,
 so that I may persevere in doing good
 and in fleeing evil until my last breath.
 Amen.

