

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,

As we begin our Lenten journey together, we must each strive to ensure that Lent is a blessed time for us. Today's Gospel outlines the temptations that beset Jesus during His time in the wilderness, we too will be tempted by those aspects that hold us back and it will take great courage for us to overcome these temptations - however we know that a period of retreat from the negative aspects of life can bring and will bring us a renewal of spirit, a closer relationship with Jesus & others and a sense of achievement that we have overcome the temptations.

The weeks of Lent are blessed weeks in our Parish, there are many ways which we engage as a faith community, the additional Masses, the sense of community support and the shared determination to identify Jesus working in and through our community - all resulting in a new dawn of hope in the resurrection at Easter. Reach out to others this Lent, don't try to do it alone but rather support family members, neighbours and friends in a shared Lenten experience - and remember it's never too late to begin - so start today or if you already have broken a Lenten commitment - re-commit to it today.

I always say Lent is like reading a book while knowing the ending - we all know how wonderful it is to get to Easter and feel like we have carried a little cross in Jesus; name and the blessings that we feel through the Easter mysteries. As we begin let us assure each other of our support and prayers and let's entrust this Lenten sacrifice for peace in our world and a renewal of hope for our community in this Jubilee Year.

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.

Priests' Dues Collection
£7802 & €171.47

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Eileen Reilly, Noreen Russell, Brendan Garvey, Monsignor Raymond Murray, Michael Duggan, Anne Marie Mallon, Thomas Rogers and Maeve Gallagher.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Imelda Hart (9th) and John Richardson (12th)

May they rest in peace.



Lenten Mass Times

St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday-Saturday - 10am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 3pm - Jubilee

Hour of Prayer

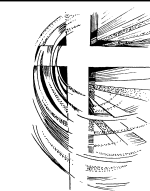
St Malachy's Church

Monday - Friday - 7am & 1pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday Prayer Service -

7:30pm



Please note:

There will be no 1pm Mass on Friday 14th March

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.

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.

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

Baptism Baptisms take place each Saturday at 5pm in St Colmcille's Church, 5:30pm in St Malachy's Church and on Sunday after 10am Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran. Bookings can be made through the Parish Office on 02837522813. Baptism generally book up one month in advance, so please contact early to avoid disappointment.

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

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 March in St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Ogle Street following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. All are welcome to come along to a short meeting and pray the Rosary, for much needed Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

11th March - "Hope does not disappoint" - Romans 5:5 with speaker Dr. Lynette McShane

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

St Patrick's Bell Lecture: archaeology, history, and modern reiterations As part of the Armagh Home of Saint Patrick Festival, immerse yourself in history with this interesting lecture at Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library & Archive at 7pm on Wednesday 12th March. Delivered by Cormac Bourke, Honorary Editor of the Ulster Journal of Archaeology and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, discover the significance and enduring legacy of this artefact, associated with St Patrick. The lecture is free to attend, and booking is required: 0283752 2981 or eolas@ofiaich.ie

Lost A brown purse containing 2 pairs of Rosary Beads, (both of sentimental value) was lost in Ogle Street, adjacent to the entrance to Chapel Lane on Wednesday 5th February. If anyone has found the purse, please contact the Parish Office.

At Three O'Clock

At three o'clock each afternoon, I say a special prayer,
That God will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.
Because at three o'clock he died, one Friday long ago.
And there were those who did not weep and those who did not know.
I pray for relatives and friends who now have passed away,
And all who are silent echoes of a distant yesterday.
It may be Sunday, Monday, or the last day of the week,
As I petition God to give the favour that I seek.
But every day at three o'clock I say that special prayer,
That he will keep my dear ones in his ever loving care.
Amen.