

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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- to book your

baptism or wedding, please contact the

Parish Office.

SVP Helpline:

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Dear Friends,

"Let those without sin, cast the first stone" !! How often have we thrown stones and how often have we judged others and spoken unkind words? Like many of the Gospel passages used during Lent, today we are challenged - not that we must be saints but that we strive to live saintly lives. Of course our humanity can often get in the way of our desire to serve God in all our words and actions but our very relationship with God must truly enliven us to seek to grow in relationship with God such that we are witnesses to His love.

The world is a harsh place currently, war, violence, persecution, intolerance, and a discourse of darkness seem to fill our public square. Our children and young people are seeing and hearing all of this negativity and very seldom hear the language of love which is central to the Gospel message. We need our Churches to ring out the message of Easter and renew the hearts of those who languish under the weight of the material world, however sadly those who most need to hear the Good News of the Gospel are often the furthest away from it.

These next two week's can transform our lives, as we recognise our crosses and unite them with the Cross of Jesus - we are reminded that He walks with us always, even in our sinfulness and shame the Lord loves and protects us, just like He did the woman in the Gospel today. Jesus never seeks revenge, Jesus is the light of the World who is with us today as He was yesterday and will be until the end of time. Unlike the material world of change, Jesus is constant and faithful to all who follow Him.

Let us together make a big effort to join in hope during these next few weeks and please do invite your family members to join also. The gift of faith is truly the greatest gift we can pass on.

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

- £5735 & €121.50

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for:

James Gribben, Hannah McKillen, Eileen Vallyely,

Roseann Rafferty and Eugene Sullivan.

MONTHS MIND

We pray for:

Ann Doherty (10th) and Mary McCool (11th)

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

Fundraising Update

As part of our recent Fundraising trip & Pilgrimage of Hope to the USA, Archbishop Eamon & I have met several individuals whom we are hopeful will support the Cathedral and our plans to renovate the Organ, upgrade the digital technology & fix the iconic front steps. To date thanks to the generosity of many we have fundraised about 10% of the overall funding needed. This is a substantial undertaking and I am so thankful to the many who support the Cathedral and the parish in general. We must ensure that our buildings are worthy of the increased visitors that we hope to invite through initiatives like our 'Jubilee Sunday's Programme' and our outreach to encourage more tourist groups to stop for a tour. Please consider making a donation to your Cathedral Parish and please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable us to reclaim a percentage from the government.

Parish Envelopes

If you have not received your Parish Envelopes yet they can be collected from the Parish Office. Envelopes for Tullysaran and Knockaconey areas are available to collect from the Churches.

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 18-30 to join them each Thursday of Lent 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!

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 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 join them on Tuesday 8th April in St Malachy's Church at 7.15pm. The final evening: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace” Romans 15:13 with speaker Archbishop Eamon Martin.





Found

A cross pendant has been found in the Cathedral Grounds. If you believe this might be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Fun Bingo in aid of Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

will take place on Sunday 13th April from 3-5pm in the Pearse Ogs Club. All welcome!

Lenten Afternoon of Prayer-Sunday, 6 April 2025

The Annual Diocesan Lenten Afternoon of Prayer for Vocations will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral from 2.30pm, concluding with the 5.30pm Mass. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Holy Week in Armagh Parish

Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed at all Masses

Masses for Holy Week

St Malachy's Church: Mon – Wed @ 7am & 1pm. Mon @ 7:30pm.

St Patrick's Cathedral: Mon – Wed @ 10am

Taizé Evening

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - St Patrick's Cathedral 7pm led by St Catherines College

Penitential Service

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - St Malachy's Church 6pm to 7:30pm. All welcome

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wed 16th April at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass which the Archbishop celebrates with the priests of the Archdiocese in the presence of the people & at which he blesses the Holy Oils, manifests the communion of the priests & people with their bishop. No Mass in St Malachy's that evening.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm - St Patrick's Cathedral

7.30pm - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran and St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey.

Altars of Repose close at 10pm with Night Prayer

Good Friday

Confessions

10am-12noon – St Malachy's Church

The Lord's Passion

3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, St Malachy's Church & Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran

7.30pm St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey.

Stations of the Cross:

7.30pm - St Malachy's Church

Prayer around the Cross:

9pm - St Malachy's Church

Holy Saturday

St Patrick's Cathedral

10am - Morning Prayer; 1pm - Blessing of Easter Food

9pm - Easter Vigil

St Colmcille's Church

6pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass Times

St Malachy's Church: 8am & 9.30am

St Patrick's Cathedral: 11am,12.30pm.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran: 10am

St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey: 10am

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.