



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
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 a baptism or wedding,
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Dear Friends,

“To be forgiven, you must forgive.”

The theme running through this weekend's Gospel is mercy and forgiveness, and it invites each of us to look honestly at our own lives and at those aspects of our story that continue to burden us, or perhaps burden those with whom we journey along life's path.

I often think that one of the hardest things to do is to forgive ourselves. We can carry regrets, mistakes and memories long after others have forgiven us. And then there is the courage required to seek forgiveness from another person. To say *“I am sorry”* and to acknowledge that we have hurt someone can be a deeply humbling experience. Perhaps even in that humility there is a grace: the grace to recognise our own weakness and the grace to allow another person's forgiveness to begin something new within us.

Recently, through the Cathedrals Partnership, we heard the testimony of Alan McBride, whose wife was killed in the Shankill bombing. Alan spoke with extraordinary courage about the healing properties of forgiveness and reconciliation. We have also heard Mattie Harte speak about how his family have been graced not to allow anger to consume them, and of their deep belief that God can bring good even out of the darkest of situations. Their witness challenges us because forgiveness is rarely easy.

This weekend, then, we are invited to examine our conscience in a deeper way. We all carry hurts, disappointments and experiences within our hearts. Sometimes we carry them for years, and without realising it, they can prevent us from receiving the life-giving graces that God desires for us. Prayer is an important part of that journey towards forgiveness. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are reminded of this calling: “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” These are not simply words to be recited; they are a challenge to the way we live.

Perhaps, this weekend, we might ask ourselves: Who do I need to forgive? From whom do I need to seek forgiveness? And perhaps most importantly, what do I need to place into the hands of God so that I might finally begin to forgive myself?

Forgiveness is not weakness. It is an act of courage. It is a choice for freedom over resentment, healing over hurt, and hope over the wounds of the past.

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.

Aifreann Gaeilge Léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge i ndiaidh sos an tSamhraidh an tríú Satharn den Mhí seo, 19ú Meán Fómhair, in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaodhóg, Ard Mhacha, ar 4.00 i.n. Beidh fáilte ar ais roimh chách. Scaipigi an scéal.

Irish Mass The first Irish Mass after the Summer break will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the third Saturday of this month, 19th September at 4.00pm. All welcome: Irish speakers and those interested in Irish. Spread the word!

Priests' Dues Collection

£9175.00 & €217.27

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Elizabeth McCrilly, Bill McGinn, Ann Murphy,
James Murphy, Deirdre White, Alice Daly, Martin Shields,
Paddy Houlahan, Joseph McKenna, Immaculata O'Donnell,
Eithne Vallyley and Dessie McQuade.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Patricia Mooney & Paul Clarke

May they rest in peace



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 Tuesday & Thursday in the Adoration Chapel. All welcome to join.



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.

Divine Mercy for Peace Our Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon hour of mercy continues in the Cathedral at 3pm. We dedicate this hour to prayer for world peace during this difficult moment in our world where war and violence affect so many. All welcome.

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish requires

Temporary Cleaner for St Patrick's Cathedral

16 hours per work (afternoons) from 9th October for seven weeks. To apply please contact Caroline in the Parish Office.

OCIA Programme The Order of Christian Initiation Programme is designed to accompany adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. This programme is an opportunity for adults who may not have any formal catechesis in the faith to learn about the faith while developing their relationship with Jesus. Our Parish Programme will begin in September and anyone interested in joining are asked to speak to any of the Priests or Deacons or leave your name in the Parish Office. Please encourage anyone who you know that might be interested to discuss the programme with us.

Padre Pio Feast Day The Feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina is on 23rd September. The relic will be at 10am Mass in the Cathedral.

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 & community. Rosary at 7.45pm. All welcome.

The Legion of Mary Bus to Knock Shrine will leave outside St Malachy's Church on Sun 27th Sept at 7am. Fare £20. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch. To book, please call Margaret 07799867714

Annual Venerable Matt Talbot Mass on Sunday 27th September at 3pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dublin. A bus will leave Armagh City Hotel at 10:30am. Bus fare: £25. Tea & Evening Meal in Carrickdale: £35. Contact Mary Livingstone before 25th September to book your place: 07974 629 994.

Children's Book Willie Nugent would like to thank everyone who bought his Children's book "From the top of Gas Lane to the top of the World". Good news is the books are now all sold raising a total of £1000 for "Little Heroes" Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

Armagh U3A Any over 50's interested in playing Bridge, lessons are beginning in Dobbin Street Community Centre on Mondays from 2-4pm. All welcome.

Let's Talk About Faith meets on Thurs 17th Sept at the Parochial Hall. We begin at 7:15 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by tea and a relaxed discussion. Whether you're exploring faith, meeting new people, or simply looking for good company, everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

LEAP Young Adult Group Our Parish Young Adult Group resumes this Tuesday 15th September in the Parochial Hall at 8pm. There'll be a cup of tea, a bit of craic and light discussion on a topic. All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join in the Parochial Hall each Tuesday at 8pm.

Week of Hope Programme

Join us each day in St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate this Week of Hope

Date	Time	Speaker	Theme
Sat 26th September	6.30pm	International Mass	United in Jesus' Love
Sun 27th September	5:30pm	Fr Conor McGrath Down & Connor Vocations Director	Hope in the Youth
Mon 28th September	7pm	Maria Steen Barrister & Campaigner	Hope in the Public Square
Tues 29th September Feast of the Archangels	7pm	Aidan Forker Armagh Senior Men's GAA Captain	Hope on the Field
Wed 30th September Feast of St Jerome	7pm	Sinéad Strong Founder of Catholic Mothers Ireland	Hope in the Home
Thurs 1st October Feast of St Thérèse	7pm	Paul McCusker Director of Belfast People's Kitchen	Hope for the Homeless
Fri 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	7pm	Rev Matthew Hagan Newry Hospice Chaplain	Hope in the Hospice
Sat 3rd October St Columba Marmion	6.30pm	Do This in Memory Mass	Hope in Families
Sun 4th October	11am	Archbishop Eamon Martin	Hope All Around Us