



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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Baptisms & Weddings

To book a baptism or wedding,
please contact the Parish Office.

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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,

I was driving back from Donegal this week and spotted a sign on the road side "Where will you spend eternity?" it questioned. I was struck by how direct it was and also by how I reacted - good question I thought, and as I drove on I prayed a little and questioned what are my priorities in life and at what position do I place my eternal happiness.

This sign was in stark contrast to the public statements that we hear from so many around us who seem to be unaware that a life other than our current physical existence awaits us. Often when someone is sick or dies now "thoughts and prayers" are replaced with just thoughts - sometimes I wonder what they be thinking! As a community our prayers are important - even our humble and seemingly unworthy prayers - God listens ! None of us are above asking God's intercession. Jesus in today's Gospel says "If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them".

Ministering to the Sick and Funeral ministry is so important and is one of the central aspects of our community life here in Armagh. Over the last few weeks we have all yet again seen first hand how our collective prayers make a difference. Turning up at the funeral Mass and praying with those who are sick or grieving is important. Prayer is important - building your relationship with God in life can truly assist you in preparing to spend eternity with Him.

*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.

Aifreann Gaeilge Léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge i ndiaidh sos an tSamhraidh ar 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 learning Irish. Spread the word!

Weekly Collection

£6031 & €165 & \$30

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: James Murphy, Deirdre White, Alice Daly, Martin Shields,
Paddy Houlahan, Joseph McKenna, Immaculata O'Donnell, Eithne Vallely,
Dessie McQuade, Paul Clarke and Patricia Mooney.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Arthur McAnerney

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.



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.

Mass of Thanksgiving To mark Bishop Michael's appointment as Bishop of Derry and to give thanks for his service to the Archdiocese of Armagh we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm, followed by refreshments in St Patrick's Grammar School. All are welcome.
Please note there will be no Mass in St Malachy's on this evening

Parish Ministries We are currently seeking Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish. Training will begin early in September for those interested. P5/P6 children interested in becoming Altar Servers are asked to Contact the Parish Office. Those interested in becoming Readers or Eucharistic Ministers are also asked to leave their names in the Parish Office or speak to any of the Priests / Deacons

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.

Armagh Parish Week of Hope "Anchored in Christ - Alive in Hope" will take place from 27th September - 4th October. More information to follow.

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.

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.

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.

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

Children's Book Willie Nugent's children's story book "From the top of gas lane to the top of the world" is now on sale in Macari's, Raffles, Curran's Spar shop, Dessie's and Trimprint. Priced £5. Proceeds in aid of "Little Heroes" Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

Annual Hospice Coffee Morning will take place on 10th September from 10am-1pm in Co. Armagh Golf Club. All welcome.

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.

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day: 8th September

Father of mercy,
give your people help and strength from heaven.
The birth of the Virgin Mary's Son
was the dawn of our salvation.
May this celebration of her birthday
bring us closer to lasting peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

