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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Dear Friends,

The words of St Paul to the Thessalonians this weekend speak loudly to me as I have just returned from our Parish pilgrimage to Fatima where we joined tens of thousands of pilgrims in celebrating the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun and the Apparition of Our Lady on October 13th. Joining with large crowds in faith is powerful - there is a sense of God's presence but also a sense of renewal and this is really why Mary appeared - to remind us that Heaven is close, we are united in a particular way to God and that through her motherly intercession God responds to our needs.

The story of Fatima is by its nature simple - shephard children, a message of peace, the Angel of Fatima, the links to Pope St John Paul ii and his shooting, the call to conversion and prayer. I am always touched by Our Lady's tenderness towards the children but also her directness - she showed them images of purgatory & hell for example but also told them clearly that if they pray & follow the commandments they will spend eternity in Heaven.

Pilgrimages are opportunities to renew our faith and to be refreshed in God's mercy - the experience of Confession, Adoration, Mass and the Candle-lit processions are all take-away moments that have renewed me both spiritually and physically. Like our Young Adult Pilgrimage to Medjugorje earlier this year - I hope that every pilgrim who joined our trip came home refreshed and nourished to witness in their homes, their workplaces and indeed their parish to the joy and peace that comes from a lived experience of faith. St Paul speaks of "faith in action - persevered through hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" this is the story of our faith tradition here in Ireland - it was never easy to be Catholic but through the actions and words of our foreparents and the perseverance of many generations we have received the gift of faith.

We were all saddened this week upon hearing the news that Pope Leo has been diagnosed with Cancer and had to undergo surgery. Please pray for Pope Leo, that his recovery will be swift and that God will grant him the strength he needs. We pray each day for the sick and for those who care for the sick, please continue praying for our front line workers.

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.

Armagh Parish Youth and Young Adults Group will hold their first Monthly Youth Mass on Sunday 25th October at 5:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. The various Ministries and music will be carried out by young people during the Mass. All ages are welcome. All young adults are welcome for Tea and Coffee immediately after in the Parochial Hall located at the Cathedral Front Gates.

Weekly Collection £7072 & €165.21

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Conor McCann, Michael Flynn, Brian Kelly. Jan Ocytko, Pat Hamilton, Sr. Joanne Kelly MMM, Julie Feighan and Leo Hart.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Patrick McDonagh

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.



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.

"Christmas at the Cathedral" Concert with Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin, St Catherine's College Choir and special guests. Tickets are £25 and are available online by scanning the QR code.

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 to learn about the faith while developing their vrelationship with Jesus. Our Programme will begin on 22nd October at 6:30pm in the Parochial House. Anyone interested in joining are asked to speak to any of the clergy or leave your name in the Parish Office.

Training Thank you to all those who expressed interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Reader in the Parish. Training will take place on 21st October in the Synod Hall of the Cathedral at 6:30pm for Readers and 7.15pm for Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining these ministries, you are very welcome to come along.

LEAP Young Adult Group Our Parish Young Adult Group continues in the Parochial Hall each Tuesday 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.

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.

Parish Prayer Book As part of our Week of Hope, we launched our new Parish Prayer Book. These are available in all of our churches. Suggested donation: £3.

Lectio Divina All are welcome to join for Lectio Divina with Sr Mary Roe in the Parochial Hall each Wednesday immediately after the 10am Mass.

Willie Nugent's CD "THE STEPS" is now on sale in the Cathedral Gift Shop, the Parish Office and St Malachy's Sacristy. They cost £2 each with entire proceeds in aid of Cathedral Funds.

Inclusive Ability Trust NI Coffee Morning is taking place today (Sun 18th) from 10am-1pm in the Cathedral Rd Complex, Sherry's Field. All proceeds go to supporting children and young people with disabilities. Raffle prizes to be won. All welcome!

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Christmas Draw



PRIZES:

1st: £4,000
2nd: £1,000
3rd: Trip to Lourdes (1 person) *or* £500.00
4th: Afternoon tea for 2: *Castle Leslie, Monaghan*
5th-10th: Christmas Hampers



Date of Draw: 19th December 2026

Tickets £10.00 each or 3 for £20.00

T&C's apply

Tickets will be available to purchase from the Parish Office and the Cathedral Gift Shop this week. You can also scan our QR Code to purchase a ticket online: