



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 stone rejected by the builders became the cornerstone" - these words in this weekend's Gospel are a stark metaphor for the events that we witnessed in France last week with the outpouring of goodwill for Pope Leo and the reawakening of the French authorities to the reality of the lived experience of faith which sustains so many. Stark contrast one might say to the scenes we witnessed here in our own land where the divisions of old resurfaced. The scenes in France were a reminder that true freedom comes from a lived relationship with God, the repression of the freedom to worship will never win over.

Over this last week we have heard from some very inspiring people during our Week of Hope, each invited speaker brought us words of encouragement and hope that we are called to pass on to our young people - each evening reminded us of how words can heal, words matter. I was so encouraged by the presence of so many young adults during the week - the came not because they had to but because they wanted to, their presence made a difference and so did the presence of each individual who turned up - together we showed that hope can be found in the community - together we bring comfort and healing, as we journey together we encourage each other, young and old.

This weekend we celebrate the 800 years since St Francis of Assisi died - this humble servant of the Lord has so much to offer us as we seek a model for our Christian lives, St Francis renounced the material world and set about spreading the Good News to those who were in need - he repaired God's Church by his simple words of hope and charity and his way of living by which he experienced the grace and blessings of God in the world around him. We are all called to walk with Jesus not just at Mass or on Sunday - but every step of our journey through life.

Finally, today I want to again thank all those who participated, attended, organised or watched over the webcam our Week of Hope this past week - you genuinely brought a renewed sense of HOPE to all as we gathered together. The core and lasting message from the week should be that "We walk together, God and His people through the abundant vineyard of grace and blessings". My hope is that all who attended, one or more of our evenings has received a word of grace and blessing and that you were nourished in some way by the experience. St Francis heard the call to fix the Church - we too by our words can bring healing and hope to the world.

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.

Weekly Collection

£5691 & €219.11

Sick & Retired Priests Collection

£2695 & €30.50

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Sr. Joanne Kelly MMM, Julie Feighan, Leo Hart, Patrick McDonagh, Rosaleen Conlon, Brigid Daly.

MONTHS MIND

We pray this week for: Bill McGinn, Deirdre White, John McGirr
and Elizabeth McCrilly.

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 relationship with Jesus. Our Programme will begin in September. Anyone interested in joining are asked to speak to any of the clergy or leave your name in the Parish Office.

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.



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Sacramental Dates 2027



Ceremonies of Light @ 7pm - Cathedral

23rd Feb St Malachy's, St Patrick's and Saints & Scholars
25th Feb Mt St Catherine's, Armstrong, Our Lady's & CBS

First Confessions

1st March St Patrick's P.S
2nd March CBS PS
3rd March St Malachy's PS
4th March Mt St Catherine's PS & Armstrong PS
4th March Our Lady's PS
9th March Saints & Scholars PS

Lisanally Special School Sacraments

25th February Ceremony of Light & First Confessions
6th March 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation

Vocations Society of St. Joseph The next Armagh Branch meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th October in the Parochial Hall, immediately following 7.30pm Mass in St. Malachy's Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for much-needed Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

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.

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.

Archbishop Eamon Martin's Pastoral Letter "Go, Rebuild My Church" is now available to read on our website or by scanning the QR Code.



Disabled Access Doors The disabled access doors at the Cathedral have been fixed. The disabled doors at the Cathedral & St Malachy's are delicate enough and we encourage able-bodied parishioners to use the alternative doors. We thank you for your co-operation.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Wednesday 7th October

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.

First Holy Communion

10th April Our Lady's P.S. - 11am - Tullysaran
CBS - Bunscoil - 11am - St Malachy's
CBS - English - 1pm St Malachy's
17th April Saints & Scholars - 11am - St Malachy's
Mt St Catherine's & Armstrong - 11am - Cathedral
24th April St Patrick's PS - 11am - Cathedral
St Malachy's PS - 11am - St Malachy's

Confirmation @ 2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

15th May St Malachy's, St Patrick's and Saints & Scholars
16th May Mt St Catherine's, Armstrong, Our Lady's and CBS