A Thiarna Dia, (Lord God)
You are a Trinity of immense compassion, love and mercy.
We the Church of Armagh, implore your blessing
as we step into the future together,
tasked with the mission to share the Good News in our world today.

You call us all to develop a deeper understanding of our faith;
to worship in a prayerful Spirit led and meaningful manner,
and to bear witness to the gospel in action with justice and service.
We seek your continued guidance in our plans and actions.

Jesus promised He would always be with His Church;
pour afresh His Spirit upon us all.
Rekindle our fire to serve you and give us courage and determination
to be servants of the Master anew reaching out to all we meet.
Amen.

Naomh Muire, Máthair Dé, gur orainn.
(Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.)

Saints Patrick, Brigid, Malachy and Oliver intercede for us all,
watch over us and walk with us on our pilgrim way.
Amen.

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life’s surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.

Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.
Sojourners in this vale of tears
To thee, blest, advocate, we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears
and soothe with hope our misery
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea
pray for the mourner, pray for me.

DIOCESAN AIM
“We aim to be the Body of Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit so that we can live like Jesus in our time and place sharing his compassionate love with all.”

SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

LAUNCH OF DIOCESAN PLAN
ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL, ARMAGH
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2015
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Opening Remarks and Collect by A/ B Eamon

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 (Margo Duffy)

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that the Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Hymn: O the Word of my Lord

O the word of my Lord, deep within my being, O the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you through and through, I chose you to be mine, before you left your mother’s side, I called you, my child, to be a sign.

I know that you are very young, but I will make you strong, I’ll fill you with my word, and you will travel through the land, fulfilling my command which you have heard.

And ev’rywhere you are to go my hand will follow you; you will not be alone. In all the danger that you fear you’ll find me very near, your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled: you will destroy and build, for this is my design. You will create and overthrow, reap harvests I will sow, your word is mine.

Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 4: 16-20 (Deacon ......)

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring he good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Homily: Archbishop Eamon

Prayers of Intercession

Response:
O Lord hear us as we pray, O Lord give us your love

EXPOSITION & PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Hymns:
Be still and know that I am God
Tantum Ergo

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN