

*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, gúf 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.

## 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.”

*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.*

## 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



*Introduction: Lord of the Dance (Instrumental)*

*Welcome: Fr. Gerry Campbell*

*Opening Hymn*

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou raising moon in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:

**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 the 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 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**