

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent reminds us that God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy. If we have faith in that mercy we will not be lost. But we have to bring that message to all. The Christian has to preach to the world the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The Way of Gentleness

Tuesdays 8p.m.

Evening Prayer of The Church

Every Monday of Lent in Nazareth House Oratory from 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS

Journey with others this Lent in our Scripture Sharing Group in St. Mary's Presbytery 7-7.40 pm every Wednesday throughout Lent.

A **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held in Holy Cross Friary on **FRIDAY 27th March AT 7.30pm**. We earnestly ask that people avail of this opportunity for Easter Confession.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

At the invitation of the Supreme Pontiffs, the Catholic Church, gathering on Good Friday for the memorial of the sorrowful Passion of Christ, expresses by prayer and by this Collection its support for the faith communities and the sacred places in the Holy Land. The need is particularly felt in this time of crisis, through which the entire region of the Middle East is passing. The season of Lent favours a meditation full of love for the Holy Places which were present at the origin of our faith and in which the first Christian communities, following Christ, *Salus Mundi*, were gathered. The Good Friday Collection guarantees the Holy Land with necessary support, both for the demands of ordinary ecclesial life and for particular necessities. Please support.

URSULINE ASSOCIATES - Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March in the Convent (opp Cathedral entrance) at 7:00pm. New members welcome.

**'MARRIAGE IS IMPORTANT
REFLECT BEFORE YOU CHANGE IT'**

Statement from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference have issued a statement on the upcoming referendum. Please take a copy available at our Cathedral entrance or read online at our website in [Parish Notices](#) on our homepage.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Lord, enlighten my understanding, strengthen my will, purify my heart and make me holy. Amen.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Mon 23rd: St Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop; Tues 17th: St Macartan, bishop; Weds 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT MARCH 29th 1st Reading: Is. 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Phil. 2: 6-11; Gospel: Mk. 14: 1-15:47.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 22nd AT 9:00 PM

TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €1,450

Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome.

Chrim Mass 2015

All are welcome to attend the Chrim Mass on **Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm** in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. During this Mass, Bishop Kevin will bless the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick. The priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to the priestly ministry. Light refreshments afterwards in the Gillooly Hall.

EASTER CEREMONIES

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HOLY WEEK 2015

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1st

Mass 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. and **MASS OF CHRISM at 7.30 p.m.**

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2nd

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 p.m.

Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose 11.00 p.m. to Midnight

Silent Adoration Midnight to 8 a.m. on Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3rd

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30 a.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 8.00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4th

Morning Prayer of the Church 10.30 a.m.

Easter Vigil 9.00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5th

Masses at 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m.; 12.00 noon & 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY - APRIL 6th - SATURDAY APRIL 11th

Masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Holy Thursday April 2nd 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon
8.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m..

Good Friday April 3rd 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
From 9.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4th 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS CENTENARY MASS

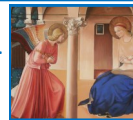
Today, 22nd March at 12 noon in our Cathedral with Bishop Kevin as main Celebrant. Past members, families, parishioners and friends are all invited to join in celebrating this special occasion. We join with our parishioners in congratulating the Knights of Columbanus on their centenary celebration.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION - WEDS MARCH 25th

Mass will be celebrated in our Cathedral at 7:00 P.M.

With a special intention of Marriage and Family Life.

All are welcome to attend.



FIRST CONFESSION - THURSDAY MARCH 26th - 7:00 P.M.

We remember in our prayers this week all our children preparing for First Holy Communion this year who will make their First Confession this week.



SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH - 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 15th MARCH PARISH ENV: €1,893 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,479

THANK YOU for your contribution.

ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 916 2670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 916 1261

☎ e-mail us @ news@sligocathedral.ie We welcome your comments.

Dates to remember

THE DOWN SYNODROME ASSOCIATION, Sligo Branch Church Gate Collection will take place after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support.

NORTH WEST STROKE GROUP next meeting Wednesday March 25th at 8pm at the Irish Wheelchair Association premises in Abbeyville, Sligo.

ST ANGELA'S COLLEGE, SLIGO Activity Camps 2015. Free shuttle bus Sligo to College daily. 2 Week Pre Junior Certificate Irish Camp; Robotics Camp; Alternative Summer Camp; Adventures with Art in the Outdoors. For more visit www.cll.ie/activitycamps call 071 914 3580 or email info@ccll.ie

HEART SUPPORT GROUP Meeting - Sligo Park Hotel Weds March 25th @ 7pm. All those affected are welcome to an informative evening followed by tea, biscuits & a chat. Speakers: Conal Mc Glone, Clinical Psychologist & Emmeline Gillan, Psychologist. Topic: *Stress Management*.

ANAM CARA Bereavement Information Evening Weds 25th March 8-9:30pm in the Family Centre, Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Guest speaker: Dr Helen Greally. Topic: *Coping as a Bereaved Parent*. All 'AC' services are available free of charge. To book mail info@anamcara.ie by Tues 24th or call 01 404 5378.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family MARY BERNALDEZ; THOMAS CARTY; ISOBEL McGUINNESS; BIDDY SWEENEY and ROSIE McDONAGH who were recently baptised in our Cathedral




TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS Will be celebrated in St John's, Carraroe on Sunday 29th March at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

CANCER CARE WEST Sincere thanks for the generosity of all our Parishioners whose donations amounted to €562.28 the recent Church Gate Collection.

Words from Pope Francis on Consecrated Life In the vocation experience, God is the mysterious subject of the call. We hear the voice that calls us to a life of discipleship for the Kingdom. Pope Francis uses the phrase, "You are important to me," a direct dialogue used in the first person, to raise awareness.

Hunger Lunch - St Anne's, Sligo St. Anne's Annual Hunger Lunch in The Avalon Centre (St. Anne's Youth Centre Chapel Street) on **Wednesday 1st April from 12.00-2.30p.m.** For The Mission in South Sudan where Fr. Tommy Gillooly works. All contributions welcome. Please support.

ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCES

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 23 rd	KENNEDY & SCANLON Families	Month's Mind AGNES MORRISON 
TUES 24 th	Deceased Members of the GILLEN Family	THOMAS & MARY FALLON
WEDS 25 th	MARY KATE & JOHN DEVINS	BERTIE CUNNINGHAM
THURS 26 th	THOMAS McMANUS	MICHAEL GILBRIDE
FRI 27 th	FRANCIS KELLY	 Month's Mind MICHAEL WILLIAMS
SAT 28 th	THOMAS COSTELLO	 Month's Mind FINTAN BRETT

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: RAPHAEL O'ROURKE, Wolfe Tone St and Heatherview and OLIVER SPELLMAN, Oakfield. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*