

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordained to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.



BAPTISM IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH



For those who wish to have their child Baptised in our Cathedral Parish there is a one night free Baptismal Course which takes place in St Michael's Family Life Centre, Church Hill on the third Thursday of every month. To book a Baptism and register for this course please contact the Parish Office on 071 916 2670.



ST MARY'S PARISH Parishioners are asked if they know of anyone who is housebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist in their homes on each Sunday and First Friday to please submit their names and address to the Parish Office.

PARISH KEEPING IN TOUCH Parishioners please note that it is not always easy to keep in touch with all parts of the Parish. If you have recently moved to our Parish or know of anyone who would like to receive a visit from one of our priests please let us know at the Parish Office 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday.

CARE OF THE SICK The priests of the parish are always happy to visit the sick who may wish to receive Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick in their homes or in hospital. Regulations at the hospital have made it more difficult for priests to know when someone is admitted. If you know of a sick person who would like to see a priest please contact the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 18th 1st: Sm. 3:3-10, 19; 2nd: 1 Cor. 6: 13-15, 17-20; Gospel: Jn. 1: 35-42.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Tues 13th St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church; Thurs 15th St Ita, virgin; Fri 16th St Fursa, abbot and missionary; Sat 17th St Anthony, abbot.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Loving God, your Spirit renews humanity & sustains us always; continue to support us by your grace. Amen .

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 25 – February 1, 2015. The Theme for 2015 is *'Catholic Schools: A Call to Serve'*.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT AT 9PM
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €2,400!!

Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome!

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES
SUNDAY 4th JANUARY

PARISH ENV: €2,090 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,490

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Theme: *"The Well is Deep"* (based on John:4:1-42)

Church Unity Week commences on **Sunday, January 18th** and will continue until **Sunday, January 25th**. During this time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015

God, spring of living water,

make us witnesses to unity by how we live our lives.

Transform our hearts that we might be bearers of the Good News.

Lead us to encounter the other as an encounter with you.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, JOHN STREET, SLIGO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd - 8:00 P.M.

Homilist: REV DR MICHAEL DUIGNAN

All are invited to attend.

FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION

AN EXTRACT FROM BISHOP KEVIN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

"Every year, thousands of families leave their own countries in search of peace and freedom and economic security. Some of them come to Ireland, just as countless Irish have gone in the past to the United States and Australia. I dare to hope that, in this coming year, as an expression of the peace which is God's gift to us in Christ, we might commit ourselves to providing a response to asylum seekers which is more in keeping with their dignity as human beings." Bishop Doran's full message is available online at www.elphindiocese.ie

Short extracts from the message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the World Day of Peace, January 1st 2015.

'NO LONGER SLAVES, BUT BROTHERS AND SISTERS'

1. Businesses have a duty to ensure dignified working conditions and adequate salaries for their employees, but they must also be vigilant that forms of subjugation or human trafficking do not find their way into the distribution chain. Together with the social responsibility of businesses, there is also the social responsibility of consumers. Every person ought to have the awareness that "purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.

2. I invite everyone, in accordance with his or her specific role and responsibilities, to practice acts of fraternity towards those kept in a state of enslavement. Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others. Some of us, out of indifference, or financial reasons, or because we are caught up in our daily concerns, close our eyes to this. Others, however, decide to do something about it, to join civic associations or to practice small, everyday gestures – which have so much merit! – such as offering a kind word, a greeting or a smile. These cost us nothing but they can offer hope, open doors, and change the life of another person who lives clandestinely; they can also change our own lives with respect to this reality.

Dates to remember

SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT Next meeting Tuesday 13th January at 2:30 P.M. in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street. New members always welcome.

SLIMMING WORLD Wednesdays in Gillooly hall @ 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5 pm & 7 pm. Drop in at any of these times or call Sarah on 087 639 8085.

ALZHEIMER CAFÉ View Bar, Glasshouse Hotel, Fri 16th Jan 11am-1pm. Free & open to all affected by Dementia with speaker Helen Rochford Brennan. For more call Majella @ 9146400 / 0867796390 e-mail modonnell@alzheimer.ie

BASIC COMPUTER COURSE (FÁS/Solas) Limited places available for Level 3 starting Sligo Town (St Brigits Place) on 9th Feb 2015. Childcare, Rent & Travel allowances apply where applicable. For more call 071 917 0632.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES Starting Saturday 17th January in Scoil Ursula at 10:30am. Contact Danielle Monaghan T.C.R.G on 087 130 8409.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION Annual Church Gate Collection takes place after all Masses this weekend. This is the only national voluntary organisation working towards the preventions of Cardiovascular Disease - the single greatest cause of death in Ireland. Your support is gratefully received.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES At this time of year reeds are gathered with work commencing shortly on the preparation of Saint Brigid's Crosses for her Feast Day, February 1st. Those willing to help should contact the Sisters of the Presentation on 071 916 0740. All volunteers most welcome. Thank you.

FR FLANAGAN PRAYER GROUP Next meeting Tuesday 13th January in St. Mary's at the earlier time of 7:00 PM. All welcome to join.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY Next meeting will take place tomorrow - Monday, January 12th, immediately after the 10.30am Mass in the Upper Room of the Cathedral Sacristy. New members welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2015 One week ex-Knock from Wednesday 9th September. Cost €599 all incl. (€100 discount) with Fr John Durkin and Fr John Loftus. Contact Sr Sheila Molloy @ 086 382 1810 by 3rd February.

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 12 th	Deceased Members of the McTIERNAN & KELLY Families	Month's Mind EDDIE McKENNA
TUES 13 th	Deceased Members of the SCANLON Family	MARY JANE HEALY
WEDS 14 th	AGNES FOWLEY	PATRICK & MARY ELLEN LYNCH
THURS 15 th	JOE, BIRDIE & RONNIE SCANLON & Deceased Family	CATHERINE MULLEN
FRI 16 th	MARY CULLEN	1st Anniversary VINCENT BIRD
SAT 17 th	NELLIE McLYNN	Month's Mind PATRICE FOLEY

Rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: MADGE (Margaret) O'KENNEDY, Árd Na Veigh and BERNARD TORSNEY, Dominic Street. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.