

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

The law by which we live gives life and brings God's love to the whole world. The ten commandments are put before us today as the basic morality. The death and Resurrection of Christ leads to an understanding of a deeper way through self-giving love.

**LENT 2015**  
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
**The Way of Gentleness**  
 Tuesdays 8 P.M.  
**Stations of the Cross**  
 After the 10.30 a.m. Mass every Friday of Lent  
**Evening Prayer of The Church**  
 Every Monday of Lent in Nazareth House Oratory from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

**LENTEN SUGGESTION**  
 Please remember the worlds' poor and collect a Trócaire box from either the Sacristy or Cathedral Entrance. Thank you.

**SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS**  
 Journey with others this Lent - join our Scripture Sharing Group in St. Mary's Presbytery 7-7.40 pm every Wednesday throughout Lent. All welcome.


**RESOURCE FOR LENTEN REFLECTION**  
 A series of Lenten Sunday Gospel Reflections are available to download on the Events section on our [Cathedral website](http://Cathedral website) and also at [www.elphindiocese.ie/lent](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/lent)  
 For more contact Justin on 087 617 1526 / [justin@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:justin@elphindiocese.ie)

**YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH THE GALILEE COMMUNITY**  
**The Enchanted Way-reflections from the Road to Calvary**  
 With: Fr. Vincent Sherlock. March 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> from 8.00pm - 9.30pm Cost: €5 each evening.  
**Retreat Day** with: Carole Barry Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am-5.00pm. Booking essential. Cost €20. Phone 071 966 4101.

**FR. FLANAGAN PRAYER GROUP** - Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Presbytery. All are most welcome.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** As we mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis we pray that Christ our Lord will bless him and grant him many years of fruitful ministry. Amen.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK** Monday 9<sup>th</sup>: St Frances of Rome, religious; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>: St Aengus, bishop and abbot.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015**  
 Pope Francis calls on us all to dwell on the starting point "The joy of the moment when Jesus looked at me", and recall the meaning and essence of our vocation: "It is the answer to a call, a call of love."  


**PROLIFE CAMPAIGN**  
**33 to 1: Stand Against Media Bias**  
 33 to 1 refers to the bias in national newspapers where, over a 14 day period recently, 33 articles were published endorsing abortion with only 1 pro-life piece printed in the same fortnight. A large public event will take place outside the Dáil on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7 - 8 p.m. To book a seat on a bus from Sligo please call Mary Quinlan on 086 824 6510. Please attend this event.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**  
**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 Theme : 'God rich in mercy' (Eph 2:4)  
 At the invitation of Pope Francis, a Holy Hour on the theme of reconciliation will be held in our Cathedral on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** from **6pm-7pm**. Following this Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in the Adoration Chapel until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March concluding with vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Please join with us for any part of this special 24 hours.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS 1915-2015**  
 The Knights of St Columbanus celebrate the centenary of their foundation by the late Canon James O'Neill this year. The local council of the Knights are hosting a Centenary Mass at **12 noon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** in our Cathedral with Bishop Kevin Doran as main Celebrant. The Order extends an invitation to past members, families, friends and parishioners to join with them in celebrating this special occasion.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS** Every Wednesday in Gillooly Hall at 8:30 P.M. *Join in Prayer, Praise & Music in the Holy Spirit.*

**LEGION OF MARY YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
 Theme: "If Mary Were But Known!"  
 For all aged 18 to 40 years on Saturday, **March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015** in the **Gillooly Hall, Sligo** from **10am to 4pm**. The conference, which will be opened by Bishop Kevin Doran, will comprise of talks, workshops, testimonies, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be an opportunity for Confession and the day will end with some musical entertainment. The cost is €15 including lunch & other refreshments. To book or for more information phone Alan on 085 132 4616 or Anthony on 086 021 0540 or e-mail [northelphinyouth@gmail.com](mailto:northelphinyouth@gmail.com) FB: [www.facebook.com/deus.patria](http://www.facebook.com/deus.patria)

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>:** 2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eph. 2: 4-10; **Gospel:** Jn. 3: 14-21.

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AT 9:00 PM**  
 TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €1,350  
 Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**  
**PARISH ENV: €2,130 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,456**  
 THANK YOU for your contribution.  
**ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 916 2670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 916 1261**  
 ☎ e-mail us @ [news@sligocathedral.ie](mailto:news@sligocathedral.ie) We welcome your comments.

**Dates to remember**  
**SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** Monthly meeting at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church St. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. New members welcome.  
**N.C.B.I.** Urgently in need of donations of any unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac etc. to shop on Harmony Hill (old Blackrock shop). It only takes minutes to declutter but a lifetime to deal with sight loss. Free collection service for the Sligo area.. Contact Christy Foy, shop manager, on 086 893 9682. Thank you.





**ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** Monthly meeting will be held in the Cathedral on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 a.m. New members are invited

**MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY NEXT 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH** will be celebrated as Mother's Day. Prayerful good wishes to all Grandmothers and Mothers in our Parish.  
**MOTHER'S RETREAT** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm in Esker, Athenry, Co Galway. A day of fun and relaxation to reflect on what it is to be a mother and to experience mediation and relaxation. Contact 091 844549 or visit [www.redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie) for further details.  
**A MOTHER'S PRAYER** A half hour every Monday at 11:15am in St Michael's Family Life Centre Oratory, Church Hill for all Mothers and Grandmothers.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome into God's family AVA CALLAGHAN; RONAN DERRIG and NATHAN KORSACK who were recently baptised in our Cathedral

**CEILÍ FUNDRAISING NIGHT** Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> in our Gillooly Hall at 8 PM. All funds raised will go to Fr Leonardo Dublan to help rebuild churches in Tacloban city in the Philippines which was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 and to Fr Michael Shields working with those in need in Siberia. Admission (including light refreshments): €12. All welcome.

**ANNUAL HUNGER LUNCH** In The Avalon Centre, St. Anne's Youth Centre, Chapel Street on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 12 noon to 2.30pm for the Mission in South Sudan where Fr. Tommy Gillooly works. All donations welcome. Your support is gratefully received.

anniversary & remembrances 		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 9 <sup>th</sup>	PATRICIA SHERIDAN (Birthday Remembrance)	<b>1st Anniversary</b> MARY TAYLOR 
TUES 10 <sup>th</sup>	JOHN & KATE CARTY	TOM FOLEY
WEDS 11 <sup>th</sup>	DANIEL & KATHLEEN CUNNINGHAM	STEPHEN MURRIN
THURS 12 <sup>th</sup>	BREEGE PRESTON	JOHN MCGOWAN
FRI 13 <sup>th</sup>	JACK GALLAGHER	 <b>Month's Mind</b> MICHAEL GILMARTIN
SAT 14 <sup>th</sup>	GUS, HUGH & LILY KIVLEHAN and JAMES & LENA FORAN & HUBERT KIVLEHAN (Recently Deceased)	 <b>Month's Mind</b> MICHAEL MILLS

**rest in peace** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: MICHAEL WILLIAMS, City Gate Apartments and formerly Connolly Street and MARGARET GALLAGHER, Markievicz Heights and late of Kiltyclogher, Co Leitrim. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*