

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The teaching of the Church on the Liturgy of the Word is expressed in these texts. Jesus states that the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in himself; so the Scripture word is actualized for us each time it is proclaimed in church. Christ is really present in his Word. That Word challenges us to a renewal of life, as the people rediscovered their identity, when Ezra read the Law to them.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6 2016

There will be a special celebration to mark the opening of the week at **12 Noon Mass**, Sunday next, **January 31st**. This annual celebration gives us all the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. This year's theme is *'Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'*. During this week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities. We ask you to consider how best you can offer support to the service that your child's Catholic school provides in so many different ways. The daily themes for the week are:

- Monday:** I am the face of God's mercy when I am kind and compassionate.
- Tuesday:** I am the face of God's mercy when I forgive and reconcile.
- Wednesday:** Grandparents Day - Grandparents are the face of God's mercy.
- Thursday:** I am the face of God's mercy when I am fair and just.
- Friday:** I am the face of God's mercy when I live like Jesus.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES Reeds are gathered with work underway on the preparation of St Brigid's Crosses for her Feast Day, February 1st. Those able to help should contact the Sisters of the Presentation on 071 916 0740. All volunteers most welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY With Pope Francis in Kraków, Poland. July 24th - August 2nd 2016. Open to those aged 18-35 with limited places. Cost €890 all incl. Registration & non refundable €100 deposit by **Jan 31st 2016**. For more please contact Frank McGuinness at frankmcguinness@hotmail.com or 087 988 0690.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 31st 1st: Jer. 1:4-5 17-19; 2nd: 1 Cor. 12: 31-13:13; Gospel: Lk. 4: 21-30.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK **Mon 25th** The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle; **Tues 26th** Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops, **Weds 27th** St Angela Merici, virgin and religious, founder of the Ursulines; **Thurs 28th** St Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor of the Church, **Sat 30th** St Aidan, bishop.

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

COME & JOIN OUR ALTAR SOCIETY

If you have just **two hours** to spare **every other month** you would be most welcome to join the team of volunteers who keep our Cathedral looking so beautiful and well cared for.

Our Altar Society provide a vital service within our Cathedral and our Parish helping enhance the celebration of every liturgical ceremony held for those attending in person or who attend virtually, joining us from across the globe, by viewing online on our website. Please contact Helen on 087 261 5323. Thank you.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL & PARISH

FEBRUARY 2016

- Monday 1st **Feast of St. Brigid** with Crosses blessed / available at all Masses
- Tuesday 2nd **Feast of Presentation of the Lord /** Candlemas Day / Day for Consecrated Life
- Wednesday 3rd **Feast of St. Blaise** Blessing of Throats at 8 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
- Wednesday 10th **Ash Wednesday** Mass at 8 AM; 10:30 AM; 1:05 PM and 7:00 PM
HUNGER LUNCH in the Gillooly Hall in aid of Trócaire from 12 noon to 2:00 PM
- Thursday 11th **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes/** Day for the Sick Mass for the Sick 10:30 AM
- Sunday 14th **Confirm our Children** - 10:30 AM Mass
- Sunday 21st **Do this in Memory of Me** - 10:30 AM Mass

YEAR OF CONSECRATE LIFE - WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

For Pope Francis tenderness is a hallmark of fraternity, a "Eucharistic tenderness," because *"the tenderness makes us good."* Community will have *"a huge drawing force, for such brotherliness, despite all differences, is a form of love that goes beyond conflict."*

AREA REPRESENTATIVES MEETING Parish Area Representatives next meet on Thursday January 28th at 8 p.m. in St Mary's.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family LILY HERBERT recently baptised in our Cathedral.

51st INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS On the theme *"Christ in you, our hope of glory"* (Colossians 1:27). We wish every blessing on all the faithful gathering to reflect and celebrate on the great mystery of the Eucharist in Cebu, Philippines from 24th - 31st January. Bishop Kevin Doran leads the Irish Pilgrimage which includes a number from our own Diocese. Follow events online at www.iec2016.ph EWTN will also broadcast from the Congress.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT 17th at 9:00 p.m.

This week's jackpot is €3,500.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH - 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY PARISH ENV: €2,721 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,539

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

HEART SUPPORT GROUP NEXT MEETING Will be held in Sligo Park Hotel on Wednesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Alice Brennan, Specialist Cardiology Registrar. Topic: *'The future with Heart Failure'*. All welcome.

THE ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING Takes place in St Joseph's Church, Ballytivnan on Thursday 28th January at 8pm.

NORTH WEST STROKE GROUP Next meeting Wednesday January 27th at 8pm at the Irish Wheelchair Association premises in Abbeyville, Sligo.

"THEOLOGY MATTERS" - Study Theology with the Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. The Dominicans offer distance learning in theology up to degree level, specifically for lay people. Current application deadline is **February 22nd 2016**. For more telephone 01 404 8124, e-mail enquiries@prioryinstitute.ie or visit www.prioryinstitute.com

CARERS LIAISON & SUPPORT SERVICE (CLASS) Provide free support through a team of trained volunteers for Carers, Relatives or Friends of people going through mental health issues. Many CLASS volunteers have been through a similar experience and support is provided on a one to one basis in a safe, neutral and confidential environment. If you would like to receive support, please contact Family Carers Ireland at 071 914 3123 or 087 818 8716.





URSULINE NETWORK - Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 27th in the Convent (opp Cathedral entrance) at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend for married couples at the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 26th to 28th February. For more info and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 087 7840408 for a brochure.

SKREEN /DROMARD DRAMA GROUP Present "I'm The One For You" - Jimmy Keary's 3 act comedy in Hawks Well Theatre on Saturday 13th Feb @ 8pm. Adults €12.50, children €10. All proceeds in aid of Sligo Social Services.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE Takes place at the RDS, Dublin from 19th - 21st February. Tickets €35.00 for full weekend. www.divinemercyconference.com

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 25 th	MICHAEL McMORROW	1st Anniversary MARY McMANUS 
TUES 26 th	GERRY KEANEY	MICHAEL GILMARTIN
WEDS 27 th	 Month's Mind BREEGE FARRELL	CATHERINE MULLEN
THURS 28 th	GERTIE HEGARTY	KEN MCKAY & Dec'd Family
FRI 29 th	MICKEY McLAUGHLIN	 Month's Mind PADRAIG BURKE
SAT 30 th	CATHERINE & JOHN FLYNN	 Month's Mind MICHAEL NOONAN

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: KATHLEEN DUFFY, Joe McDonnell Drive, Cranmore and BRIDIE O'CONNOR, Carrick On Shannon, mother of Fr Eamonn O'Connor. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*