

TODAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT JESSE TREE - WEEK FOUR

The Hammer and Saw symbols represent JOSEPH,

The Crown symbol represents MARY

The Manger, Chi-Rho and Palm Tree symbols represent JESUS

TODAY SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>: Please note **CONFESSIONS** take place immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:15 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

As we celebrate the Feast of Christmas - we wish to extend to each and every one of you our prayer and blessing for deep peace in your hearts and homes over these days.

We pray a blessing on the families of this parish and especially on those who are far from home; we pray for those who have been bereaved - that they may know solace; we pray for the sick - that they may know healing; we pray for the poor - that they may find in us the compassion and gentleness of Christ.

During our celebrations here this Christmas in our Cathedral may we experience unity and strengthening with one another and please accept our sincere gratitude for your participation with us as a parish community. We hope that together we will celebrate the joy at the heart of the Gospel.

God bless you all.



**WELCOME HOME** We welcome to our Parish all who are home for this sacred season and we wish them and their families a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and grace-filled New Year.

**CHRISTMAS ON OCEAN FM** We are pleased to announce that our Carol Service which commences TONIGHT at 8.15p.m., will be transmitted LIVE on OCEAN FM. Our 10.30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day will also be broadcast LIVE on Ocean FM. We thank Ocean FM for this wonderful opportunity to unite with all who tune in to these services.

**HOLY DOOR THANK YOU** We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all involved in the Opening of the Holy Door ceremony last weekend. A special mention to members of our Altar Society; Feehily's Florists, especially Michaél Feehily; our Altar Servers; Cathedral Choir; members of An Garda Síochána; Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers Readers, the Knights of Columbanus and all those involved in the upgrading of the entrance.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015-16**

"These two things I want to say: contemplation always, always with Jesus— Jesus, God and Man—; and community life, always with a big heart. Letting others be, not bragging, enduring all, smiling from the heart. The sign of this is joy." Pope Francis

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

PARISH ENV: €3,618 PL/STAND. ORD: €2,215

THANK YOU for your contribution.

ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 9162670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 9161261

*Sligo Cathedral Choir*  
*Christmas Carrol Service*  
*Tonight, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.15pm*  
We invite all to a prayerful and joyous service of Carols and Lessons in our beautiful Cathedral. This special event marks for many what is the beginning of Christmas and gives us a glimpse of the true meaning of this sacred season.

**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE MONDAY DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> HOLY CROSS FRIARY at 7:30 p.m.** As the Year of Mercy has now been launched we encourage everyone to avail of this Sacrament.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2015**  
TODAY, SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 8:15 P.M. - CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE  
MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup>—WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>  
MASSES - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE  
MASSES - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. CONFESSIONS 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS 9:30 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS 10:00 p.m.  
PASTERKA in GILLOOLY HALL 9:30 p.m.  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS DAY  
MASSES - 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
POLISH MASS – 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.  
SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
Mass - 10:30 a.m.—Vigil 7.30 p.m.  
POLISH MASS—4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>  
MASSES 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 noon; 7:00 p.m.  
MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>— WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
MASS - 10:30 a.m.  
NEW YEAR'S EVE - THURSDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>  
MASS 10:30 a.m.  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 10:30 p.m.  
SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS at 11:30 p.m.  
NEW YEAR'S DAY - FRIDAY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 2016  
MASS FOR PEACE 10:30 a.m.  
FIRST FRIDAY MASS 7.00 p.m.  
SATURDAY JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016  
MASSES - 10:30 a.m. and Vigil 7:30 p.m.  
CONFESSIONS - 2:00 p.m.. - 4:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016  
MASSES - 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 7:00 p.m.  
MONDAY JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>  
MASS 10:30 a.m.  
TUESDAY JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>  
MASSES - 10:30 a.m. and VIGIL MASS 7:30 p.m.  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>  
Masses 8.00 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.  
FROM THURSDAY JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> ONWARDS  
WEEKDAY MASSES - 8.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. as normal.

**VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB** - Come and pray at our Christmas Crib.

Let God love you in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem.

Father, as we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Saviour, may we come to appreciate more deeply the meaning of what is being offered to us.

May we too share in the joy of the Angels who gave Glory to God in the highest and sang of peace to the people on earth.



**CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY**

This collection is one of four each year for this purpose. The other three are Easter, Pentecost and Autumn. The hope is that these collections raise sufficient funds to pay the agreed monthly salary to priests. Unfortunately the three collections so far have fallen well short of the required figure.

We thank you for your support.

**SUNDAY NEXT - 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

We celebrate the sacred place of family as the essential foundation of society.

We encourage all families to attend 10.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday where they can avail of a special blessing by Bishop Kevin.

**8.00 a.m. DAILY MASS**

Please note that from Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January there will be no celebration of the 8.00 a.m. daily Mass. Thank you,

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 p.m**

With a jackpot of €3,300!!

NEXT BINGO SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

Please note that the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will close after the 10:30am Mass on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-open after the 8.00 a.m. Mass on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

**ST. BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL, ROCKWOOD PARADE**

This chapel will close on Monday evening 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-open on Monday morning 28<sup>th</sup> December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Ozanam House, John Street, wish to offer sincere thanks to all who have contributed to their recent Church Gate collection.

**anniversary & remembrances**

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary JACQUELINE MURRAY ✠	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary PADDY SLEVIN ✠
TUES 22 <sup>nd</sup>	IRENE, JIM, MAEVE & VIOLET VERDON	RITA MCKIERNAN
WEDS 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FRANK & MARY MURPHY	IMELDA GILMARTIN
THURS 24 <sup>th</sup>	DENIS & AILEEN FOLEY	PADDY McCOLE
SAT 26 <sup>th</sup>	--	PADRAIG FOWLEY

**rest in peace** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: MICHAEL NOONAN, Cedar Drive; JIMMY SCANLON, Maugheraboy and GEORGE HOMES, St Edward's Terrace. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families & friends.