

## From the Cluster

**SAVE THE 8<sup>TH</sup> VIGIL** 24 hour silent Eucharistic 'Save the 8th Vigil' for the protection of the 8th Amendment and for all women particularly those who have been hurt by abortion. Blessed Sacrament Chapel, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00am until 9.00am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please contact [087 6274621](tel:0876274621) or simply sign the sheet on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door.

**EASTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE** in Holy Cross Friary on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**ANNUAL HUNGER LUNCH** in Aid of South Sudan will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 12.00p.m. to 2.00p.m in The Avalon Centre formerly (St. Anne's Youth Centre) Chapel Street. Please support.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm with Holy hour. Confessions will be available. Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday and ends on the vigil of DM Sunday. There will be leaflets for this novena available in the Cathedral at the main entrance.

## From the Diocese

**OUR COMMON HUMANITY – STATEMENT OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE** Read the Irish Catholic Bishops statement on the right to life in full at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**CHOOSE LIFE QUOTE** "Our faith confirms the fundamental truth upon which every human right and the very future of humanity depends. That is that every human life is beautiful, every human life is sacred. Every human life is created in the image and likeness of God". (Excerpt of Pastoral Message of Archbishop Michael Neary)

**CHOOSE LIFE NEWSLETTERS** The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference produce weekly newsletters called *Choose Life* to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. Issue Eight is now available at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**HOLY PLACES COLLECTION** The traditional collection for the Holy Places, which is taken up on Good Friday, is intended to support the upkeep of those places associated with the life and death of Jesus, the Christian communities of the Holy Land, whose very existence is threatened and the outreach of the Church in the service of justice and social care in the Holy land. Thank you for your generosity.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 AND POPE'S VISIT** Register to attend the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis this August. All under 18s are free of charge, once accompanied by an adult. Register now at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**FAMILY DAY – SAVE THE DATE!** The Elphin Diocesan Family Day will take place in Lough Key Forest Park on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Details to follow. All are welcome!

## Local news

**NORTH WEST STROKE GROUP** next meeting Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at the Irish Wheelchair Association premises in Abbeyville, Sligo.

**HEART SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** in Sligo Park Hotel on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Speaker: Maureen Howley, ADPHN, Public Health Nurse.

**NATIONAL HOLY FACE PUBLIC HOUR** will take place at 12noon to 1pm on GOOD FRIDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> March at the entrance of Johnston Court Shopping Mall in Tesco's Car Park. This Public Holy Hour is for reparation to Jesus for the nation of Ireland which will be held in every county town in Ireland.

**FUNDRAISER FOR SLIGO CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: BLACK AND WHITE BALL (B&W theme-long ball gowns not essential)** in the Clayton Hotel, Sligo on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm. Tickets €35

**HOLY HILL HERMITAGE** Easter Vigil service at 6am on Easter Sunday. Everyone is also invited to our Good Friday Service, which will begin with outdoor Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

**LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS AND RELATED CONDITIONS COURSE** on 3<sup>rd</sup> April for 6 weeks, 7.00pm - 9:30pm in the Sligo Park Hotel. [www.arthritisireland.ie](http://www.arthritisireland.ie), email - [training@arthritisireland.ie](mailto:training@arthritisireland.ie) phone [1890 252846](tel:1890252846) or [01 6470206](tel:016470206) Cost: €32 (medical card holders €24) Early booking is advised.

**JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERT ESSAY WRITING COURSES** for All Subjects - Easter Break in Sligo town: April 7 - Writing Essay & Paragraph Style Answers Junior Cert 10-12 pm & Leaving Cert 1-4pm April 8 - Writing The Short Story for Junior and Leaving Cert 10am-1pm. Phone 083 8561559.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco, Sligo on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. please contact Collette McEntee on 01 8821970.

**FÁILTE IRELAND'S WELCOME STANDARD** is a quality assurance standard for innovative and quirky tourism accommodation businesses. Whatever the style or concept of your business, from a castle to activity holiday accommodation to yurts, if you are committed to excellence in quality, comfort and guest satisfaction you can add Fáilte Ireland's Welcome Standard to your marketing toolbox. For further information phone 1890 697 000 or email [qualityassurance@failteireland.ie](mailto:qualityassurance@failteireland.ie) Apply online at [www.failteireland.ie](http://www.failteireland.ie) – just follow the links for Welcome Standard for the application page.

**BINGO** No Bingo on Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. Bingo will resume on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**FAMILY CIRCLE** Cards are in circulation.



CATHEDRAL OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

## NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

PALM SUNDAY



## HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018

**EASTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE** in Holy Cross Friary on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass: 8.00am & 10.30am and **MASS OF CHRISM** at 7.30 p.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Prayer of the Church: 10.30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm

Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose: 11.00pm to Midnight

Silent Adoration: Midnight to 8.00am on Good Friday

**GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Prayer of the Church: 10.30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross: 8.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>**

Morning Prayer of the Church: 10.30am

Blessing of Easter Food: 2.00pm

Easter Vigil: 9.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00noon & 7.00pm

**MONDAY - APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> - SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass at 10.30 a.m.

### HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am - 12.00noon

Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00am - 12.00noon

Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 12.00noon - 4.00pm

**Dear Parishioners,** Please would you like to sponsor our newsletter, personally or as a remembrance or thanksgiving, the fee is **€50**. Please contact the parish office.

**PRIEST ON DUTY:** Fr. Victor Samugana

## TODAY - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**8.30am Mass**

**10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)**

**12noon Mass**

**5pm Polish Mass**

**7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room**

**BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00pm With a JACKPOT of €3,500**

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**8am Mass: Bernard & Eddie Murray (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Sean Boyle R.I.P. (Birthday Remembrance)**

**7.30pm Choir Practice**

**7.30pm: Easter Reconciliation Service in Holy Cross Friary**

**Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am**

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**8am Mass: Special Intention**

**10.30am Mass: Bertie Cunningham (Anniversary)**

**8.30pm-10.00pm: Prayer Group in St. Michael's Family**

**Life Centre**

**St. Bernadette's Chapel:**

**Closing: on 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Reopening: on 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**8am Mass: Jean Finlay (Recently Deceased)**

**10.30am Mass: Paddy & Mary Casey**

**(Anniversary)**

**Tea after 10.30am Mass**

**7.30pm: Mass of Chrism**

**Adoration Chapel:**

**Closing: after 8am Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Reopening: after 10.30am Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

## Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church**

**11.00am-12.00noon: Confessions**

**7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**11.00pm: Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose**

**Midnight to 8am: Silent Adoration**

## Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church**

**11.00am-12.00noon: Confessions**

**3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**8.00pm: Stations of the Cross**

## Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church**

**2.00pm: Blessing of Easter Food**

**12.00noon to 4.00pm: Confessions**

**9pm: Vigil Mass**

This week's newsletter is sponsored by the Divers Family.

## Sunday Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 3:1-4; Gospel: Jn. 20:1-9.

## rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:

**NORA FALLON** (nee O'Connell), Maugeraboy Estate.

*May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family and friends.*

**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St. Patrick's Day & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**PARISH ENV: €2,991 PL/STAND. ORD: €2,560**

**THANK YOU** for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.