

**TODAY 30th NOVEMBER 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The God who comes is a loving Father, we are the work of His hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await steady and without blame the day of His coming. We are warned against complacency, taking God's gifts for granted. Our God is watching over us; He is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

ADVENT JESSE TREE The Jesse Tree is a way of reflecting on the key people who prefigure the coming ('adventus') of Jesus.

Symbols for the Jesse Tree are: This week - WEEK ONE

The Sun and the Moon represent the CREATION

The Tree and the Apple symbols represent ADAM & EVE

The Ark and Dove symbols represent NOAH

The Sword symbol represents ABRAHAM.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH IN THE HOME:

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

CEMETERY ROSARY As this is the last Sunday in November the Rosary will be recited in Sligo Cemetery today at 3 P.M.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL Rockwood Parade. Mass for the Month of December will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran this coming **Thursday, December 4th** at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

Pope Francis announced that **2015** will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious sisters, brothers and priests to "**wake up the world**" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope.



CONFIRM OUR CHILDREN ENROLEMENT MASS

We welcome the children from our Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2015 to their Confirmation Enrolment Mass TODAY at 10.30am.



FIRST FRIDAY December 5th is the First Friday. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. Confessions take place before the 8:00 A.M.; 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Masses.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Dear Lord, lead me into the brightness of your light in the hope of salvation. Amen.

READINGS Sunday December 7th 1st Reading Is. 40: 1-5 9-11; 2nd Reading: Pt. 3:8-14; Gospel: Mk. 1: 1-8.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Weds 3 St Francis Xavier, priest;; Tues 4 St John Damascene, priest;; Sat 6 St Nicholas, bishop.

Advent 2014 in Sligo Cathedral
Way of Gentleness

Continues in our **CATHEDRAL** on **TUESDAYS** December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at 8 P.M. All are welcome to join in this hour of guided prayer, silent time and music in preparation for Christmas.

Cathedral Choir Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 8:15 P.M. Save the date!

Advent Scripture Sharing Groups

Gospel passages and reflections now available to download from www.elphindiocese.ie/advent

Advent in Sligo Parishes Cluster

Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel and Advent

All are invited to journey through Advent in the company of Pope Francis through 3 guided reflections on his recent publication 'The Joy of the Gospel'. Every **Thursday of Advent: December 4th, 11th, 18th** at 2pm in **St. Anne's Church** and 4pm in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre**. Every parish is invited to join in this journey! Led by Colette, our Catechist, reading material will be provided.

AN AFTERNOON FOR SACRSITANS; COLLECTORS; COUNTERS; ALTAR SERVER COORDINATORS & ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS Sunday December 14th in Star of the Sea Convent, Mullaghmore led by Cluster Catechist Colette Furlong. In appreciation of all those who contribute to our Parish in any way from **2:30pm** concluding with a meal at **5pm**. Places are limited please contact St Mary's on 916 2670 if you would like to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Annual Church Gate collection NEXT WEEKEND, on Sat, 6th and Sun. 7th Dec. Donations can also be made to Ozanam House, John Street, Sligo, tel. 916 0713. Your support permits St. Vincent de Paul to help families in our community who are in great need due to the current economic climate. Please give generously. Thank you for your support.

MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THE FAMILY Takes place in St. Johns Church, Carraroe, on Tuesday December 2nd @ 7:00 P.M. led by Fr. Shane Gallagher from the Diocese of Raphoe, Co. Donegal.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL

Tonight, November 30th at 9:00 P.M. with a JACKPOT of **€2,150!!** Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome!!

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES
SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER**

PARISH ENV: €2,170 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,700

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

P.T.A.A. SLIGO - Meeting in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m. on Friday December 5th immediately after the 7pm Mass.

HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP Monthly meeting in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thursday 4th December at 3pm. New members welcome.

MERVILLE COMMUNITY MASS Will be celebrated on Thursday December 4th @ 7:30 P.M. in Merville Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

SLIGO CONCERT BAND & SLIGO ACADEMY OF MUSIC JAZZ ORCHESTRA Join forces for a night of great music in Southern Hotel Best Western on Sat Dec 6th @ 8pm. Adm €5/10 with tickets on the door or from Liber Bookshop.

17th SLIGO ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR TODAY Nov 30th @ Clarion Hotel Sligo 11am-6pm. Adm €3.50, students & OAPs €2.50, and U16's free of charge.

MERCY COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FAIR On Sunday December 7th in Mercy College Gym 12 noon to 6 P.M. Admission free.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR in honour of St John Paul II every Friday in the Nazareth House Oratory (new building) 7.30 - 8.30 pm. Everyone welcome to come, please bring a friend.


YOUTH 2000 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT December 12th- 14th in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Donation only event with young people (16-35yrs) from across Ireland & all newcomers very welcome. Find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or call 01 675 3690.

ANNUAL MASS Will be celebrated for deceased members of **An Garda Síochana** on 5th Dec @ 7pm in The Embassy Rooms. Refreshments afterwards.

TRIDENTINE LATIN RITE MASS Will be celebrated TODAY, Sunday November 30th at 3:00 P.M. in St John's Church, Carraroe. All welcome.

SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES Ask for your support for their annual envelope collection which takes place on December 8th. Each year your generosity helps further their vital work in our community. Sligo Social Services wish to express their sincere gratitude on behalf of all those you enable them to support.

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 1 st	ALBERT GORMAN & His parents PATRICK & MARGARET	1 st Anniversary AGNES TIERNAN 
TUES 2 nd	GERRY McMORROW	JOHN & NORA GALLAGHER
WEDS 3 rd	Deceased Members of the BOYLE FAMILY	ROSE McCAFFREY
THURS 4 th	—	CLIVE HOWARD
FRI 5 th	FR JOHN FRANCIS KIERNAN	—

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: IAN FRASER, late of Sea Road and Cummeen and MAI SMULLEN, Wolfe Tone Street. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.