

**SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2015
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In the midst of the questions that life gives rise to, when God seems to be sleeping, do we have the faith and trust that Jesus asks for? The love of the Lord is everlasting and God will see justice done in His own good time. If a believer is disappointed it is because of the lack of trust in God.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Today is celebrated as FATHER'S DAY and is an important day in family life. We commend to God all fathers in our parish, called to care and become co-responsible in the building up of family life. May God bless them all today!

TODAY WE CELEBRATE NATIONALLY THE 1,400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST COLUMBAN

Saint Columban, also known as Saint Columbanus, from the latin name Columba meaning 'Little Dove', was born in the south east of Ireland, on the border of Carlow and Wexford around 543AD. He became a monk at Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to go on a pilgrimage for Christ, he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine. Later he worked in Bregenz in Austria. His greatest foundation is at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615 and is remembered as one of the greatest of all Irish missionaries. While Columban came from a different era, he stands forth as one of the truly great Christians of his day. His writings and way of life reflect no doubt the culture and monastic tradition of his day. However, he has left us a roadmap to follow. He shows us how to make a clear and irrevocable decision to follow Christ. Nothing stops him or separates him from following Christ. He does not compromise or water down the Gospel message. He is true to the Word of God and he does not shrink from challenging the pope, bishops and kings to be faithful to their calling. His focus is on the Kingdom of God and its fulfilment and he sees our life on earth as a pilgrim journey, so we are not to allow ourselves be paralysed by the anxieties and problems of daily life but to look beyond them. Columban shows us that what binds us together is love, expressed in a deep and profound care for one another and for God's creation. There is no life outside the love of God and the love for another and for the natural world, a love that is outward looking and expressed in care for the other. A Pilgrimage will also take place to Rome, later this year, between 8 and 15 October, to mark this important anniversary.



YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

"You cannot persevere in fervent evangelization if you are not convinced, from experience, that knowing Jesus is not the same as not knowing Him; that walking with Him is not the same as walking in darkness; that hearing his Word is not the same as ignoring it; that contemplating, worshipping and resting in Him, is not the same as failing to do so." Pope Francis

CONGRATULATIONS - SLÁN AGUS FÁILTE!

We congratulate our own Fr Pat on his appointment as Parish Priest to our near neighbours, St Anne's Parish and also to Fr Declan who has been appointed C.C. to St Mary's.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY ANNUAL KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Takes place Saturday next **27th June**. Blessing of the Sick by Bishop Kevin Doran commences @ 2:30 P.M. the Chief Concelebrant and Homilist at Mass will be Dr Ray Browne, Bishop of Kerry and a former priest of the Diocese of Elphin.

All are welcome and invited to join with the members of the Society to pray for vocations.

ALL IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY JULY 4th 2015 PARNELL SQUARE, DUBLIN @2:00 P.M.

Come and join us as we STAND UP FOR and CELEBRATE LIFE from conception to natural death on July 4th. A bus will leave from Sligo for the Rally. Book your place by contacting Fionnuala on 087 755 2754. It is vital that we all speak up for the protection of human life. Many politicians, media figures and organisations are so anti-life at present. Please come and support the little pre-born baby, support the vulnerable, support the elderly and the sick. Show our national leaders that every life counts, that every life is precious, that every life is God-given and sacred.

Please join us on Saturday 4th of July.

'LAUDATO SI' ('PRAISE BE TO YOU') Bishop Kevin encourages all to read **Pope Francis Second Encyclical Letter, 'Laudato Si'**. The title is taken from the opening words of St Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Creatures" and captures one of the themes to which Pope Francis returns on a number of occasions in the encyclical, namely the fact that created nature tends to open up in us a spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence (#11, #85) bringing with it the invitation to praise God, not only in prayer but also in the way in which we live in "our common home".

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2015 Will be held in Knock Shrine on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2015. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

HOME RADIOS - SERVICE RESUMES We are delighted to announce the return of the service used to broadcast Masses to the housebound in our Parish. As this amenity is used by those whose mobility may be restricted we ask those living nearby to advise of the resumption of broadcasting and once again thank all those affected for their patience whilst repairs were underway.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 21st AT 9:00 PM
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €2,050 All welcome.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES
SUNDAY 14th JUNE PARISH ENV: €1,580 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,436
THANK YOU for your contribution.
ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 9162670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 9161261

Dates to remember

ELPHIN DIOCESAN LOURDES INVALID FUND Annual Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend, June 27-28. Your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

CARDIAC FIRST RESPONDER IRELAND Information night Weds June 24 @ 7:30pm in the Clarion Hotel with guest speakers from the Irish Heart Foundation, C.F.R.I & National Ambulance Service. All welcome. Full training provided to all interested. For more contact Michael 086 076 2020.

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS will be celebrated in St John's Church, Carraroe on Sunday June 28th at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

C.R.I.B. Youth project & Health Café host a wide range of activities this summer for all aged 12--18 years incl. Drop-In service, kayaking, stand up paddling, music workshops & much more. E-mail crib@foroige.ie or call 071 914 6526 for more.

CELTIC TENORS IN CONCERT In St. John's Cathedral, Sligo on Saturday, 27th June @ 8pm tin aid of The Alzheimer's Society Sligo Branch. Tickets @ €22.50 are available through www.celtic-tenors.com & Liber Bookstore in Sligo Town.

FLEADH CHEOIL 9-16 AUG If you have spare rooms you could ensure the Fleadh's success and earn additional income by providing accommodation in your homes. Please visit www.fleadhcheoil.ie or call 087 278 1053 for further details.

A PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY Will be held on Tues 23rd June in City Hall Quay Street from 3pm to 8pm regarding preliminary options for managing flood risk in Sligo & Rathbraughan. Open to all.

OXFAM SHOP SLIGO Volunteer your time & make friends while doing it! Just 4 hours per week & all training is given. Application forms in store or call 913 8913.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family BRODY McMANUS-BRENNAN & DAWSON KEANE who were recently baptised in our Cathedral.

ENJOY THE SOUND AND SPIRIT OF THE GOSPEL With visiting German choir **GOSPEL VOICES** in concert in our Cathedral on Friday July 10th 2015 at 7:30 P.M. Admission is FREE with donations at the door.

WEDDINGS We extend congratulations and best wishes to HILARIE GETHINS & CHRISTOPHER O' HEHIR and also CHARLOTTE McLOUGHLIN & ALEXANDER EMMERT who were recently married in our Cathedral.

SAVE THE DATE! We are delighted to announce that the Irish Army Band will perform at a fundraising concert in our Cathedral on **Friday, 16th October 2015**

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 22 nd	ANNIE & PATRICK HELLY & FAMILY	—
TUES 23 rd	--	HUGH & ROSE SMITH & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS
WED 24 th	—	BRIDGET CASSIDY
THURS 25 th	—	EMMET O' CONNOR Birthday Remembrance
FRI 26 th	—	Month's Mind BRIDGET McDONAGH
SAT 27 th	--	LEGION OF MARY

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of: TERESA SWEENEY, Carrick On Shannon and formerly Finisklin. *May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family and friends.*