

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2015

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

101ST WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

We have been called by Christ to become children of God. How we respond is illustrated in today's readings. There is a seeking which develops into a search that leads to seeing and believing.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

"Church without frontiers, Mother to all"

"The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy."

The full message can be viewed online @ w2.vatican.va

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Theme: "The Well is Deep" (based on John:4:1-42)

Church Unity Week commences today Sunday, January 18th and will continue until Sunday, January 25th. During this time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, JOHN STREET, SLIGO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd - 8:00 P.M.

Homilist: REV DR MICHAEL DUGNAN

All are invited to attend.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME We welcome children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to 10:30 AM Mass today.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Jan. 25 – February 1, 2015. Theme: 'Catholic Schools: A Call to Serve' Mass with representatives from our Parish schools will be celebrated in our Cathedral on Sunday next, 25th January at 12 noon to mark the opening of this week.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 25th 1st: Jn. 3:1-5, 10; 2nd: 1 Cor. 7: 29-31; Gospel: Mk. 1: 14-20.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Lord, help me to welcome those far from home, protect children and work for the rights of all. Amen.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS Continue every Wednesday in the Gillyhooly Hall at 8:30 P.M. All are welcome to join a powerful hour of Prayer, Praise and Music in the Holy Spirit.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL & PARISH

JANUARY

Sunday 18th Church Unity Week commences
Sunday 25th **Confirm our Children** - 10:30 AM Mass
Monday 26th Meeting of Parents of Confirmation Children Gillyhooly Hall at 8:00 PM

Tuesday 27th **Pro Life Campaign Public Meeting**
Sligo City Hotel at 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st **Feast of St. Brigid** with Crosses blessed/available at all Masses

Monday 2nd **Feast of Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas**
Day/Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday 3rd **Feast of St. Blaise**
Blessing of Throats at 8 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
Wednesday 11th **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes/ Day for the Sick**
Mass for the Sick 10:30 AM

Sunday 15th **Do this in Memory of Me** - 10:30 AM Mass
Wednesday 18th **Ash Wednesday** Mass at 8 AM; 10:30 AM;

1:05 PM and 7:00 PM
HUNGER LUNCH in the Gillyhooly Hall in aid of Trócaire from 12 noon to 2:00 PM
Sunday 22nd **Confirm our Children** - 10:30 AM Mass

PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN PUBLIC MEETING

Sligo City Hotel, Tuesday 27th January at 8:00 PM.

The meeting will be addressed by Caroline Simons of the Pro Life Campaign providing updates on the current situation regarding the protection of the unborn and their mothers and also will offer the opportunity to get involved as a volunteer.

All are welcome and further information can be obtained by calling 01 662 9275 or visiting www.prolifecampaign.ie

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

"When consecrated persons live with fidelity and express their joy, they offer luminous testimony, an effective message of accompaniment and closeness for women and men of our time looking to the Church as their proper home" Pope Francis. Mass to mark the 'Year of Consecrated Life' will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin on Sunday 1st February at 3:00 P.M. in St Joseph's Church, Boyle. All most welcome to attend.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 18th AT 9:00 PM
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €1,000

Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome.
We extend our heartiest congratulations to JOSEPH KELLY who won our Jackpot of €2,400 last weekend.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY

PARISH ENV: €2,257 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,602

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

SLIMMING WORLD Wednesdays in Gillyhooly hall @ 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5 pm & 7 pm. Drop in at any of these times or call Sarah on 087 639 8085.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES Starting Saturday 17th January in Scoil Ursula at 10:30am. Contact Danielle Monaghan T.C.R.G on 087 130 8409.

MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND After a number of weeks out of order we are delighted to confirm the transmitter has been repaired permitting those who have receivers to again hear Mass at home. Once again we apologise for the fault leading to this loss of service and extend our sincere thanks for the patience and understanding shown by those affected. If you know of someone who may wish to join our parish scheme please contact 916 2670. Thank you.

WEDDINGS We extend congratulations and best wishes to LOUISE CONROY & TOM McSHARRY and ROISÍN HORAN & ALEXANDER DI STEFANO who were recently married in our Cathedral.



AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING Will be held in St Anne's Church, Abbeyquarter on Thursday 22nd Jan. at 8:00 PM in honour of all those whose names were added to Sligo Rotary Club's Remembrance Tree which was on O'Connell Street during Christmas week. All proceeds from the week go to St Vincent De Paul, Sligo and the North West Hospice.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family SEÁN OWENS; DAIRE McFADDEN; MICHAEL LEAHY; CAOLÁN GALLAGHER and KATE REILLY who were recently baptised in our Cathedral

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2015 One week ex-Knock from Wednesday 9th September. Cost €599 all incl. (€100 discount) with Fr John Durkin and Fr John Loftus. Contact Sr Sheila Molloy @ 086 382 1810 by 3rd February.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES At this time of year reeds are gathered with work commencing shortly on the preparation of Saint Brigid's Crosses for her Feast Day, February 1st. Those willing to help should contact the Sisters of the Presentation on 071 916 0740. All volunteers most welcome. Thank you.

anniversary & remembrances

| DAY | 8.00 A.M. | 10.30 A.M. |
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| MON 19 th | -- |  Month's Mind PADDY SLEVIN |
| TUES 20 th | AARON C MCGOLDRICK | PADDY BRANLEY |
| WEDS 21 st | KATHLEEN DIVERS | MICHAEL GILMARTIN |
| THURS 22 nd | BERNADETTE O'DOHERTY | TOM & EMILY MURREN |
| FRI 23 rd | MICHAEL JOHN MASTERTON | 1st Anniversary SONNY GUNNING  |
| SAT 24 th | PETER SHOVLIN | -- |

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK, Strandhill Road and KENNETH LAMBE, Bray and formerly St Patrick's Terrace. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.