

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

For many the New Year is a time for making resolutions, to alter personal and material ways of their life.

We are called to renew our commitment to follow "The Word made flesh" - full of grace and truth.

As Christ welcomed the Wise Men from the East we, as a believing community, should reflect the welcome of Christ always by welcoming all of those who come to our country and our community from far away seeking new beginnings as migrants or asylum seekers or refugees.

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2015

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday next is the Feast of the Epiphany.

As we enter a New Year may Christians everywhere celebrate their faith with joy and renewed hope.

MASS TIMES: TUESDAY, January 6th

Vigil (Monday) 7:30 p.m.; 8:00 a.m.; 10.30 a.m.; & 7.00 p.m.



God's plan for the world, the mysterious purpose of existence, is unveiled by the coming of Christ. God wants it to be known, and it will be known, by all who follow the light of the faith leading them to Christ.



Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. Amen.



The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the Good News of salvation through the Incarnation.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday January 2nd is the First Friday of the year.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. Confessions will take place before the 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Masses.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Please note that the Priests of the Parish will carry out their First Friday calls over the coming weeks. Thank you.

A CALENDAR PRAYER FOR 2015

Loving and caring God, in my calendar you document my past, herald my future and focus my now. You remind me of duties, you keep me in touch with friends, and teach me the value of time. I ask your blessing on all my promises and on all my remembering, Bless all that I arrange, all that I do, all that I encounter in this New Year. Amen.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18th - 25th 2015

Theme: "The Well is Deep"

(based on John:4:1-42)

Church Unity Week commences on 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.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015

God, spring of living water,

make us witnesses to unity by how we live our lives.

Transform our hearts that we might be bearers of the Good News.

Lead us to encounter the other as an encounter with you.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, JOHN STREET, SLIGO

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

Homilist: REV DR MICHAEL DUIGNAN

All are welcome to attend.



*Visit
Our*

Christmas Crib

Come and pray with us at our Christmas Crib:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

TROCAIRE Wish to thank all parishioners for their amazing support in 2014 without which they would not have been able to help some of the most vulnerable individuals, families and communities in the world's poorest countries. Trocaire wishes everyone every blessing and a very peaceful New Year. www.trocaire.org/gifts

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Monday 5th St Charles of St Andrew, priest; Wednesday 7th St Raymond of Penafort, priest.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 11th 1st: Is. 55:1-11; 2nd: 1 Jn. 5: 1-9; Gospel: Mk. 1: 7-11.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH - 2200 FAMILIES

THURSDAY 25th and SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER

PARISH ENV: € PL/STAND. ORD: €

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

HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP Monthly meeting takes place in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thurs 8th Jan at 3pm. New members welcome. **P.T.A.A. SLIGO** - Meeting in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m. on Friday January 2nd immediately after the 7pm Mass.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday January 5th, at 5.15 p.m. All most welcome to attend.

ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY LIFE CENTRE, CHURCH HILL New Spring/Summer 2015 brochure is now available detailing courses, seminars and services at the Centre. Brochures can be emailed by request or posted. Enrolment for courses takes place in the coming weeks and is on-going while places are available. Telephone 917 0329, e-mail stmichaelsfamilylifecentre@eircom.net or visit www.stmichaelscentre.wordpress.com

SLIGO CATHEDRAL - ST MARY'S PARISH

- * If you have just recently moved into a new home in the parish and would like to have it blessed, just make contact with the priest of your area.
- * If a member of your family or a neighbour is seriously ill, whether in hospital or at home, and would like a visit from a priest, just leave a message at the Parish Office on 071 916 2670.
- * If you are getting married over the next six months make contact with the priest now and make sure the preliminary paperwork is completed in good time.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2015

If you are getting married over the next six months, make sure the preliminary paperwork is completed in good time. By the Law of the State you must give three months notice - please contact Markievicz House on 071 915 5115. Book your Pre-Marriage Course early with either Accord Sligo at 071 914 5641 or Esker Retreat House on 091 844 549.

MUSIC FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES The Cathedral, in consultation with our Musical Director, has produced an extensive list of appropriate hymns and sacred music for Wedding Ceremonies. Couples planning a Wedding in the Cathedral should contact St. Mary's on 071 916 2670. Musicians can also contact the Parish Office for the list. Thank you.

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 5 th	--	1st Anniversary Mass KEVIN McBRIDE ✠
WEDS 7 th	1st Anniversary Mass RITA CONLON ✠	NORA McDERMOTT
THURS 8 th	LEAVY & HARTE FAMILIES (Living & Deceased)	JOHN & MARY ANN BANKS & Deceased Family Members
FRI 9 th	ALGIS YARSENAS	EAMON HENRY
SAT 10 th	Deceased members of the O'HANLON FAMILY	✠ Month's Mind MARTIN SLATTERY

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of: BRIDGET (Breege) VERDON, Cummeen, Strandhill Road. May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family and friends.