

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark presents the Gospel of salvation within the context and plan of the life of Jesus Christ. That life is the story of the suffering Messiah, now seen in the light of the Resurrection. The faithful learn that the path to victory is by suffering discipleship. But the 'between times' are difficult and there is no other way. The call to follow Christ is the call to repent and believe.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 1 2015

This annual celebration gives us all the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. Our theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Called to Serve'. This week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities. We ask you to consider how best you can offer support to the service that your child's Catholic school provides in so many different ways. These are some ideas for you to try:

Monday (Love): Pray the Morning Prayer with your child;

Father in heaven, you love me.

You're with me night and day.

I want to love you always in all I do and say.

I'll try to please you, Father, bless me through this day. Amen.

Tuesday (Kindness): Help your child do an Act of Random Kindness today.

Wednesday (Joy): Grandparents Day - take the time to make a card with you child and thank them for all they bring into your lives.

Thursday (Truth): Bring your child to visit the church today. Bless each other with holy water, light a candle and say a prayer of thanksgiving for your child's teachers and school.

Friday (Justice): Think of something to make the world a better place - pick up some litter, switch off unnecessary lights or take a walk with your child to and notice the beauty of God's world.

CONFIRM OUR CHILDREN We welcome children preparing for Confirmation and their families to 10:30 AM Mass today.

THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE Pastoral Statement published by The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is available at the Cathedral entrance or online (English, Irish, Polish) at www.elphindiocese.ie Bishop Kevin would encourage all to read the statement.

TASTERS IN THEOLOGY SERIES 2015 St Angela's College, Sligo.
1. Introducing the New Testament Mr Sean Goan 3 Weekends: 20/21 Feb and Mar 6/7 & 27/28. **2. Understanding the Liturgy of the Eucharist** Dr Michael Gilroy 2 Weekends Apr 17/18 & 24/25. Cost €60 per module (inc. light lunch) Contact Deacon Damien Kearns on 919 5532 permanent.diaconate@stangelas.nuigalway.ie

ANNUAL LOURDES NOVENA Takes place in Holy Cross Friary from Sat. 31st Jan. to Sun. 8th Feb. Daily at 7:30pm - Sunday 3:30pm. Fr Joe Bulman O.P. will preach. All welcome.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family ROCCO RAHAL who was recently baptised in our Cathedral.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

"When He calls God says: You are important to me, I love you, I count on you! Jesus tells this to each of us, and from this comes joy!" **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.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL & PARISH

JANUARY

Sunday 25th Church Unity Week concludes
 Sunday 25th **Confirm our Children** - 10:30 AM Mass
 Monday 26th Meeting of Parents of Confirmation Children
 Gillooly Hall 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 Gillooly Hall in aid of Trócaire from 12 noon to 2:00 PM
 Sunday 22nd **Confirm our Children** - 10:30 AM Mass

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY Inspired by the words of the canticle "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles" by the 11th century the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles to be used in the Church for year ahead on this day. We would be most grateful for any contributions to help defray the cost of candles for our Cathedral. The blessing of candles will take place at 10:30 AM Mass on Monday 2nd February.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 25th AT 9:00 PM

TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €1,050
 Raffle at interval with refreshments available. All welcome.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH - 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY

PARISH ENV: €1,708 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,502

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

URSULINE ASSOCIATES Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 28th in the Convent (opp Cathedral entrance) at 7:00 PM. New members welcome.
NORTH WEST STROKE GROUP next meeting Wednesday January 28th at 8:00pm in the Irish Wheelchair Association premises in Abbeyville, Sligo.

WARMER HOMES SCHEME Attic & Cavity Wall Insulation are available free of charge if you own your own home (built pre '06) & are in receipt of one of the following: Fuel allowance or Job Seeker's allowance for over 6 months and with children under 7 years or Family Income support. If you would benefit from this scheme, contact: Máirín at 071 964 0771 from 10am-1pm, Mon-Fri.

ST MARY'S COLLGE, Ballysadare. All parents/guardians and new students are invited to the Enrolment Evening on Monday 26th January from 7-9pm. Tel: 071 916 7579 E-mail: info@smcb.ie or visit online www.smcb.ie

HEART SUPPORT GROUP Next meeting in Sligo Park Hotel on Wednesday January 28th @ 7pm. Those with Heart Failure, their families, friends and carers are all welcome to this informative evening followed by tea, biscuits and a chat. Speaker: Áine Waldron, Croí Nutritionist/Dietician. Topic: *Nutrition and diet...what you need to know and do.*

ICA SLIGO TOWN GUILD Meet at 11am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in St. Michael's Family Centre, Church Hill. Contact Margaret @ 087 631 9717.

RADIOS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND Following installation of the new transmitter at the Cathedral, best reception will now be received by tuning the receivers to 108MHz on the AIR Channel.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 7 nights apartment B&B, airport transport, flight & pilgrimage program for €550 per person sharing on 13th, 15th and 20th April 2015. Contact 01 443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com to make your booking & for other dates in April, May & Sept.

ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) A 2-day interactive workshop suitable for all kinds of caregivers - health workers, teachers, community workers, Gardaí, youth workers, volunteers, those responding to family, friends and co-workers. Next course 17-18 Feb in Sligo, see notice at Cathedral entrance or call Belinda Taylor at Health Promotion on 913 5061.

anniversary & remembrances

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 26 th	GERRY KEANEY	--
TUES 27 th	JOHN FINAN & Deceased Family Members	RITA McMULLEN (Recently Deceased)
WEDS 28 th	BERNARD & WINIFRED MULLIGAN	CHRISTY QUEENAN
THURS 29 th	MICKEY McLOUGHLIN	ANNIE KELLY
FRI 30 th	MICHAEL McMORROW	† Month's Mind MADGE O'KENNEDY
SAT 31 st	T J MORAN	† Month's Mind MARTIN EGAN

Rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: TOMMY McDONAGH, Ballina and late of 19 Ardee Terrace and MARY McMANUS, Harmony Hill. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.