

**TODAY 14th DECEMBER 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

GAUDETE SUNDAY - 'SUNDAY OF JOY' - TODAY

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent - traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday - *Sunday of Joy* - when we light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath as a sign of joy that the time of the birth of Christ is drawing nearer.

As we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas, we celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise Christian worship. Because the man of integrity has come with good news for the poor, we can exult for joy. But his coming will mean that we will also practice justice and integrity.

ADVENT JESSE TREE - WEEK THREE

The Staff symbol represents JESSE

The Lyre Key & Star symbols represent DAVID
The Temple & Jerusalem symbols represent SOLOMON

CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2014

SATURDAY 20: CONFESSIONS 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 21:

CONFESSIONS immediately after 7.00 pm. Mass until 8.15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - 8.15 p.m.

MONDAY 22 & TUESDAY 23

MASSES - 8.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

MASSES - 8.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS 10.00 p.m

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THURSDAY 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASSES - 8.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

POLISH MASS – 5.00 p.m.

FRIDAY 26 – SATURDAY 27 Mass - 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28

MASSES – Vigil (Saturday) 7.30 p.m.

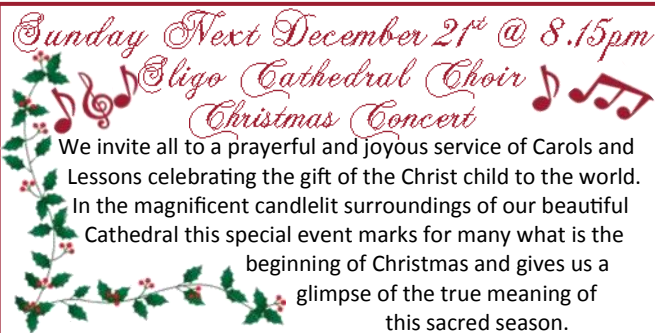
SUNDAY: 8.30 a.m.; 10.30 a.m. 12.00 n – 7.00 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS 2014

Please note this year, for the first time, the Youth of our Parish have volunteered to take over the Chapel from 6pm on Tuesday, Dec. 23 until after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 27. This means our Chapel of Adoration will **remain open to all** over the Christmas period. Prayerful remembrance to those who have taken a while to reflect and pray in the peace and tranquillity of this sacred space during the past year with a special thank you to our coordinators who make this possible.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Lord, grant me the patience to see your presence through all life's trials and suffering. Amen.

Sunday Next December 21st @ 8.15pm
Sligo Cathedral Choir
Christmas Concert



We invite all to a prayerful and joyous service of Carols and Lessons celebrating the gift of the Christ child to the world. In the magnificent candlelit surroundings of our beautiful Cathedral this special event marks for many what is the beginning of Christmas and gives us a glimpse of the true meaning of this sacred season.

Advent 2014 in Sligo Cathedral
Way of Gentleness

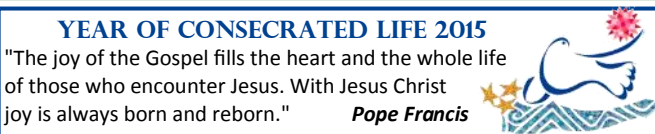


Continues in our **CATHEDRAL** on **TUESDAYS December 16th and 23rd at 8 P.M.** All are welcome to join in this hour of guided prayer, silent time and music in preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Reconciliation Service
SLIGO PARISHES CLUSTER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER at 7pm in HOLY CROSS FRIARY
A celebration of the Lord's forgiveness in an atmosphere of calmness and peace with the opportunity for individual confession.

Advent in Sligo Parishes Cluster
Final reflection on Pope Francis' recent publication 'The Joy of the Gospel'. **Thursday December 18th at 2pm in St. Anne's Church** and **4pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.** Led by our Cluster Catechist Colette Furlong with reading material provided.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015



"The joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who encounter Jesus. With Jesus Christ joy is always born and reborn." **Pope Francis**

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family CONOR GEELAN recently baptised in our Cathedral.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €2,250!!
Tonight, December 14th at 9:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS SPOT PRIZES GALORE!
Raffle at interval with refreshments available at start of Bingo and at the interval.



SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES
SUNDAY 7th & MONDAY 8th DECEMBER
PARISH ENV: €3,636 PL/STAND. ORD: €2,041
THANK YOU for your contribution.
ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 916 2670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 916 1261

dates to remember

NORTH WEST SIMON COMMUNITY & MUINTIR NA TÍRE Annual Church gate collection takes place this weekend. All donations gratefully received.

LISSADELL CHRISTMAS Craft Fair & Festival supporting Acquired Brain Injury Ireland & Lissadell Centre 13 & 14 Dec. 11-7 Daily. Adm free. with Inter-Demonational Community carols @ 7pm (Sun) in Lissadell Church.


CO. SLIGO GOLF CLUB Male Voice Choir & Sligo Academy of Music host a "Christmas Spectacular" concert with St Mary's Youth Choir & Summerhill College Choir in Summerhill College New Gym Weds 17th Dec at 7.30pm. Adm €10 - all proceeds to local charities.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE With Sligo Rotary Club Thurs 18th – Weds 24th December. All donations to Sligo Hospice & St Vincent De Paul. There will be a book to record the names of those to be remembered at the Ecumenical Service to be held in January 2015 and commemorative ribbons for loved ones to place on the tree. Once again this year your support is greatly appreciated.

FOYER OF LIGHT, CHARITY & LOVE 5 Day Silent Retreat: Feb 2nd - 8th 2015. Cost: €380. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God...". Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne in St Mary's Hostel, Knock. Contact Helen @ 086 167 8027

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP We thank most sincerely all our Area Reps who have delivered the Responsible Stewardship boxes in their areas. We apologise to anyone who has not yet received a box and invite you to please contact the Parish Office on 916 2670 and we will arrange to have one sent directly.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS – A feast of Christmas songs & carols will be performed by students of Anne-Marie Keaney on Mon 22nd Dec @ 7.30pm in Sligo Park Hotel. Special guests Sligo Cathedral Choir (MD Charles O'Connor); Nicola Cleary (Violinist) & Anne-Marie Keaney (Soprano). MC Damien Brennan. Tickets €10 (Children €5) available to purchase on the night. All proceeds in aid of Sligo Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund. Your support would be much appreciated.

anniversary & remembrances		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 15 th	OONAGH & PEGGY FLYNN & Deceased Family Members	--
TUES 16 th	BRIDIE, HARRY & FRANCIS KIELTY; MAI DAVEY & Their Deceased Family Members	PATRICK KENNEDY
WEDS 17 th	TOM & BRIDGET WARD	MARY & PATRICK WATTERS
THURS 18 th	MARY & TOM MAHON	MAUREEN O'GRADY
FRI 19 th	ROSEANNE ROONEY	DANIEL CLARKE
SAT 20 th	MICHAEL & DELIA MULHOLLAND	 Month's Mind PÁDRAIG CONDRON

Rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: PATRICE FOLEY, Joe McDonnell Drive, ANN BYRNE, Finisklin; ANNA MARSHALL, Cartron; MARTIN EGAN The Lungy and MARIE ADAMS Knappagh Road & Nazareth House. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved family and friends.