

**6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
The Messiah has come in Jesus Christ and we are witnesses to his presence in the life of the Church. Ears have been opened to the Good News and the response of faith has been spoken.

**WELCOME NEW FACES IN OUR PARISH - CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte!**  
We extend the warmest of welcomes to **Sr Evelyn** who joins us from the Philippines. Sr Evelyn, along with her fellow Sisters of Presentation, Sr Emily and Sr Elvira will minister here in St Mary's Parish. We also welcome **Fr Dushmana** who comes from India. Fr Dushmana will also minister in our Parish for the present.

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2015** Will be held in Knock on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, beginning both mornings at 10am. There will be a concert of Praise and Worship by Elation Ministries on the Saturday night at 8.30pm, free of charge. Full programme and information on [www.nec2015.ie](http://www.nec2015.ie)  
**51st INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2016** Takes place in Cebu, Philippines next January. Bishop Kevin Doran will be leading the Irish Pilgrimage. Travel dates 21<sup>st</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 inclusive. Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 241 0800.

**ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL** Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MASS FOR LIFE** In honour of Our Lady's Birthday, Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in our Cathedral. Special Prayers and Blessings for Expectant Mothers and Grandmothers. Organised by Sligo For Life. All most welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 RETREAT** For those aged 16-35 in Summerhill College, Sligo from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October. This retreat is donation only. For more information on Youth 2000 see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** Lord, help me to be a source of support to others by my own desire to serve you with love and devotion. Amen.  
**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK** Mon 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Tues 15 Our Lady of Sorrows; Weds 16 Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs; Thurs 17 St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church; Sat 19 St Januarius, bishop & martyr.

**PARENTS OF 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN** A meeting of all parents of children making their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in 2016 will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Gillooly Hall.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015**  
"Let us promote the contemplative dimension, even amid the maelstrom of the pressing and difficult commitments. The more you are called by mission to go to the marginalised, the more united your heart must be to Christ, who is full of mercy and love." **Pope Francis**

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AT 9:00 PM**  
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €2,550 All welcome.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**  
SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST PARISH ENV: €2,064 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,490  
THANK YOU for your contribution.  
**ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY** ☎ 071 9162670 **SACRISTY** ☎ 071 9161261  
✉ e-mail: [news@sligocathedral.ie](mailto:news@sligocathedral.ie) We welcome your comments.

**ELPHIN DIOCESE'S PARISH DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL GATHERING**  
In Boyle on Saturday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/gathering](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/gathering) for programme. All welcome.  
**JOIN THOSE FROM ACROSS ELPHIN** On the *Diocesan Walking Pilgrimage to Knock* on Saturday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments provided. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/walk-to-knock](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/walk-to-knock) for details. All welcome.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COURSE** Information night re: six session *Introduction to Catechism of Catholic Church* course will take place from 8 - 9 pm on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's Presbytery, Temple Street. All welcome.  
**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE: A Course For Beginners and Those Who Have Forgotten How!** 20 places available in Sligo. Pre-booking essential. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/scripture-course](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/scripture-course) for details.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK 7-12 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
*Every year suicide claims more lives than road traffic accidents*  
The International Association for Suicide Prevention is hosting **World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015** and will focus on raising awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death on a global level. [www.iasp.info/wspd](http://www.iasp.info/wspd)  
**S.T.O.P. - SUICIDE, TEACH, ORGANISE, PREVENT.** Providing professional and accredited counselling services to those who have been bereaved by suicide or are feeling in distress or suicidal. If you or your family could benefit from these services or any other queries please call 086 888 2009 in complete confidence.

**SAMARITANS SLIGO** - 071 9142011 / 1850 609090 A confidential emotional support service available 24 hours a day for those with feelings of distress or despair, including feelings which may lead to suicide. You can call in from 11am -9pm daily to 3 The Mall, Sligo or mail [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) Volunteers offer support by responding to phone calls, emails and letters. Alternatively people can drop in to a branch to have a face to face meeting.  
**LIVING WITH SUICIDE ONE DAY RETREAT - Lough Derg Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
A special day to support people affected by suicide, either through personal loss those who minister to the suicide bereaved or work in support services. This years theme 'Seeking Strength, Finding Comfort' will give people affected in any way by suicide an opportunity to hear the experiences of some involved in suicide awareness. Contact Sharon or Maureen @ 071 986 1518.

**AWARE** - an anxiety, stress, depression support group meets in the Markievicz House Barrack St Sligo, every Wednesday at 8pm. It is a free, confidential service, no referral necessary. For further information please visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

*Life in the Spirit Seminar*  
"Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6  
**JOIN A SERIES OF WEEKLY TALKS IN GILLOOLY HALL, SLIGO EVERY FRIDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> TO OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
PLEASE SEE CATHEDRAL NOTICEBOARD FOR FULL SCHEDULE  
Speakers include: Noel Byrne; John Coyne; Marie Beirne; David Bardieri; Fr Shane Gallagher; Aidan Byrne; Frank McGuinness; Fr John Keane; Contact Ursula Troddyn on 085 776 5294 or Aidan on 087 699 8397.

**dates to remember**


**SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** Monthly meeting at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street on Tuesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. New members welcome.  
**BUS TO KNOCK** For Padre Pio leaving September 19<sup>th</sup> for 1 night. Cost €120, fully incl. of accommodation, meals & bus. Payment in advance. Tel. 074 932 0734 or 089 224 5598.

**DIOCESAN NEEDS ENVELOPE COLLECTION TODAY** This weekend's proceeds fund the general administration of our diocese and provide the salaries of the Pastoral Development Officer, Child Protection and Youth Officer and the Primary Schools Catechist. A levy of €6 is placed on each home in the diocese to meet these demands. Thank you for your support.

**FR. FLANAGAN PRAYER GROUP** - Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 P.M. in St. Mary's Presbytery. All are most welcome.

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL WEEKEND** With EDDIE STONES in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town from 18-20 Sept. Book with the Abbey Hotel on 074 972 1014. Contact: Nuala on 086 838 3725 for more details.

**SUMMERHILL COLLEGE CLASSES OF '75 and '85 REUNION** Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting @ 5pm in Summerhill College for a tour of the new school. Mass will be celebrated in the College Prayer Room at 6:30pm with a celebration dinner at 8pm in the Glasshouse Hotel 'til late. To book a place for the dinner a deposit of €30 is required by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tommy Mc Manus 086 079 3791 [mcmanuspt@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanuspt@gmail.com) Spread the word!

 **SAVE THE DATE!** We are delighted to announce that the Irish Army Band will perform at a fundraising concert in our Cathedral on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**. Please reserve this date in your diary with further details provided in the coming weeks.

**THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** Programme is a Montessori based method which assists young children in developing a personal relationship with Jesus! The interactive use of materials (miniature replicas of those seen in the Church), helps to foster their religious potential. This programme coincides with the Church's liturgical year and has been running in the Cathedral Parish for the past 5 years in the Atrium, Gillooly Hall. The programme will resume in late September. New children are especially welcome in the 3-6 year age group. Advance Booking is essential. Please contact: Maura 087 144 2020, Karen 087 265 5762 or Therese 086 822 8174 before **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, to register your child. Further details on this programme are available on [www.cgs.ie](http://www.cgs.ie)

**anniversary & remembrances**

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 7 <sup>th</sup>	PETER HEGARTY	--
TUES 8 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTINE HESTER	PAUL MOYLAN
WEDS 9 <sup>th</sup>	--	MARIE MELLY & JACQUELINE RAINEY
THURS 10 <sup>th</sup>	--	MAUREEN CASEY
SAT 12 <sup>th</sup>	NOEL GILLIGAN	--

**Rest in peace** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of: **DANNY FEENEY**, St Brigid's Place. *May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console his bereaved family and friends.*