

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to be found blameless when he comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid the temptations to escapism of the true meaning of life.

The temptations come in many guises.

**ADVENT JESSE TREE** The Jesse Tree is a way of reflecting on the key people who prefigure the coming ('adventus') of Jesus.

Symbols for the Jesse Tree are: This week - WEEK ONE

The Sun and the Moon represent the CREATION

The Tree and the Apple symbols represent ADAM & EVE

The Ark and Dove symbols represent NOAH

The Sword symbol represents ABRAHAM.

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH IN THE HOME:**

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

**THE FINAL CEMETERY ROSARY FOR NOVEMBER**

Will be recited in Sligo Cemetery today at 3 P.M.

**ALTAR OF REPOSE**

As this is the final Sunday of November you are invited to visit the Altar of Repose which is located in the right transept of the Cathedral.

**CONFIRM OUR CHILDREN ENROLMENT MASS**

We welcome the children from our Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 to their Confirmation Enrolment Mass TODAY at 10.30am.



**FIRST FRIDAY** December 4<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. Confessions take place before the 8:00 A.M.; 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Masses.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** First Reading: Bar. 5:1-9; Second Reading: Phil. 1:3-6, 8-11; Gospel: Lk. 3:1-6.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** Dear Lord, lead me into the brightness of your light in the hope of salvation. Amen.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK** Mon 30 St Andrew, Apostle; Thurs 3 St Francis Xavier, priest; Fri 4 St John Damascene, priest & Doctor of the Church.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome into God's family RACHEL STAUNTON who was recently baptised in our Cathedral.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER PARISH ENV: €2,629 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,500

THANK YOU for your contribution.

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**Advent 2015 in Sligo Cathedral**

*Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015-2016*

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>, marks the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Holy doors in Cathedrals throughout the world will be opened on the third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudette Sunday. At 12 noon Mass on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop Kevin will open our own Holy Door, or *porta santa* - a door opened during Jubilee years, during which pilgrims pass through to gain a plenary indulgence.

*Cathedral Choir Carol Service*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8:15 P.M. Save the date!

*Advent in Sligo Parishes Cluster*

A guided hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be held weekly.

Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm in St. Anne's

Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in St. Joseph's

**Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in the Cathedral.**

There will be music and reflection on different aspects of Mercy each week. All are welcome!

**Sligo Cathedral Children's Christmas Party**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**After 10:30 A.M. Mass in the Gillooly Hall**

*All the children of our Parish are invited especially our*

**Altar Servers, Readers, and those at our Children's Liturgy Group!**

**To the Grown-Ups: Donations of tasty treats for the party**

**welcomed to the Gillooly Hall from 8:00 A.M. on the day!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 24 HOUR SILENT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN CHILD**

Takes place on from 9am Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Unborn, in the Cathedral Blessed Sacrament Chapel to 9am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to give an hour of your time to pray for this important and special intention, please contact Lisa on 087 627 4621 with your specified time. Sincere thanks to all who took part in the previous vigil which was a wonderful blessing and success.

**ROSARY & EVENING PRAYER** BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL Mon. to Sat. @ 5:15pm; Sun. @ 5pm and in the MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY CHAPEL, Temple Street Mon. to Sun. @ 6pm. Everyone most welcome.

**TRÓCAIRE** Has launched it's Christmas gift range to directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries. From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), with a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Visit [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

**THE WAY OF GENTLENESS** St Patrick's Church, Strandhill. A personal enrichment journey for Advent. Mondays Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14 @ 8pm.

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 PM**  
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT €3,150. All welcome.

**Dates to remember / community notices**

**P.T.A.A. SLIGO** - Meeting in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m. on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 7pm Mass.

**DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES LATIN MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED** Scheduled for 3:00 P.M. TODAY Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in St John's Church, Carraroe.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE** Airport, transfers & 7 nights B&B €267. For more contact 01 443 4510.

**HEALING & RENEWAL WEEKEND** Holyrood Hotel, Bundoran from 4pm Fri Dec 4<sup>th</sup> to 4pm Sun Dec 6<sup>th</sup> with renown priests of healing ministry Fr Bill Keogh & Fr John Keane. Total cost €25 - contact Mary on 087 784 7304.

**FREE HOUSE INSULATION** Under SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme. Free attic & cavity insulation may be available to you. Carried out by Leitrim Development Co Ltd, a non-profit making organisation. Contact Terence @ 086 319 2721.

**19<sup>TH</sup> SLIGO ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR** TODAY Nov 29<sup>th</sup> @ Clarion Hotel Sligo 11am-6pm. Adm €3.50, students & OAPs €2.50, and U16's free of charge.

**HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP** Monthly meeting in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 P.M. New members welcome.

**BOOK & BAKE SALE** In Gillooly Hall Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am to 1.30pm in aid of Sligo Social Services, North West Simon Community & St. Vincent de Paul.

**FIRST SUNDAY AT HOLY HILL, Skreen.** Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Mass @ 12 noon with Bishop John Fleming.; All invited for visiting and/or a tour afterwards.

**MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF FORMER HANSONS STAFF** Will be celebrated in St Anne's Church on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> @6.15 P.M.

**ADVENT RETREAT GALILEE COMMUNITY** Tintagh, Boyle. Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-4:30pm. Theme: *Time of Waiting in Hope* with presenter Anne Loughman. Cost €20 inc. tea/coffee & light lunch. Call 071 966 4101/[galileecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:galileecommunity@gmail.com)

**"CAKES & CAROLS"** With Scoil Ursula Parents Association TODAY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am to 2pm in Scoil Ursula Halla. Cake's, Carols, Tea/ Coffee/ Refreshments, Raffle for some amazing prizes, Tombola stall, Face painting, Santa letter writing, Arts & Crafts and lots more fun. All welcome!

**TASTERS IN THEOLOGY - Introducing the Old Testament** Presented by Rev. Declan Hurley in St. Angela's College on Fri **Nov 27** from **7.15pm – 10pm** & Sat **Nov 28** from **9.30am – 4pm** & weekends of **Jan 15/16** & **Feb 26/27** 2016. Cost €60 incl lunch each Saturday. For more please contact Deacon Damien Kearns e-mail: [dkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:dkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie) call 071 919 5532 or visit: [www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/tasters](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/tasters)

**anniversary & remembrances**

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 30 <sup>th</sup>	ALBERT GORMAN PATRICK & MARGARET GORMAN	--
TUES 1 <sup>st</sup> DEC	FR JOHN F KIERNAN	BERTIE, SALLY & JOE HENRY
WED 2 <sup>nd</sup>	REINFREDO ZAMBRANI	ROSE McCAFFREY
THURS 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BERNIE & ALEC MILLER	Deceased Members of the DURKIN & BOYLE Families
FRI 4 <sup>th</sup>	--	<b>1st Anniversary</b> ✠ CELIA O'DOWD
SAT 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1st Anniversary</b> MARIE ADAMS	✠ <b>Month's Mind</b> MARGARET HEGARTY