

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6TH DECEMBER 2015

God's promises to us are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the Kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
2015-2016**

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception, December 8th, 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.

**OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR
FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY
SLIGO CATHEDRAL**

Bishop Kevin will open the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 13th December. The liturgy will begin at **11.45am in the Gillooly Hall**, followed by a short procession to the Cathedral with Mass beginning at 12 noon. All are welcome.

More information on the diocesan plans for the Year of Mercy will be available shortly.

We encourage everyone to join the Opening of the Holy Door ceremony at the Gillooly Hall.

ADVENT JESSE TREE - WEEK TWO

The Ram symbol represents ISAAC
The Ladder represents JACOB
The Water Jar & Coat represent JOSEPH
The Tablets & Paschal Lamb represent MOSES.

ADVENT PRAYER

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan, you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER PARISH ENV: €1,736 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,426

THANK YOU for your contribution.

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✉ e-mail: news@sligocathedral.ie We welcome your comments.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH

In celebrating Mary's Immaculate Conception we recall that, from the very moment of her own conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from the stain of original sin; that she was in a state of grace and chosen to be the Mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Vigil Mass: Monday December 7th 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday Masses: 8.00 A.M.; 10.30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Advent 2015 in Sligo Cathedral

Cathedral Choir Carol Service

Sunday 20th 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 10th 7:30pm in St. Joseph's

Thursday December 17th 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

We welcome the children from our Parish who will receive the Sacrament Mass TODAY at 10.30am.

2ND 24 HOUR SILENT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

From 9am Saturday December 12th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Unborn, in the Cathedral Blessed Sacrament Chapel to 9am on Sunday 13th. 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.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL Rockwood Parade. Mass for the Month of December will be celebrated tomorrow Monday, December 7th at 5.15 p.m. Bishop Kevin will celebrate the first Mass of 2016 on **Monday, January 4th** also at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Mary our mother, pray for us to your most holy and beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Mon 7 St Ambrose, bishop & Doctor of the Church Weds 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtatoatzin; Fri 11 St Damasus I, pope; Sat 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Finnian, bishop.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 13TH DECEMBER: First Reading: Zeph. 3:14-18; Second Reading: Phil. 4:4-7; Gospel: Lk. 3:10-18.

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

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 6TH AT 9 PM
TONIGHT'S JACKPOT **€3,200**. ALL WELCOME.
NEXT WEEK: CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA WITH PRIZES GALORE!!

Dates to remember / community notices

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION Takes place after all Masses this weekend. Please give generously - your support goes to those in most need in our community.

ST JOSEPH'S SPECIAL SCHOOL Ballytivnan Bric a Brac / Craft Fair Friday Dec 11th from 2 -6pm. Come along on the afternoon, see the many crafts the students have made and enjoy some tea/coffee and mince pies and also to.

SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION Monthly meeting at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street on Tuesday Dec 8th. New members welcome.

ALZHEIMER CAFÉ In Glasshouse Hotel Fri Dec 11th 2015 from 11am - 10pm. Free & open to all affected by Dementia. This month's session 'Driving with Dementia' is with Louise Clara, Road Safety Authority Promotion Officer.

SLIGO REGIONAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE Are you friendly, motivated, a good communicator & available 4 hours a week? Then your help is needed at Sligo Regional Hospital. Complete an application form available from Quality & Safety Dept. Sligo Regional Hospital ☎ 071 917 1111 Ext: 2609 / 4210 / 4302.



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - SLIGO COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS & ALL PAST MEMBERS Are invited to join 10:30 A.M. Christmas Day Mass in the Cathedral. Two rehearsals are scheduled: Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd both at 5 pm - 6 pm in main church up stairs. Please text Eileen 087 750 6952.

MASS IN AVALON CENTRE Chapel Street, formerly St Anne's Youth & Community Centre. For all deceased members & friends of the Centre, celebrated by Fr Stephen Walsh, on Weds Dec 9th @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. How is God calling you to serve? (Jer.33:14-16) If you think God is calling you to diocesan priesthood, call Fr. Jim Murray, 071 916 2136 or Fr. John Coughlan at 071 966 2012 or email vocations@elphindiocese.ie

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015 - WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

"We Religious should be a sign of full humanity, facilitators and not drivers of grace, under the sign of consolation." **Pope Francis**

anniversary & remembrances		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 7 th	ELIZABETH, MICHAEL & MARY KELLY	--
TUES 8 th	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
WED 9 th	EAMON CLARKE Birthday Remembrance	CLIVE HOWARD
THURS 10 th	KATIE McTERNAN	PATRICK KENNEDY
FRI 11 th	SUSAN MURRAY	1st Anniversary EDWARD MCKENNA 
SAT 12 th	--	 Month's Mind CLAIRE O'BOYLE

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of: JACK MAHON, Ardee Terrace. *May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console his bereaved family and friends.*