


SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
 For many the New Year is a time for making resolutions, to alter personal and material ways of their life. We are called to renew our commitment to follow "The Word made flesh" - full of grace and truth. As Christ welcomed the Wise Men from the East we, as a believing community, should reflect the welcome of Christ always by welcoming all of those who come to our country and our community from far away seeking new beginnings as migrants or asylum seekers or refugees.

WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2016 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
 Wednesday next is the Feast of the Epiphany (a **Holy Day of Obligation**). As we enter a New Year may Christians everywhere celebrate their faith with joy and renewed hope.
MASS TIMES: WEDNESDAY, January 6th
Vigil (Monday) 7:30 p.m.; 8.00 a.m.; 10.30 a.m.; & 7.00 p.m.

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 God's plan for the world, the mysterious purpose of existence, is unveiled by the Coming of Christ. God wants it to be known, and it will be known, by all who follow the light of the faith leading them to Christ.
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Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. Amen.
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THANK YOU
 The priests of the parish would like to thank all who contributed to the Christmas collection for the Support of the Clergy.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Plate €5,701; Envelopes €7,034.

8:00 A.M. DAILY MASS Please note that the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass will resume on Wednesday January 6th. Thank you.


FIRST FRIDAY CALLS
 Please note that the Priests of the Parish will carry out their First Friday calls over the coming weeks. Thank you.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL
 Bishop Kevin will celebrate Mass for the Month of January in St Bernadette's Chapel on Rockwood Parade tomorrow,
Monday, January 4th at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

A CALENDAR PRAYER FOR 2016
Loving and caring God, in my calendar you document my past, herald my future and focus my now. You remind me of duties, you keep me in touch with friends, and teach me the value of time. I ask your blessing on all my promises and on all my remembering, Bless all that I arrange, all that I do, all that I encounter in this New Year. Amen.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18th - 25th 2016
 Theme: "Salt of the Earth" (based on 1 Peter:2:9-10)
 Church Unity Week commences on Monday, January 18th and will continue until Monday, January 25th. During this time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians.
PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016
Lord Jesus, Lord of wholeness, your prayer for unity amongst your disciples has fallen on closed ears and on hard hearts. Open our hearts, eyes and minds to your love and truth within all Christian people and strengthen in us the resolve to work to restore the unity of your Church and your creation to the glory of your name. Amen.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE
CATHEDRAL of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SLIGO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th - 8:00 P.M.
 Homilist: Rev Jeremy Nicolls, Methodist Minister, Wine St, Sligo
 All are welcome to attend.

Visit Our Christmas Crib

 Come and pray with us at our Christmas Crib:
 God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

TROCAIRE Wish to thank all parishioners for their generous support in 2015 without which they would not have been able to help some of the most vulnerable individuals, communities and families in the world's poorest countries. Trocaire wishes every blessing and a very peaceful New Year. www.trocaire.org/gifts

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 10th First: Is. 40:1-5, 9-11; Second: Ti. 2: 11-14, 3:4-7; Gospel: Lk. 3: 15-16, 21-22.
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Tuesday 5th St Charles of St Andrew, priest; Thursday 7th St Raymond of Penafort, priest.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - RESUMES TONIGHT 3rd at 9.00 p.m
 With a jackpot of €3,350!

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH - 2200 FAMILIES
SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER PARISH ENV: €2,065 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,400
 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
HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP Monthly meeting takes place in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thurs 7th Jan at 3pm. New members welcome.

SLIGO SAMARITANS 1 in 4 people in Ireland say they have nobody to talk to about their problems. If you are interested in volunteering with Sligo Samaritans please come along to an information selection evening at 3 The Mall, Sligo on Saturday evening, 9th January at 6 p.m.

WORLD YOUTH DAY With Pope Francis in Kraków, Poland. July 24th - August 2nd 2016. Open to those aged 18-35 with limited places. Cost €890 all incl. Registration & non refundable €100 deposit by Jan 31st 2016. For more please contact Frank McGuinness at frankmcguinness@hotmail.com or 087 988 0690.

SLIGO CATHEDRAL - ST MARY'S PARISH
 * If you have just recently moved into a new home in the parish and would like to have it blessed, just make contact with the priest of your area.
 * If a member of your family or a neighbour is seriously ill, whether in hospital or at home, and would like a visit from a priest, just leave a message at the Parish Office on 071 916 2670.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2016/7
 Couples wishing to book their wedding in the Cathedral should contact St. Mary's on 071 916 2670, e-mail weddings@sligocathedral.ie
Please remember: If you are getting married over the next six months, make sure all paperwork is completed in good time. By the Law of the State you must give three months notice - contact Markievicz House on 915 5115.
MUSIC FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES The Cathedral in consultation with our Musical Director has produced an extensive list of appropriate hymns that can be used at a Wedding Ceremony. This is available online on our website under 'Marriage & Family' or from our Parish Office.
Book your Pre-Marriage Course early with either Accord 071 914 5641 or Esker Retreat House on 091 844 549.

anniversary & remembrances		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 4 th	--	MICHAEL & CATHERINE O'DONNELL
TUES 5 th	--	MARY JANE HEALY
WEDS 6 th	THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	
THURS 7 th	MARY FINAN Get Well Mass	PATRICK & MARY ELLEN LYNCH
FRI 8 th	ALDWIN JONES	EAMONN HENRY
SAT 9 th	WILLIAM & MAY O'HANLON & Dec'd Family Members	 Month's Mind JACK MAHON

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: BERNARD LYDEN, Cedar Drive; PATRICK (Paddy) FALLON; Finisklin & late of Jink's Avenue; PADRAIG BURKE; Maugheraboy; & MARY (May) McGARRY, St Joseph's Terrace. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*