

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS
 Jesus has come as the prophet to all nations.
 There is no limit to the mercy and salvation he brings, only the willingness to accept him.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6 2016
 There will be a special celebration to mark the opening of the week today, Sunday, at **12 Noon Mass**.
 This week we celebrate the wonderful contribution that our Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. It is only fitting that we take this opportunity to celebrate that work when we gather as a worshipping community at the beginning of this Week and that we take time to consider other ways in which our parish community can honour and support the school community.
 The daily themes for the week are:
Monday: I am the face of God's mercy when I am kind and compassionate.
Tuesday: I am the face of God's mercy when I forgive and reconcile.
Wednesday: Grandparents Day - Grandparents are the face of God's mercy.
Thursday: I am the face of God's mercy when I am fair and just.
Friday: I am the face of God's mercy when I live like Jesus.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS
 To mark the Feast of St Blaise the Blessing of throats will take place after all Masses on Wednesday, February 3rd.

FEBRUARY 5th - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. Confessions will take place before the 8 a.m. 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

TO CONFIRMATION AND BEYOND - A FAMILY JOURNEY
Sligo Park Hotel - Monday February 8th - 8 p.m.
 Sligo Parishes Cluster extend an invitation to parents and guardians of all children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 to a special gathering facilitated by renown author Bairdre Cahill.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT FEBRUARY 7th 1st: Is. 6:1-8; 2nd: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11.
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK Mon 1st St Brigid, Abbess & Secondary Patron of Ireland; Tues 2nd The Presentation of the Lord; Weds 3rd St Blaise, Bishop and martyr; St Ansgar, bishop; Fri 5th St Agatha, virgin and martyr; Sat 6th SS Paul Miki and companions, martyrs.
PRAYER FOR THE WEEK May your Spirit inspire those who live their baptismal commitment by professing the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Amen .

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT 31st at 9:00 p.m.
 This week's jackpot is €3,550.

saint BRIGID'S feastday - FEBRUARY 1st
 Monday February 1st marks the feast day of St Brigid, secondary patron saint of Ireland.
Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 Our sincere thanks once again this year to the Sisters of the Presentation and their volunteers for producing the beautiful crosses to be distributed in our Cathedral.

DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY
 Inspired by the words of the canticle "*a light to the revelation of the Gentiles*" by the 11th century the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles to be used in the Church for year ahead on this day. We would be most grateful for any contributions to help defray the cost of candles for our Cathedral. The blessing of candles will take place at 10:30 a.m. Mass.
A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE
 As we come to the close of the Year of Consecrated Life, I wish to publicly acknowledge and to thank the great number of Religious throughout the Diocese who have served the Lord so faithfully and heroically in the past, in the present and who will do so in the future. All of us have been touched in many ways by the kindness of these men and women. May God bless our Religious and continue to call many young women and men to offer their lives in such a noble and selfless vocation.
YEAR OF CONSECRATE LIFE - WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS
 Consecrated life is called to embody the Good News, in following Christ, dead and risen, making its own the "*mode of living & acting as the Incarnate Word of Jesus to the Father and to the brethren.*"

LENT 2016 - ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 10th
 To mark Ash Wednesday as a Day of Fast and Abstinence and the beginning of Lent once again we present Hunger Lunch in aid of Trócaire's Lenten Campaign served in Gillooly Hall. Lunch (delicious soup with fresh bread rolls) will be served between 12-2pm. Suggested minimum donation €3. All welcome.

24th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11th
 A Special Blessing and Anointing of the Sick will take place at the 10.30 a.m. Mass on this day. Please inform all the housebound and sick you know and consider helping them attend by providing transport or the means to join in watching our ceremony online.

51st INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Concludes today Sunday 31st January with millions expected to attend the *Statio Orbis*, or closing Mass. Live streaming is available online at www.iec2016.ph EWTN are also broadcasting from the Congress.


JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - POPE FRANCIS' WORDS
"We are all sinners, but God heals us with an abundance of grace, mercy and tenderness."

SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES
 SUNDAY 24th JANUARY PARISH ENV: €1,736 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,457
 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
P.T.A.A. SLIGO Meeting in St. Mary's at 7.30 p.m. on Friday February 5th immediately after the 7 p.m. Mass.
LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS COURSE - Reduce your pain reclaim your life. Starts Tues 16th Feb for 6 weeks, all sessions 7-9:30pm in Sligo Park Hotel. Book online - www.arthritisireland.ie , phone 1890 252 846/01 647 0206. Cost: €32 (medical card holders €24) Limited places - early booking advised.
HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP Next monthly meeting in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thurs Feb 4th @ 3pm. New members welcome.
ST MICHAEL'S SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB Re-opens Feb 3rd from 2:30-4:30 p.m. New members always welcome.
SKREEN /DROMARD DRAMA GROUP Present "I'm The One For You" - Jimmy Keary's 3 act comedy in Hawks Well Theatre on Saturday 13th Feb @ 8pm. Adults €12.50, children €10. All proceeds in aid of Sligo Social Services.




ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL, Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated on Monday February 1st at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

OUR CATHEDRAL CHOIR Is currently recruiting new members. Members of all age groups are welcome. Please contact director of music Charles O'Connor at the Parish Office 071 916 2670. Rehearsals for this term will begin this Monday night Feb. 1st at 7.30pm upstairs in the Cathedral sacristy.



ST FARNAN'S DRAMA GROUP Perform their hilarious play '*Cash On Delivery*' in Collooney Parish Hall on Saturday February 6th @ 8 p.m. Tickets €15 from Kay on 087 677 8935. Door prizes incl. €100 for Lavin's Menswear and Expert Electrical, Sligo. Proceeds in aid of the MS Therapy Centre, Sligo.

WEDDINGS Congratulations and best wishes to DECLAN McMONAGLE & KAROLETT MULLIGAN and GARY HERBERT & AISLING MARY WATTERS who were married recently in our Cathedral.

anniversary & remembrances		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
	MARY & FINTAN QUIGLEY	
TUES 2 nd	MICHAEL CASEY	PAULINE O'CONNOR
WEDS 3 rd	EDWARD (Teddy) BOYCE Recently Deceased	EMMETT O'CONNOR 
THURS 4 th	JOHN VAHEY	JOHN & ALICE PRIOR
FRI 5 th	LARRY LAVIN	 Month's Mind PADDY FALLON
SAT 6 th	VINCENT GEELAN	 Month's Mind GEORGE HOLMES

rest in peace Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:
 EDWARD (Teddy) BOYCE, Ramelton, Co Donegal, father of Fr Declan Boyce; Fr John Leogue Parish Priest of Athleague/Fuerty, Co Roscommon; JOE BURNS, England and formerly of Jink's Avenue; and MARGARET CHURCH, Oakfield Crescent. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*