

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 102<sup>nd</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The fulfilment of God's promise is compared to a wedding feast. The wine that flows in plenty speaks of the joy of the kingdom.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
 POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

*Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself. Many institutions, associations, movements and groups, diocesan, national and international organisations are experiencing the wonder and joy of the feast of encounter, sharing and solidarity. They have heard the voice of Jesus Christ: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Rev 3:20). Yet there continue to be debates about the conditions and limits to be set for the reception of migrants, not only on the level of national policies, but also in some parish communities whose traditional tranquillity seems to be threatened. Faced with these issues, how can the Church fail to be inspired by the example and words of Jesus Christ?*

*The answer of the Gospel is mercy.*

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - POPE FRANCIS' WORDS**  
*"Mercy is the foundation of the Church's life. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."*

**VISITING THE CATHEDRAL HOLY DOOR**  
**AND GAINING THE JUBILEE OF MERCY PLENARY INDULGENCE**

The pilgrimage to the Holy Door during this Jubilee of Mercy is about knowing deeply God's forgiveness and care and responding to Jesus' instruction to His disciples – *be merciful as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6:36). To answer the call to renewal and to a fruitful lifestyle of mercy, Pope Francis has made a Plenary Indulgence available to you. To receive the Indulgence, the gift of God's grace, proceed as follows:

- ✘ Cross the threshold of the Holy Door conscious that you are being met by the Father who is merciful, resolving to becoming more merciful yourself.
- ✘ Within 7 days participate fully in the sacrament of Reconciliation, making a sincere confession, confident that your sin has been completely wiped away and participate fully in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- ✘ Be merciful like the Father through the Spiritual and Corporal acts of Mercy as often as you can – more information on this will follow.
- ✘ Pray for the Pope's intentions; Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory be

*The Door of Mercy in our Cathedral remains open until November - don't let this opportunity pass you by.*

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>:** Nah. 8:2-6, 8-10; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Cor. 12: 12-30; Gospel: Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK** Weds 20<sup>th</sup> St Fabian, pope and martyr, St Sebastian, martyr; Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> St Agnes, virgin and martyr; Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> St Vincent, deacon and martyr.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** Lord, help me to welcome those far from home, protect children and work for the rights of all. Amen .

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
 Theme: "Salt of the Earth" (based on 1 Peter:2:9-10)  
 Church Unity Week, a time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians, commences tomorrow, January 18<sup>th</sup>

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, SLIGO - SINCERE THANKS**

The Society of St Vincent De Paul wish to thank all those who contributed to their recent Annual Church Gate Collection at the Cathedral. They would also like to thank the volunteers who assisted the collection and those who donated food items and toys in time for Christmas. Your support helped SVP provide food, fuel and basic clothing for those in crisis and poverty in our community. Because of you the people SVP helped in Sligo will remember Christmas for the *right* reasons this year.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** January 31 – February 6, 2015. The Theme for 2016 is 'Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome into God's family JOSHUA BERNALDEZ; RONAN LEYDON; MARCUS LEYDON; AVA CARRIGAN; CHLOE COLREAVY & KAILUM McNASSER recently baptised in our Cathedral

**SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY TEA TO RECOMMENCE**

Following Thursday's meeting in Gillooly Hall the tradition of 'Thursday Tea' after 10:30 a.m. Mass held in the Meeting Room over the Sacristy is set to return on **Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>**. As in the past proceeds from these mornings will be donated to the Missions.

Come and enjoy the cuppa, conversation and camaraderie!



**YEAR OF CONSECRATE LIFE - WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS**  
*"A joyous fraternity is a true gift from above to the sisters and brothers who know how to accept each other and commit themselves to community life, trusting in the Spirit."*

**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 9162136; Fr. John Coughlan at 071 9662012 or e-mail [vocations@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@elphindiocese.ie)

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m.**  
 This week's jackpot is €3,450.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**  
 WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
**PARISH ENV: €5,544 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,468**  
 THANK YOU for your contribution.  
**ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 916 2670 SACRISTY ☎ 071 916 1261**

**Dates to remember**

**DIABETES IRELAND SLIGO BRANCH ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**  
 Takes place after all Masses this weekend. Funds raised go to the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Sligo University Hospital. 225, 840 people in our country have Diabetes who greatly appreciate your support.

**ANAM CARA** Monthly Parent Evening on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Family Centre, Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo (weather dependent). All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. For more visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)

**ST MARY'S GAA OPERATION TRANSFORMATION 2016** Registration & talk on Wed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Clubhouse @7:30pm. Classes starting Mon 25<sup>th</sup> in Gillooly Hall with Outdoor Bootcamp on Saturday mornings for 6 weeks.

**SLIGO LEADER PARTNERSHIP CO** How to Use The Internet Course commencing soon. Comprising of 4 two hour classes, total cost of €20 in various locations around Sligo. This will increase confidence in using the internet in many ways; shopping online, Skype, emails, car tax, viewing missed TV programmes etc. Please ring David/Paula at 071 91 41138 for more.

**ART CLASSES** Commencing shortly in the Gillooly Hall. To book please contact Maurice Meade at 086 031 4574.

**YEATS SOCIETY POETRY CIRCLE** Meet from January 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am to 12.30 pm every Wednesday in Yeats Memorial Building . Come read your favourite poem by the fireside, have a cup of tea and chat about poetry. Everyone welcome. More information from Paula Lahiff 086 322 4402.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Weekend for married couples at the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February. For more info and / or to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 087 7840408 for a brochure.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** Takes place at the RDS, Dublin from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February. Tickets €35.00 for full weekend. [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com)

anniversary & remembrances		
DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 18 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
TUES 19 <sup>th</sup>	NELLIE McGLYNN	PADDY BRANLEY
WEDS 20 <sup>th</sup>	AARON MCGOLDRICK	CHRISTY QUEENAN
THURS 21 <sup>st</sup>	KATHLEEN DIVERS	TOM & EMILY MURREN
FRI 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ELAINE McSHARRY & Dec'd Family Members	<b>Month's Mind</b> KATHLEEN ROBINSON
SAT 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PETER SHOVLIN	<b>Month's Mind</b> NORA CLARKE

**rest in peace** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of: MICHAEL McKEEVER, Rathedmond Estate; ANNE O'DONOGHUE, John Street and JOSEPH (Joe) HENRY, Treacy Avenue. *May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*