

CAPTIVATED

Or remember yourself captivated by song, a song of such surpassing sweetness and feeling that it makes time stand still and gathers you completely into its world and story. You are lost in it, but also found. The song has found the 'depth in your soul never sounded nor known.'

You understand what the poet T.S. Eliot meant when he wrote of:

Music so deep

*That is it not heard at all, but you are the music
While the music lasts.'*

In some sense you become what you hear when you're really listening, become what you see when you're really looking. When the music ends you want to remain in the stillness it has created, savouring the after taste of its beauty. Although there is silence, your experience is of fullness, not emptiness.

STILLNESS

Experiences like this reveal to us what profound listening we are capable of, but so seldom achieve. To listen so attentively we must first be brought to a stage of stillness and silence, surrendering ourselves to being captivated by what we hear. An inner attitude, too, is needed. Negatively we might describe it as a refraining from grasping at anything with the mind; positively it is a kind of quiet, welcoming receptiveness. Such active, eager listening is disappointed if all it hears

is something light and frivolous. It is geared to substantial things, the deep words of poetry or love, the strong nourishing words of scripture and liturgy.

PARTICIPATE THROUGH LISTENING

Listen attentively to the words of the Mass, to what the readings have to say and remember that it is the Lord who is speaking to you. Listen too, as attentively as you can, to the homily. What message does it contain for you today? ■



Today's readings

GOD'S WORD TODAY

2 Mac 7:1-2.9-14

2 Th 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

The Sadducees are out to trap Jesus. They are a group of Jews who don't believe in the resurrection and want to ridicule Jesus as someone who does.

According to the Jewish Law, if a man died and left no son, the man's brother had an obligation to father a son for his dead brother's widow. So the Sadducees create an absurd case. Seven brothers marry the same woman, and each dies leaving her childless. When she dies, whose wife

will she be in heaven?

Jesus' answer shows up their insincerity. He says that in the next life, after the resurrection, all people will be in relationship with God.

There will be no need to propagate the human species, nor will legal arrangements be of importance. Jesus goes on to give his own teaching about the resurrection. God is faithful to all people, even when they die. God makes a promise forever, and no force - not even death - can destroy this promise.

Every Sunday we celebrate the wonderful story of Easter. In doing so, we give thanks to the God whose faithful love is stronger than death.



Soul Space

6 November 2016 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C**

Psalter Week 4

SERIES: SKILLS FOR MASS

SKILLS FOR MASS: GREEN

In this series, Fr Richard Tobin CSsR, examines skills we need to cultivate in order to celebrate Mass more effectively.



LISTENING

Imagine yourself in a forest, hidden from pursuers. You are crouched in the undergrowth, utterly still, listening intently for sounds of pursuit, hardly daring to breathe. In such a moment your hearing is acute, picking up even the slightest sounds. A falling twig is positively thunderous. Every pore of your body seems to open wide in the act of listening.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, 6th November 2016

Christian hope overcomes the fear of lasting death. God is faithful: not only does he strengthen us against evil in this life, but he will give eternal life to all who try to imitate his faithfulness.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

"Let us abandon a language of condemnation and embrace one of mercy."

HOLY DOOR AT THE CATHEDRAL: The Holy Door at our Cathedral will close on Sunday, 13th November with a ceremony at the 12noon Mass. The Door has been a very important part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. To give people an opportunity to avail of the indulgence associated with this year there will be an extended time for confessions in the Cathedral on Saturday, 12th November from 2pm till 7pm. You are encouraged to avail of this opportunity to receive of God's mercy in the wonderful sacrament of confession on that day.

GRATEFUL THANKS: Thank you to every parishioner in the Sligo Cluster of Parishes for their kind donations towards the costs of our recent Mission. €8,015 was donated which was a very generous amount. The Mission cost €11,095 which included the stipend to the Mission team which is their source of income, the cost of advertising, the cost of accommodation for the team and sundry expenses. The shortfall will be borne by the five Parishes of the cluster. The spiritual renewal of those who participated far outweighs the cost.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS Many choose to abstain from alcohol for November and offer this sacrifice up to their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise. Take the Short-Term pledge, visit www.pioneerassociation.ie or call 01 8749464.

CEMETERY ROSARY The Rosary will be recited in Sligo Cemetery on all four Sundays during the month of November at 3.00p.m. beginning today, Sunday, 6th November.

CEMETERY CANDLE HOLDERS are available from the Cathedral entrance and from the Parish office on 071 9162670.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK Dear Lord, fill my heart and my whole being with the wonder of Your presence. Amen.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT, 13th NOVEMBER 1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20; 2nd Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12; Gospel: Lk. 21:5-19.



SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER PARISH ENV: €1,475 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,494
 THANK YOU for your contribution.

ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY ☎ 071 9162670 **SACRISTY** ☎ 071 9161261
 ☎ email us at news@sligocathedral.ie We welcome your comments.

BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, 6th November at 9.00 p.m.
 This week's jackpot is €2,600.

"CONFIRM OUR CHILDREN" MEETING

 Our Parish based Confirmation Programme 
Confirm our children is about to begin for all children who wish to receive their Confirmation in the Cathedral in 2016. We will have a meeting for parents/guardians in the

GILLOOLY HALL Tomorrow, Monday, 7th November at 8.00p.m. at which a short presentation on the Programme will be given. Attendance on the night is essential. Thank you.

EDDIE STONES coming to Sligo Cathedral this Friday, 11th November 2016 at 7pm. Evening to include: Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and Healing Service.

SLIGO CHORAL FESTIVAL Friday, 11th November official opening and Gala Concert with High Hopes Choir in Sligo IT Knocknarea Arena at 8.00p.m.
 Saturday, 12th November choirs in Gillooly Hall. Full details at www.sligochoralfest.com.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS

Vocations just don't happen. Ask somebody. Explore your vocation to the priesthood by contacting Fr. Jim Murray at 071 9162136 or Fr. John Coughlan at 071 9662012, or email vocations@elphindiocese.ie

THANK YOU—ALTAR SOCIETY CAKE SALE

Our sincere thanks to all who were so generous in their support of the recent cake sale. All funds raised will be used to enhance our Cathedral for liturgical celebrations. Thank you also to all members of the Altar Society for their hard work, loyalty and dedication and the sponsors for their generosity.

A Unique Christmas Gift

CROSS OF SLIGO

Is available for sale, for €50, at the entrance to the Cathedral during all weekend Masses. This is a framed slate cross from Inishmurray Island Monastic Settlement Circa 500A.D. Thank you for your support.

CATHEDRAL of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Upcoming EVENTS THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed. 9th "Wednesday Tea" after 10.30am Mass
 Friday 11th Eddie Stones at 7.00pm
 Saturday 12th Confessions 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.
 Sunday 13th Closing of the Holy Door - 12 Noon

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** for North West Simon Community this weekend, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th Nov at St. Mary's Cathedral Sligo, your support for the local homeless charity would be much appreciated at this time. www.northwestsimon.ie

Today, Sunday, 6th November will be a Visiting Sunday at **HOLY HILL HERMITAGE**. Everyone is welcome to Mass at noon, followed by tea and a tour
ST.JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY Meet tomorrow, Monday, 7th November after 10.30 a.m. Mass in the Upper Room of the Sacristy. All welcome.
ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL, Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 7th November at 5.15 p.m. All welcome.

SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION Monthly meeting at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street on Tuesday, 8th November. New members welcome.
MASS FOR DECEASED NURSES at St Johns Hospital Chapel on Tuesday, 8th November at 7p.m.

ADORATION FOR FAMILY LIFE - Adoration for the support of family life takes place in Carraroe Church, Co. Sligo every Tuesday evening beginning at 7.00pm. This prayer service is led by young people living in the parish. Please drop in.

PRAYER SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL DECEASED CHILDREN Outpatient Department (Level 3) of SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL on Wed, 9th November at 7.30pm. PAEDIATRIC/NEONATAL UNITS, SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL 071 9174634/9174452.

SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCING THE CONVERSATION ON RACISM IN IRELAND 2016 on Thursday, 10th November from 9.30am to 1pm in the Glasshouse Hotel, Sligo. Preregister: cathyk.sfr@gmail.com. Hosted by: Sligo Intercultural Forum in collaboration with Sligo Family Resource Centre.

FR. FLANAGAN PRAYER GROUP Next meeting will be held at 8pm in St. Mary's Presbytery on Tuesday, 15th November. All most welcome.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND will run Care of the Older Person as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 in Sligo, for information please contact the Training Unit on 0579370221.

CHRISTMAS PEACE CONCERT The Three Tenors on Saturday, 19th November at 8.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill. Tickets are €25 from Liber, O'Connell St., Sligo (071 9142219) and St. Patrick's Parish Office (087 6470452). Very special guests Scoil Asicus Strandhill Primary School Choir. www.threetenorsireland.com

WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS Sunday, 20th November. On this day the RSA joins with An Garda Siochana, Local County Councils, Emergency Services and victim support groups to remember those who have died on our roads across the country. Please visit www.rsa.ie for more.

Anniversary & remembrances



DAY	8.00a.m.	10.30a.m.
TUES 8 th	—	NORA GILMARTIN
WED 9 th	—	FRANK MCGLOIN
THURS 10 th	FRANK & THERESA KILKENNY & Son FRANK	MATTHEW BLAIN
FRI 11 th	MARGARET HIGGINS	MARK ROONEY (Recently Deceased)
SAT 12 th	JOHN & KATE LYONS & FAMILY	—