

## From the Cluster

**THE WAY OF GENTLENESS** a personal enrichment journey for Lent will take place in St Patrick's Church Strandhill on Mondays March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SHORT LENTEN REFLECTIONS** by Fr. Niall Ahern offering a spiritual Lenten journey now available to listen or as Podcasts at [www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections)

**EASTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE** in Holy Cross Friary on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**ROSARY AT THE MASS ROCKS** Holy Well Tovernalt, on 18th March at 2.30pm for the protection of life.

**ANNUAL HUNGER LUNCH** in Aid of South Sudan will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 12.00p.m. to 2.00p.m in The Avalon Centre formerly (St. Anne's Youth Centre) Chapel Street. Please support.

## From the Diocese

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS** reflections available to download from [www.elphindiocese.ie/leat](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/leat) Other prayer booklets available from Justin Harkin, contact [justin@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:justin@elphindiocese.ie) / 087 6171526. Support also available for new groups.

**BISHOP KEVIN'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2018** "A Season of Transformation" can be read online at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**ACCORD ELPHIN** is recruiting marriage care facilitators for the presentation of Pre-Marriage courses in the Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon areas. Full training provided. These are part voluntary and part paid positions. Details from Accord Sligo at 071 9145641.

**FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS** at Knock Shrine, details available on website: [www.knockshrine.ie/upcoming-events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/upcoming-events) and on social media @knockshrine

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE, 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APPRECIATION** JUNE 20-27<sup>TH</sup> 8 Days, Cost €699 All Inclusive, 3mins from St James's. Spiritual Director. Group Leader & Details from Breedge Morris 086 2725875

**CHOOSE LIFE NEWSLETTERS** The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference produce weekly newsletters called *Choose Life* to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. Issue Six is now available at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**OUR COMMON HUMANITY – STATEMENT OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE** Read the Irish Catholic Bishops statement on the right to life in full at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – ST PATRICK'S DAY** Get colouring for St Patrick's Day! We would like to invite you to take on the theme "God is Family, So are We" this St Patrick's Day. With the shamrock at its heart, this theme reminds us that God is family (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and so are we. Check out further resources that can be downloaded from our Amoris website, including a poster, a banner and a colouring-in page for children [www.amoris.ie/patrick/](http://www.amoris.ie/patrick/)

## Local news

**MARIE VADIA** powerful speaker and Intercessor for Healing. Maria will be at The Clayton Hotel, Sligo today, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 9.00am to 5.30pm. Booking essential - please contact: 085 7765294 or 086 8383725.

**SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** Monthly meeting at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. New members welcome.

**EDDIE STONES** will attend St Marys Church, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm.

**SLIGO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE** Are you friendly, motivated, a good communicator and available 4 hours a week, if so why not help out at Sligo University Hospital. For further information., contact 071 9171111 Ext: 2609/4210/4302

**BUNDORAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY CENTRE** is now taking bookings for Summer 2018. Full Board Accommodation for 6 nights, €220 per adult. Contact Georgina 087 2434528.

**GET YOUR CHILD'S CAR SEAT** checked for free with the RSA on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March in Cleveragh Retail Park, Cleveragh Demense, Sligo from 10.00am to 5.30pm. [www.checkitfits.ie](http://www.checkitfits.ie)

**BINGO** weekly in the Gillooly Hall on Sundays from 9pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.

**FAMILY CIRCLE** Cards are in circulation.



CATHEDRAL OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

# NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus came among us to light our way to true humanity, our way to God. Our reaction to him is a sign of the kind of people we are. It is also a sign of what our future will be. Our judgement will depend on our faith in him.

**MISSION APPEAL FOR ST. PAULS MISSIONARY SOCIETY. PLEASE SUPPORT.**

### MASS TIMES FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH VIGIL MASS AT 7.30PM,  
SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH MASSES: 8.00AM, 10.30AM AND 7.30PM**

### LENT IN THE CATHEDRAL 2018

THEME: "STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENT 2018

**BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Wednesdays from 6.00pm to 6.15pm.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**CATHEDRAL LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP** will meet at 7.30pm on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, upstairs in the Gillooly Hall. You are all welcome.

### MAKE YOUR OWN FASHION STATEMENT THIS LENT

Why not spring clean out your closet for charity this Lent and donate your unwanted clothing in aid of **Trocaire**. All donations can be left at the clearly marked collection point inside the Cathedral main entrance. All items must be clean, dry and reusable and may consist of the following: adults & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, curtains, bedding, & towels (no pillows or duvets) and soft toys. Please pick a label for your donation at the Cathedral entrance.

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE FAMILY** in Summerhill College Library on Wednesday, 14th March, 8pm – 9pm

### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Jesus we thank you for Mothers everywhere, For all who care for us day by day, We say thank you for Mums across the world. Although we may not say it, we think you are the best. So let us give grateful thanks and let our voices be heard for all the Mums and Grans on this very special day. Amen

**Dear Parishioners**, Please would you like to sponsor our newsletter, personally or as a remembrance, the fee is **€50**. Please contact the parish office.

**PRIEST ON DUTY:** Fr. Declan Boyce

**TODAY - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8.30am Mass**

**10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)**

**12noon Mass**

**Baptisms: Mia Patricia Ivers**

**5pm Polish Mass**

**7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room**

**BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00pm** With a JACKPOT of €3,400

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am Mass: James & Mary Sweeney (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Martin Burke (Anniversary) &  
deceased family members**

**11.00am St. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** monthly meeting in the Upper Room of the Sacristy.

**7.30pm Choir practice** New members (please contact Parish office)

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am Mass: John Vahey (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Stephen Murren (Anniversary)**

**8.30pm-10.00pm: Prayer Group** in St. Michaels Family Life Centre

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am Mass: Jack Gallagher (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Betty Comiskey (First Anniversary)**

**Tea after 10.30am Mass**

**6.00pm Busy Person's Stations of the Cross (15 minutes)**

**8.00pm:** Prayer meeting in Gillooly Hall

Adoration Chapel open daily

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am Mass: Patricia Sheridan (Birthday Remembrance)**

**10.30am Mass: Dan & Muriel Currid (Anniversary)**

**6.30pm-8.00pm:** I Thirst Movement in St. Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade

**7.30pm:** Scripture Lenten Reflection group, in the Gillooly Hall

**8.00pm:** Legion of Mary Meeting in Assumpta House, 72 John St.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am Mass: Breege Preston (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass:**

**11am: Stations of the Cross**

**3.00pm-4.00pm:** Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Nazareth Nursing Home Oratory.

**7.30pm Vigil Mass**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland**

**8am Mass:**

**10.30am Mass:**

**3.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions**

**7.30pm Vigil Mass:**

This week's newsletter is sponsored by the Comiskey Family, in remembrance of Betty.

**Sunday Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> March**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer 31:31-34; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 5:7-9; Gospel: Jn. 12:20-30.

**rest in peace**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:

PATRICK MCNIFFE, Rathbraughan; MAUREEN LAWLOR (nee O'Connor), Ard na Veigh and VINCENT MCLOUGHLIN, Cummeen.

*May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.*

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**www.sligocathedral.ie**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**PARISH ENV: €1,073 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,400**

**THANK YOU** for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.