

From the Cluster

THE WAY OF GENTLENESS a personal enrichment journey for Lent will continue in St Patrick's Church Strandhill on Monday 19th March.

SHORT LENTEN REFLECTIONS by Fr. Niall Ahern offering a spiritual Lenten journey now available to listen or as Podcasts at www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

EASTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE in Holy Cross Friary on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm.

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

ANNUAL HUNGER LUNCH in Aid of South Sudan will take place on Wednesday 28th 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

BISHOP KEVIN'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2018 "A Season of Transformation" can be read online at 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

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 Seven is now available at www.elphindiocese.ie

MASS OF CHRISM The annual Mass of Chrism will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm. During the Mass Bishop Kevin will bless the oils used in the Sacraments and Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to the priestly ministry. The Mass of Chrism is an important opportunity for all of us in the diocese to gather and to celebrate our communion.

FAMILY DAY – SAVE THE DATE! The Elphin Diocesan Family Day will take place in Lough Key Forest Park on Sunday 22nd April. Details to follow. All are welcome!

Local news

PARISH HEART SCREENING OFFER Pulsewave Ireland Cardio Heart screening in Sligo next week. Parish offer €30 per person, for that we check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rythm, Casp of heart, arterial flexibility and Blood flow. We can access the risk of heart attack or stroke with a simple non invasive test. Date & Venue: Tuesday 20th March in Sligo City Hotel. Appointments available from 11am to 8pm daily. Call 087 7151623 to make an appointment, spaces are limited.

COMHALTAS CEOLTEOÍ EIREANN Sligo Co Fleadh takes place June Bank Holiday weekend in Mercy College, Sligo. Closing date for competitions is Friday, 23rd March 2018. See website www.sligocountyfleadh.ie for details and application form.

EDDIE STONES will attend St Marys Church, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford on March 24th at 2.00pm.

KNOCK Praise and worship, healing prayer, talk rosary and adoration on Sunday 25th March 2018 from 11am to 5pm in St. John's Care and Rest Centre, Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Contact: Siju Paul 087 4177837 or Martin 087 6856488.

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

FUNDRAISER FOR SLIGO CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: BLACK AND WHITE BALL (B&W theme-long ball gowns not essential) in the Clayton Hotel, Sligo on Friday, 30th March from 7pm. Tickets €35 (3 Course meal). Live entertainment from Deja Groove with raffle on the night. All proceeds from ticket sales to Sligo Cancer Support Centre.

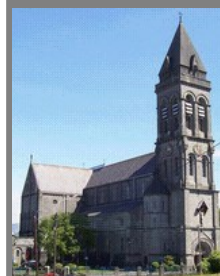
JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERT ESSAY WRITING COURSES for All Subjects - Easter Break in Sligo town: "To earn good grades in the Junior and Leaving Certificate, it is essential to be able to write high quality essays and paragraph answers" April 7 - Writing Essay & Paragraph Style Answers Junior Cert 10–12 pm & Leaving Cert 1–4pm April 8 - Writing The Short Story for Junior and Leaving Cert 10am-1pm PH 083 8561559 for more information or to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - BAG PACK FOR NCBI The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco, Sligo on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 8821970.

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.

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 18th March 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Jesus' Hour was approaching, the Hour which he would have to face alone, the Hour of his final act of obedience to the Father. Because of the Hour Jesus is no longer alone, He draws all to himself. If we can die with him we too will not be alone for ever.

MISSION APPEAL FOR ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. PLEASE RETURN ENVELOPE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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, 22nd 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.

FIRST CONFESSION

We welcome all the children from our parish who are receiving the sacrament of First Confession on Thursday, 22nd March at 7pm. Please keep them in your prayers during the week.

SAVE THE 8TH VIGIL

24 hour silent Eucharistic 'Save the 8th Vigil' for the protection of the 8th Amendment and for all women particularly those who have been hurt by abortion. Blessed Sacrament Chapel, on Monday 26th March from 9.00am until 9.00am on Tuesday 27th March 2018. Please contact [087 6274621](tel:0876274621) or simply sign the sheet on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel door.

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

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Yashin Jos

TODAY - Sunday 18th March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)

12noon Mass

Baptism: Jodie Fay Scanlon

5pm Polish Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 11th March at 9.00pm With a JACKPOT of €3,450

Monday 19th March

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Denis O'Sullivan (Anniversary)

7.30pm Choir Practice (New members please contact Parish office)

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am

Tuesday 20th March

8am Mass: Cathy & John Conlon (Anniversary) & deceased members of Conlon & McCormack families.

10.30am Mass: Patrick & Kathleen Ballantine (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 21st March

Today's Feast Day: St Enda

8am Mass: Mai, John & Michael Howley (Anniversary) & deceased members of Howley, Boland & Hallinan Families

10.30am Mass: Geraldine O'Hanlon (First Anniversary) &

Thanksgiving Mass

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 22nd March

8am Mass: Rosaleen Griffin (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Ann Mullen (First Anniversary)

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

7pm: First Confession

7.30pm: Scripture Lenten Reflection Group, in the Gillooly Hall

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

Friday 23rd March

Today's Feast Day: St. Turibius of Mongrovejo

8am Mass: Thomas Porter (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Leo Magee (Anniversary)

11am: Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 24th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Macartan

8am Mass: Patsy Diamond (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Tommy Breheny (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Bridie While (Month's Mind)

This week's newsletter is sponsored in honour of the Little Flower, St. Teresa of Lissieux, from "anonymous devotee of St. Teresa".

Sunday Readings for 25th March

Gospel: Mk 11:1-10; 1st Reading: Is. 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Phil. 2:6-11; The Passion: Mk. 14:1-15:47.

rest in peace

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

MARY BRIDGET GETHINS (nee Fallon), Jink's Avenue.

May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her bereaved family 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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OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 11th March

PARISH ENV: €2,587 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,496

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.