

From the Cluster

CHRISTIAN EASTER SERVICE Award winning *Sligo Global Kitchen* invite you to a Christian Easter Service, followed by refreshments, in St Anne's Church, Sligo on Thursday 5th April at 7pm. The Service features Sligo Gospel Choir, Sligo's African Christian Choir and a number of other groups. Greeting and words of welcome from Bishop Kevin. Please come and join us!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 8th April at 3pm with Holy hour. Confessions will be available. Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday and ends on the vigil of DM Sunday. There will be leaflets for this novena available in the Cathedral at the main entrance.

From the Diocese

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 QUOTE "Human life is sacred and begins at the moment of conception. Once it begins life should be allowed to flourish and to continue until its natural end. This is the view of the Catholic Church, of people of different faiths and by those who consider the protection of life as an issue of fundamental human rights". (Excerpt of Pastoral Message of Bishop Francis Duffy)

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 Nine is now available at www.elphindiocese.ie

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 AND POPE'S VISIT Register to attend the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis this August. All under 18s are free of charge, once accompanied by an adult. Register now at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

FAMILY DAY The Elphin Diocesan Family Day will take place in Lough Key Forest Park on Sunday 22nd April from 1pm to 6pm. Free admission. See www.elphindiocese.ie for details. All are welcome!

ELPHIN DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI 23rd June – 1st July, 2018. OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 35. Cost €599. See www.elphindiocese.ie for details. For Further Information please contact *Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo, Tel: 087 9880690 Email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie*

Local news

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE Easter Vigil service at 6am on Easter Sunday. Everyone is also invited to our Good Friday Service, which will begin with outdoor Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS AND RELATED CONDITIONS COURSE on 3rd April for 6 weeks, 7.00pm - 9:30pm in the Sligo Park Hotel. www.arthritisireland.ie, email - training@arthritisireland.ie phone [1890 252846](tel:1890252846) or [01 6470206](tel:016470206) Cost: €32 (medical card holders €24) Early booking is advised.

MITCHELL SISTERS INDEPENDENT LIVING OPEN DAY at Knocknarea on 4th & 5th April from 11am to 4pm. All welcome.

HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP Monthly meeting takes place in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thursday 5th April at 3pm. New members welcome.

P.T.A.A. SLIGO - Meeting in St. Mary's Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6th April immediately after the 7pm Mass.

JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERT ESSAY WRITING COURSES for All Subjects - Easter Break in Sligo town: 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. Phone 083 8561559.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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. Please contact Collette McEntee on 01 8821970.

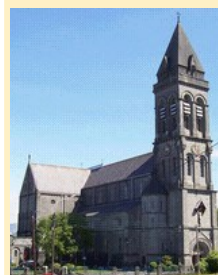
GALWAY MEETING FOR SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENT CANCER *'Wellness and Life After Cancer'* from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24th April 2018, in Harbour Hotel, Dock Road, Galway City. For more information visit: www.cancare4living.ie or contact: Patricia McColgan at 086 2532819.

FÁILTE IRELAND'S WELCOME STANDARD For further information phone 1890 697 000 or email qualityassurance@failteireland.ie Apply online at www.failteireland.ie – just follow the links for Welcome Standard for the application page.

SLIGO TOWN WINNING TRIP to Crozon, France from 19th to 26th May. Contact 9170695 or 086 8543046 for details. All welcome.

BINGO No Bingo on Easter Sunday, 1st April. Bingo will resume on Sunday 8th April.

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st April 2018

EASTER SUNDAY



EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN DORAN

The last few months have been unusually wet and cold but, beneath the cold earth, nature has been preparing, as it always does, for the wonderful outpouring of new life that comes with the Spring. There is a mystery in this gift of life, which is bigger than any of us. It was going on before we arrived and it will continue long after we are gone.

I can only imagine what it must like to die. There is no rehearsal for it, except life itself. We have our winter moments when everything seems to conspire against us. But "hope springs eternal in the human breast". Unlike the rest of created nature we have in us the capacity to see life as the gift of a loving creator. This is what allows us, even in our own personal winter, to look forward with confidence to the spring-time of the Resurrection.



As Christians, we are Easter people. Easter is not just a day or a week; it is a way of life. May the Spirit of Jesus who is risen, fill us with a deep sense of gratitude and reverence for the gift of life.

Bishop Christy asks me to say how grateful he is to all the many people who are keeping him in prayer. He says: "none of those prayers are going to waste".

+Bishop Kevin Doran

Dear Parishioners, if you would 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. Declan Boyce

TODAY - Sunday 1st April

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)

12noon Mass

Baptism: Harry James Hynes

5pm Polish Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, No Bingo tonight, will resume SUNDAY 8th April at 9.00pm

Monday 2nd April

10.30am Mass: Jimmy O'Grady (Anniversary)

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd April

10.30am Mass: Charles & Jean Kavanagh (Anniversary) & deceased family members

8.30pm-10.00pm: Prayer Group in St. Michael's Family Life Centre

St. Bernadette's Chapel:
Reopening: on 3rd April

Wednesday 4th April

10.30am Mass: John & Eileen Harrison (Anniversary) & deceased members of the Harrison & Murrucane families

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting in Gillooly Hall

Adoration Chapel:

Reopening: after 10.30am Mass on 3rd April

Thursday 5th April

10.30am Mass: Patrick, Nora, Pat & Molly Sullivan (Anniversary)

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

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

First Friday 6th April

10.30am Mass: Robert McGoldrick (Anniversary). Confessions before Mass.

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

7.00pm: Mass. Confessions before Mass.

8.00pm: EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC with the Ulster University Choir. All welcome.

Saturday 7th April

10.30am Mass: Margaret Leonard (First Anniversary)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

3.00pm-4.00pm: Children's Eucharistic Adoration. (Parents to stay with children.)

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Mary Bridget Gethins (Month's Mind)

This week's newsletter is sponsored by an Anonymous donor.

Sunday Readings for 8th April

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35; 2nd Reading: 1 Jn. 5:1-6; Gospel: Jn. 20:19-31.

Rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:
NUALA CALIENDO (nee Lynch), Cummeen.
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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Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website

www.sligocathedral.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 25th March

PARISH ENV: €1,994 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,805

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.