

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 5th, 12th and 19th.

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 ROCK In November over 30,000 Irish People gathered at our coasts to pray the rosary to preserve Life & Faith in Ireland. Now we turn to our Mass Rocks and Ancient Monastic Sites, on Sunday March 18th, at 2.30pm, to pray the rosary, and ask our deceased brethren, and all the Irish Saints & Martyrs who risked their lives for the faith, to intercede for Ireland. For more info, or to sign up a location visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

From the Diocese

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS reflections available to download from www.elphindiocese.ie/leat Other prayer booklets available from Justin Harkin, contact justin@elphindiocese.ie / 087 6171526. Support also available for new groups.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight—any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 4434510 or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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 and on social media @knockshrine

'MOTHERS PRAYERS' ANNUAL WEEKEND IN KNOCK 9th to 11th March 2018. For info phone 087 6184110 or Email: ireland@gmail.com

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

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference produce weekly newsletters called **Choose Life** to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. Issue Five is now available at www.elphindiocese.ie

Local news

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE will have a Visiting Sunday today 4th March. Fr. Robert Bulbrook will celebrate Mass at noon, and everyone is invited for tea and a tour.

RALLY TO SAVE THE 8TH SATURDAY, 10th March at 2 pm, DUBLIN. We need YOU at the Most Important Rally For Life in Irish History. DONT LET 2018 BE THE YEAR THAT ABORTION CLINICS OPEN IN IRELAND. To Book a Seat on the Rally Buses from Sligo Contact Fionnuala on 087 7552754.

MARIE VADIA powerful speaker and Intercessor for Healing. Maria will be at THE CLAYTON HOTEL, Sligo on Sunday 11th March 2018 from 9.00am to 5.30pm. Booking essential - please contact: 085 7765294 or 086 8383725.

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, FUNDRAISER FOR FRIENDS OF SLIGO

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL on Thursday 8th March 2018 at The Glasshouse, Swan Point, Sligo It's a full day with 3 Sessions, featuring speakers from local business social and political life. Morning 10am – 12pm Afternoon 1-3pm Evening 6-8pm Tickets €10.00pp per session. Light Refreshments served. For details on tickets contact Mary 085 8728305 or Vanessa in The Glasshouse 071 9194318.

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

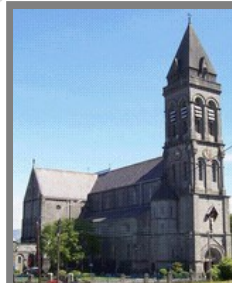
BUNDORAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY CENTRE is now taking bookings for Summer 2018. Full Board Accommodation for 6 nights, €220 per adult. Contact Georgina 087 2434528.

GET YOUR CHILD'S CAR SEAT checked for free with the RSA on Thursday 15th March in Supervalu, Sligo Road, Carrick on Shannon. www.checkitfits.ie

SUMMERHILL COLLEGE SLIGO will host a free lecture by psychologist Dr Eddie Murphy on building resilience in teenagers on Wednesday March 7th 2018 at 7pm. The free-to-attend talk, is open to all and will be of particular interest to parents of students attending second level schools throughout the county.

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 4th March 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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Jesus came on earth as the complete embodiment of God's presence among men. We are all called to become one with him in the image of God by keeping his commandments.

A DAY FOR THE LORD ON THE 10TH

Exposition and Recollection in Sligo Cathedral on 10th March from 8.00am to 6.00pm

LENT IN THE CATHEDRAL 2018

THEME: "STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENT 2018

On each Wednesday and Friday during Lent there will be a short meditation on the Way of the Cross.

All are encouraged to attend.

BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Wednesdays from 6.00pm to 6.15pm in Sligo Cathedral.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays after the 10.30 a.m. Mass in Sligo Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP will meet at 7.30pm on the Thursdays in Lent (excluding Holy Thursday), continuing 8th 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 You are invited to sessions of guided discussion and reflection on family life in preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Summerhill College Library on Wednesdays 7th & 14th March, 8pm – 9pm These sessions will be in an informal, friendly atmosphere, followed by a cuppa. Everyone is welcome - we are all family!

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

CHOOSE LIFE

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves 'the creative action of God', and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end." *Donum Vitae*, Introduction, 5

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. Victor Samugana

TODAY - Sunday 4th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass

Baptisms: Callie Olivia Keaveney & Sophia Mae McGloin

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 4th March at 9.00pm With a JACKPOT of €3,350

Monday 5th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Kieran

8am Mass: Andy Horan (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Veronica McDermott (Anniversary)

5.15pm Mass in ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL,
Rockwood Parade. All welcome.

Rosary every weekday
morning at 10.00am

Tuesday 6th March

8am Mass: Nora Sullivan (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Mary and Thomas Fallon (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 7th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

8am Mass: Kathleen Kelly (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Teresa O'Brien (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 8th March

Today's Feast Day: St. John of God and St. Senan

8am Mass: Lily & Michael Hughes (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Bill Murray (Anniversary)

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

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

Friday 9th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Frances of Rome

8am Mass: John & Kate Carty (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass:

11am : Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 10th March

8am Mass: Kevin Kelly (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Madge Gunning (Month's Mind)

Confessions from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Irene Nally (Month's Mind)

This week's newsletter is
sponsored by the Meade Family

Sunday Readings for 11th March

1st Reading: 2 Chron. 36:14-16. 19-23; 2nd Reading: Eph. 2:4-10; Gospel: Jn. 3:14-21.

rest in peace

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

SHEILA (SARAH) O'ROURKE (nee Scanlon), St. Joseph's Terrace; EAMONN O'BRIEN,
Meadowvale, Tonaphubble, formerly Cedar Drive; BRIDIE CRAWLEY (nee Farry), Jink's Ave.;
RONNIE GUNNING, Jink's Ave and JEAN HANNON, Jink's Ave.

*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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Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website

www.sligocathedral.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 25th February

PARISH ENV: €2,670 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,205

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.