

## From the Cluster

**SOUL FOOD: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** A series of 7 Life Changing Seminars for Young Adults (18-35 years) will begin on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm** in the **Dominican Friary Hall, Dominic Street, Sligo** and continue every Tuesday thereafter at 8pm until 29<sup>th</sup> May. Please join us on this special journey.

**A DAY OF RENEWAL AND HEALING:** Brother Johnson, Catholic Lay Preacher, from India involved in preaching the gospel, delivering many souls from the clutches of addiction, depression, and various ailments through the power of the Holy Spirit in different countries throughout the world. He will visit Carraroe Community Centre Sligo Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 12:30-5:30. ALL WELCOME.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG** Sligo Cluster of Parishes Annual One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Booking essential please call Sabrina Rooney on 9145028.

**SOCIAL DAY CENTRE FOR SENIORS** in our community at The Avalon Centre, Chapel Street runs four days per week, Tuesday to Friday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. A dinner is also provided, there's always a friendly cup of tea and a chat with caring and dedicated staff. If you or someone you know would like to attend please drop in or call Paul Tolan on 071 9161836 for further information.

**THE AVALON CENTRE ARE PROVIDERS OF THE SENIORS ALERT SCHEME**, which provides grant support for the supply of monitored personal alarms in the form of pendants or wrist watches that enable older people to continue to live securely in their homes. Contact Donna on 071 9161836 or email [donna@theavaloncentre.ie](mailto:donna@theavaloncentre.ie).

## 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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**CHOOSE LIFE QUOTE** "Human life is sacred and precious. Every human being must be treated with the greatest respect. This is true in every moment of life from its first beginning to its natural end. This respect for life is shared by people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being". (Bishop John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross)

**PRAY FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 8** Uniting Ireland in prayer to save The 8th Amendment. Please pray this simple prayer at 8am and/or 8pm, daily: Heavenly Father, I pray for the protection of the unborn child. Guide the people of Ireland to vote according to the truth of your word. Lord, protect life by preserving The 8th Amendment. Amen. ([www.prayforthe8th.ie](http://www.prayforthe8th.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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2018** Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Whilst the church recognises that everyone receives a vocation from God, be it to married life, single life, or some form of ministry, the Church on this day focuses on prayer for vocations to ordained ministry (Priesthood & Diaconate) and to religious life in all its forms. You can help by:

- Making a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations.
- Praying for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.
- Praying for the priests, deacons and religious who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

## Local news

**FAMILY PICNIC FUN DAY on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Peace Park.** Organised by the Polish Community, Sligo, beginning with Irish/Polish Mass at 12noon, followed by various activities during that day: Live music, hot & cold food, Face painting, games for kids, bouncy castle. All activities will happen inside the Peace Park. Alcohol sale and consumption are not allowed in Picnic Grounds.

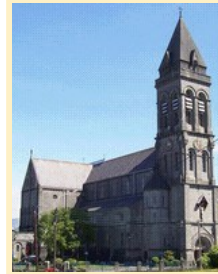
**SLIGO TOWN TWINNING TRIP** to Crozon, France from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May. Contact 9170695 or 086 8543046 for details. All welcome.

**BARNARDOS ST. MARY'S TUAM ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE** offers confidential and professional support to people affected by St. Mary's Mother and Baby Home. Helpline number: 091 399991, email address: [stmarystuamsupport@barnardos.ie](mailto:stmarystuamsupport@barnardos.ie)

**FAMILY CARERS** Are you caring for a family member at home? A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer, become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences Government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more information call 05793 22920 or visit our website [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

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

**FAMILY CIRCLE** Cards are in circulation.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

## NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sometimes we can lose our sense of direction, we become the prey of empty fears and false pleasures. Today we are reminded that in Jesus we have someone who will always guide us right and protect us. If we listen to him and follow him we will have the fullest possible life.

## FAMILY FUN DAY (CELEBRATING FAMILY)

The Elphin Diocesan Family Day will take place in Lough Key Forest Park today, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 1pm to 6pm. Free admission.  
Live Music, Face painting, Walks, Games and lots more.  
Free Parking, Some catering available onsite. Feel free to bring extra food to share.  
Feel free to bring your own musical instrument.

[www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

All are welcome!

## DID YOU KNOW

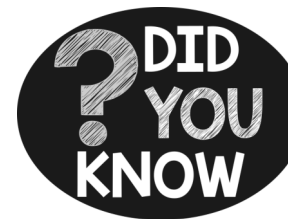
If you are giving us €5 or more in any of the following ways: weekly envelope / standing order / plate cash or by a combination of these methods we can claim an extra €117 per year from the Revenue Commissioners.

Please contact the Parish Office.  
Thank you for your kind support.

## DECLUTTER FOR TROCAIRE

This is the LAST WEEK for leaving in bags for Trocaire.  
Thank you to all who have left in bags so far.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

O Jesus, gentle and good shepherd You call each of us to follow you in various ways. Help those whom you call to follow you in ordained ministry or religious life, to listen to your voice. May your Holy Spirit guide them and help them discern your call, to give their lives in service of you. Empower those who hear your call with the grace and courage to take the first step and follow the path you have carved for them. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**8.30am Mass**

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

**12noon Mass: First Communion Scoil Ursula**

**5pm Polish Mass**

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

**BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00pm** With a JACKPOT of €3,650.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St. George & St. Adalbert**

**8.00am Mass: Annie & William Higgins & deceased members of Higgins, May, McHugh & Greer families (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Sean & Sonny Harte (First Anniversary)**

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

**Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

**8.00am Mass: Mollie & Maurice Ellis (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Fr. Austin McKeon (Anniversary)**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Mark**

**8.00am Mass: David Sweeney (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Claire O'Dowd (Anniversary)**

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

**Adoration Chapel  
Open daily**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**8.00am Mass: Joe & Mary Whyte (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Michael Ryan (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.**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Asicus**

**8.00am Mass: No intentions**

**10.30am Mass: No intentions**

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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort**

**8.00am Mass: John & Monica O'Brien (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Jean Hannon (Month's Mind)**

**2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions**

**7.30pm Vigil Mass: Patrick McNiffe (Month's Mind)**

**This week's newsletter is sponsored by an anonymous donor.**

**Sunday Readings for 29<sup>th</sup> April**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts: 9 :26-31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Jn. 3:18-24; Gospel: Jn. 15:1-8.

**Rest in peace**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:  
MICHAEL MULDOON, Woodville Road and ALICE O'CONNELL (née Gillooly), Circular Road.  
*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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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**PARISH ENV: €1,469 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,675**

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