

From the Cluster

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 ends on the vigil of DM Sunday. There will be leaflets for this novena available in the Cathedral at the main entrance. **SOUL FOOD: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** A series of 7 **Life Changing Seminars for Young Adults (18-35 years)** will begin on **Tuesday 17th April at 8pm** in the **Dominican Friary Hall, Dominic Street, Sligo** and continue every Tuesday thereafter at 8pm until 29th May. Please join us on this special journey.

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 "Life itself is the most precious gift of all. In these days we are all very aware of the need to protect the life of every child in the womb. However, it is paradoxical and in some ways the ultimate delusion, to extinguish this most fundamental right of all, the right to life of the innocent child, in the name of personal and civil rights. May the Lord open our eyes to see the image of God in every child at every stage of their lives." (Bishop Dermot Farrell, Bishop of Ossory, 11th March 2018)

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 Ten is now available at www.elphindiocese.ie

PRAY FOR THE 8TH 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)

CONFIRMATION 2018 Next Wednesday 11th April sees the first Confirmation ceremony in our diocese. Please keep all our Confirmation candidates, their families and sponsors and Bishop Kevin in your prayers over the next 7 weeks. The Confirmation schedule is available on 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

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. **EXCLUSIVE FASHION EVENT** on Thursday 19th April at the Clayton Hotel in aid of Sligo Social Services by students from 3 local schools. Tickets are available at the Sligo Social Services Thrift Shop on Harmony Hill and Charles St Reception, priced at €10 for adults and €5 for children under 12 – Every adult ticket counts as a €5 voucher to spend in our pop up shop on the night. Thank You for your support.

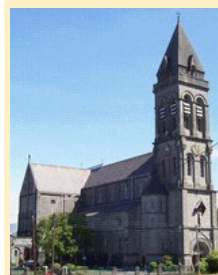
GALWAY MEETING FOR SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD & ADOLESCENT CANCER 'Wellness and Life After Cancer' from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24th April 2018, in Harbour Hotel, Dock Road, Galway City. For more information visit: www.cancare4living.ie or contact: Patricia McColgan at 086 2532819.

SLIGO TOWN TWINNING TRIP to Crozon, France from 19th to 26th 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

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 8th April 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We are all a bit like Thomas, unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus; the hope of sharing heaven with Him.

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our parish on the following dates this year:

Sunday 22nd April at 12.00noon: Scoil Ursula

Sunday 29th April at 12.00noon: Gael Scoil

Sunday 27th May at 12.00noon: St. John's N.S.

ST. PAULS MISSIONARY SOCIETY COLLECTION

A sincere thank you from Fr. Victor Samugana and St. Paul's Missionary Society. The amount raised was **€3,350**. Fr. Victor ministers in our parish and appreciates your support of his society very much.

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. Yashin Jos

TODAY - Sunday 8th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)

12noon Mass

Baptisms: Joyce Helen Rose Bans, Mason John Clarke, Esme Conway, Ruby-Rose Mahon, Seán Padraig McTernan, Mackenzie Angel Mitchell Farrell and Oliwier Siewruk.

5pm Polish Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 8th April at 9.00pm With a JACKPOT of €3,550.

Monday 9th April

Today's Feast Day: The Annunciation of the Lord

8.00am Mass: Danny Foy (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass:

11.00am St. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY monthly

meeting in the Upper Room of the Sacristy.

5.15pm Mass in St. Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade. All Welcome.

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

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am

Tuesday 10th April

8.00am Mass: Mark Rooney (Birthday Remembrance)

10.30am Mass: Eamonn Martin & daughter Bláithín (Anniversary)

2.30pm SLIGO AND DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION - Monthly meeting in Presbyterian Hall, Church St, Sligo. New members welcome.

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

Wednesday 11th April

Today's Feast Day: St. Stanislaus

8.00am Mass: Children of the Eucharist Ministry

10.30am Mass: Stephanie Conlon (First Anniversary)

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting in Gillooly Hall

Adoration Chapel
Open daily

Thursday 12th April

8.00am Mass: Annie McMorrow & deceased family members (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Margaret Clancy (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 13th April

Today's Feast Day: St. Martin I

8.00am Mass: Pat, Margaret & Annie Allen (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass:

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

Saturday 14th April

8.00am Mass:

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

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: John Joe Kilfeather (Month's Mind)

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Sunday Readings for 15th April

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15.17-19; 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5; Gospel: Lk. 24:35-48.

rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:
SR. ANNE KENNEDY, Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, Ballymote.
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 1st April
CLERGY: €4,262 PARISH ENV: €772 PL/STAND. ORD: €3,040
THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.