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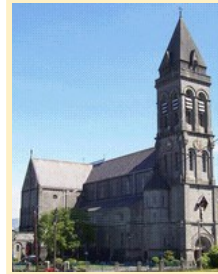
PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG Sligo Cluster of Parishes Annual One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on Tuesday 15th May 2018. Booking essential, please call Sabrina Rooney on 9145028.
BLESSING OF FAMILY PRAYER PLAQUE – HOLY WELL In preparation for the World Meeting of Families this August, a new plaque with a prayer for families has been installed at the Holy Family Shrine at the Holy Well. Bishop Kevin will bless this plaque on Sunday, 20th May at 3pm.

From the Diocese

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ICON The Icon of the World Meeting of Families, presented to Pope Francis in March, will visit our diocese from 22nd May – 1st June in Sligo Cathedral, St Patrick's Castlereagh and Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strokestown. Keep an eye on the diocesan website www.elphindiocese.ie for details of liturgies and opportunities to visit and pray before this unique Icon.
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
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
PRAY FOR THE 8TH AT 8 Uniting Ireland in prayer to save The 8th Amendment. Please pray 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.
CHOOSE LIFE QUOTE "The first few weeks of pregnancy are the most rapid in terms of development. The heart starts beating just 21 days after conception. By week 8, the nervous system is responsive. A baby can kick and leap about in the womb and suck its thumb by week 12. All this happens before the mother's bump is showing! (Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore)
BISHOP KEVIN'S MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Bishop Kevin has issued a message to young voters regarding the upcoming referendum. It can be viewed on www.elphindiocese.ie
PENTECOST CELEBRATION Prayer and Reflection in Galilee Community on Saturday, 19th May (Eve of Pentecost) from 1pm - 5pm. Fr. Willie Moran OCD will be the guide and celebrant. Mass at 4.15pm. Cuppa served in afternoon. Cost €15. Booking essential: Phone 071 9664101 or 085 8837226 Email: galileecommunity@gmail.com. Galilee Community, Tintagh, Boyle, Co. Roscommon F52 TX93.
ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY on Saturday 2nd June at Knock Shrine. Stations of the Cross and Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran, homilist Fr John Walsh OP. Followed by prayers for healing. www.allirelandrosaryrally.com

Local news

SLIGO LAWN BOWLS FOR BEGINNERS. Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm and Tuesdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm at the Sligo Lawn Bowls facility, Cleveragh Regional Park. €2 a session. Coach and equipment provided. Just bring flat soled shoes. Like facebook page - Sligo Lawn Bowls Club.
EPILEPSY FOR EVERYONE on Wednesday 16th May from 11am until 12.30pm in St Michaels Family Life Centre, Church Hill, Sligo. The Epilepsy Specialist Nurses from Sligo Hospital will be The Guest Speakers and will answer any questions. To book call Agnes 085 8689433 or email: amooney@epilepsy.ie
ANAM CARA the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Family Centre, Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. To book please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 16th May or call 085 2888 888.
CONCERT "SOLID JOYS LASTING TREASURE" in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association in Kilbride Community Centre, Four Mile House, Roscommon on Friday, 18th May at 8.00pm.
WEAR A SUNFLOWER FOR NORTH WEST HOSPICE on 8th-9th June. Sunflowers and pins will be available to buy from North West Hospice volunteers all over the North West and your support would be greatly appreciated. The sunflowers have been grown and generously donated by Loughan House in Blacklion to support North West Hospice. Volunteers required, please contact North West Hospice on 071 9170523 or email info@northwesthospice.ie
VACCINATIONS FOR SCHOOL Parents/guardians of children from 4 yrs of age and starting Primary school require booster vaccinations of **4in1 & MMR** to ensure continued protection against dangerous diseases. (**4in1** = Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough & Polio. **MMR** = Measles, Mumps & Rubella.) These vaccines are **free** from your GP for children living in the North West. If your child has not received these two vaccines please arrange an appointment with your GP before they start school. It is never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. More information on www.immunisation.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 13th May 2018

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

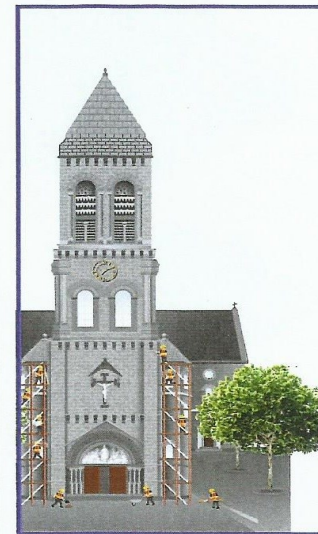
Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.

SUNDAY NEXT - PENTECOST OFFERING FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY

This collection is one of four each year to raise funds to pay the agreed salaries for the four priests of the parish. Thank you for your continued support.

ROSARY LED BY CHILDREN AT SLIGO CATHEDRAL 20th ANNIVERSARY 1998-2018

This May we celebrate 20 years of praying the Rosary with the children of our Parish every May and October. We extend the warmest of invitations to our children, their parents and grandparents on Thursday, 17th May at 7pm.



Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the launch of our appeal to fund the ongoing and necessary restoration of Our Historic Cathedral

Date: 21st May 2018

Time: 8pm

Venue: Gillooly Hall, Sligo

We very much hope you are in a position to join us

RSVP by 11th May 2018

St Mary's Presbytery, Temple Street, Sligo,
(071) 916 2670 email: info@sligocathedral.ie

Fr. Declan Boyce SPS
Very Rev Declan Boyce SPS,
Administrator, Sligo Cathedral

FLAG DAY

in aid of the Cathedral Restoration Fund will be held on Friday, 25th May. Volunteers are required to ensure the success of the fundraising event. Please contact the Parish Office on 071 9162670.

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 13th May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy included)

12noon Mass

5pm Polish Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 29th April at 9.00pm With a JACKPOT of €3,800.

Monday 14th May

Today's Feast Day: St. Matthias

8.00am Mass: Our Lady's Intentions

10.30am Mass: No Intentions

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 15th May

Today's Feast Day: St. Carthage

8.00am Mass: No Intentions

10.30am Mass: Packie Keegan (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 16th May

Today's Feast Day: St. Brendan

8.00am Mass: No Intentions

10.30am Mass: Deceased members of McManus Family
(Anniversary)

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting in Gillooly Hall

Adoration Chapel
Open daily

Thursday 17th May

8.00am Mass: No Intentions

10.30am Mass: Henry & May Collins (Anniversary)

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

7.00pm: Rosary led by children in the Cathedral

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

Friday 18th May

Today's Feast Day: St. John I

8.00am Mass: Intentions of the Holy Souls

10.30am Mass: No Intentions

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

Saturday 19th May

8.00am Mass: Tom, Enda & Marie Staunton (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Michael McNulty (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Anthony Kelly (Month's Mind)

This week's newsletter
is sponsored by
Zita Ceiller.

Sunday Readings for 20th May

1st Reading: Acts: 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Gal. 5:16-25; Gospel: Jn. 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

Rest in peace

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

LARRY DEIGNAN, Maugheraboy Estate;

PHILIP LYONS, Kestrel Drive, Kevinsfort;

ELEANOR (ELLA) HENRY, Crozon Crescent and formerly of College Road;

EDDIE MORAN, Treacy Ave and late of Ash Grove, Maugheraboy;

MARY CLANCY, (nee Marren) Larkhill Road and

SEAN MELLY, St. Michael's Terrace.

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.

Phone: 071 9162670

Email: info@sligocathedral.ie

Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website

www.sligocathedral.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 6th May

PARISH ENV: €1,950 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,704

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.