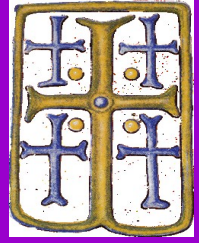


CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO
NEWSLETTER



Sunday 16th December 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare for Christ's coming. His task was to make people attentive to the Spirit who would be fully present in God's anointed.

ADVENT JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is a way of reflecting on the key people who prefigure the coming ('adventus') of Jesus. Symbols for the Jesse Tree are:

ADVENT JESSE TREE - WEEK THREE

The Staff symbol represents JESSE

The Lyre Key & Star symbols represent DAVID

The Temple & Jerusalem symbols represent SOLOMON

ADVENT PRAYER Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan, you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS

Please bring along your baby Jesus from your crib at home to next weekend's Masses for a special blessing.

CHRISTMAS FAIR THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who supported our Christmas Fair held in the Gillooly Hall last weekend. The total raised was €12,537.00.

We wish to acknowledge the contribution of our entire Parish Community. Well done to all involved. Deep gratitude.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

In Holy Cross Friary on Tuesday, 18th December at 7.30pm.

Confessions will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday, 22nd December from 2pm to 5pm and Monday, 24th December from 1pm to 5pm.



SLIGO CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place next Sunday, 23rd December at 8.15pm.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Parish office will close on Friday, 21st December and reopen on Wednesday, 2nd January 2019 at 9.30am.

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 16th December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass: (Children's Liturgy included.)

12noon Mass: Baptisms will be celebrated at this Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 16th December at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,000

Monday 17th December

8.00am Mass: No Intention

10.30am Mass: Rose McCaffrey (Anniversary)

7.30pm: Choir Rehearsal

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 18th December

Today's Feast Day: St. Flannan

8.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Boyle & Durcan families (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

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

Adoration Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now online from Sligo Cathedral website.

It can be watched on www.sligocathedral.ie by clicking on the red "watch us live" button on the homepage and then clicking on the "Adoration" button.

Wednesday 19th December

8.00am Mass: No Intention

10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

Tea after 10.30am Mass

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting in Gillooly Hall.

Adoration in St. Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade, Monday to Saturday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Thursday 20th December

Today's Feast Day: St. Fachanan

8.00am Mass: John & Elizabeth Lynch (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Patrick Fallon (Anniversary)

6.00pm: I Thirst Movement in Missionaries of Charity Sisters House, Temple Street.

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

Friday 21st December

Today's Feast Day: St. Peter Canisius

8.00am Mass: Michael & Delia Mulholand (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Bernard Devins (First Anniversary)

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

Saturday 22nd December

8.00am Mass: Frank & Mary Murphy (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: No Intention

2.00pm to 5.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: No Intention

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Sunday Readings for 23rd December

1st Reading: Mic. 5:1-4; 2nd Reading: Heb. 10:5-10; Gospel: Lk. 1:39-44.

rest in peace

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

BRIAN CRUMMY, High Field Road, Sligo.

*May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console
his bereaved family and friends.*

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m.
& Friday 9.30a.m. to 2.00p.m.

Phone: 071 9162670

Email: info@sligocathedral.ie

Restoration Fund website: www.saveaslate.com

Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website: www.sligocathedral.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December

PARISH ENV: €2,716.00

PL/STAND. ORD: €1,586.00

RESTORATION FUND: €218.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.

From the Cluster

TWO QUALITY BOOKS on the Catholic Faith and its practice, written by Dermot Layden which have been favourably reviewed by Monsignor Gerard Dolan, can be read free on the website www.lettertecbbooks.com. The titles are "Making Faith Practice Exciting and Liberating" and "In Defence of God, Jesus Christ and His Church".

WAY OF GENTLENESS A personal enrichment journey for Advent in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Monday, 17th December at 8.00pm.

From the Diocese

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "Loving God means serving our neighbour without reserve and trying to forgive without limits". (7th December 2018)

TROCAIRE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL Archbishop Eamon Martin has urged the public to support Trócaire's Christmas 2018 Appeal during his meetings this week in Iraq with families who are being helped by the charity Trócaire. "Trócaire's Christmas Appeal focuses on bringing aid and relief to people trapped in conflict around the world. Whether that is in Iraq, Yemen, South Sudan or elsewhere, these people need and deserve our love and compassion. I would encourage people in Ireland to support Trócaire's Christmas Appeal. Even small donations can make a big difference to people whose lives have been shattered by conflict." Trócaire's Christmas 2018 Appeal can be supported on www.trocaire.org/christmas. This year's appeal focuses on the plight of those affected by conflict in Yemen, South Sudan and in other countries to enable it to respond to hunger crises, displacement, conflict and human rights abuses.

SUMMERHILL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION To launch the new Summerhill College Alumni Association, the college are having an Inaugural Alumni Ball in the Radisson Hotel on Thursday, 27th December. The event is open to all past pupils and friends of the school with proceeds in aid of Pieta House. Please visit www.summerhillcollege.ie for ticket information.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) JUNE 2019 Dates: 23rd – 30th June 2019, Age Group: 18 – 35, Cost €650. Package includes flights, 7 nights' B&B, 20kg Check-in luggage plus hand luggage, transfers and insurance. For more information please contact Frank: 087 9880690 or frank.mcquinness@elphindiocese.ie

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR The Catholic Bishop's Conference are delighted to bring you their online Advent Calendar again this year on www.catholicbishops.ie

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR BUSY PEOPLE Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast on www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections. A great way to enter Advent season.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download on www.elphindiocese.ie/advent Persons interested in forming new groups are encouraged to contact Justin Harkin on 087 6171526 or justin@elphindiocese.ie

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND SOCIAL GATHERING You are welcome to join us in Galilee Community, Boyle on Thursday, 20th December at 8pm. The evening will begin with reflection on the mystery of Christmas. We will conclude with a social hour, mulled punch & mince pies.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE The Diocese of Elphin is planning to run a Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course in order to offer parishes the opportunity to have trained parish volunteers who will be in a position to support their priest and parish with youth and young adult ministry. For further information please contact: Frank 087 9880690 frank.mcquinness@elphindiocese.ie

Local news

SLIGO MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE can be ordered from 1 to 7 days per week for people of any age who need a little support. [Happy Christmas](http://www.happychristmas.ie) Phone Lorna on 071 9145682.

KINLOUGH PEOPLES CHRISTMAS MARKET today, Sunday 16th December from 11am to 3pm in Wild Atlantic Crusades, Leitrim. This market has a Christmas theme with lots of Christmas crafts, baked goods, spa treatments, curries, crepes and lots more on offer. Bring your children to visit Santa between 12noon & 3pm or visit the fairy village. For more information check out the market Facebook page "Kinlough Peoples Market" or email info.kinloughpeoplesmarket@gmail.com.

SLIGO ROTARY CLUB REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION in aid of St. Vincent de Paul and Sligo Hospice will take place in O'Connell Street from Monday 17th to Monday 24th December inclusive. An Interdenominational Service of Thanksgiving will take place on Thursday, 17th January 2019 at 8.00pm in St. Colmcille's Church, Rathcormack, Co. Sligo.

SLIGO ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING and Christmas Party to follow on Tuesday, 18th December at 2.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Church Street. Happy Christmas to everyone.

LIVING FAMILY IRELAND is pleased to announce that our next retreat will take place in Summerhill College on Saturday, 5th January 2019. To book please email info@livingfamily.ie

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

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.