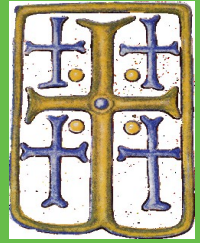




CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO
NEWSLETTER



Sunday 24th February 2019

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Christians are required to answer hatred with goodness,
curses with blessings and ill treatment with prayer.

As descendants of Adam, this is difficult, but through
the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we can succeed.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUND

We thank you most sincerely for your contributions to the Cathedral
Restoration Fund. To date €65,737 has been received
and the cost of the work already completed is €56,426.

The next phase of the restoration work includes:

Isolating and treating the cause of dampness in the East and West transepts
and upper areas along the nave, repairing paving outside the Cathedral,
improving car park - drainage and re-surfacing, restoration of the Cathedral
organ, interior painting and construction of interior public toilets.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries about the restoration
work. Again we thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Retreat on 27th February in Nazareth Home Chapel at 7.30pm.

HUNGER LUNCH ON ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

To mark the start of Lent delicious soup and bread rolls in the Gillooly Hall
from 11am to 2pm with all proceeds in aid of Trocaire.

ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

There will be an extra Mass on the day at 1.05pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

No 12noon Mass on Sunday, 17th March because roads will be closed due to the parade.

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 24th February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 24th February at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,450

Monday 25th February

8.00am Mass

**10.30am Mass: Mai Flynn & (Baby) Michael Flynn
(Anniversary)**

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

Rosary every weekday
morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 26th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

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

Wednesday 27th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Jennie Hannon (First Anniversary)

Tea after 10.30am Mass

7.30pm: Ministers of the Word Retreat in Nazareth Home Chapel.

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 28th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Veronica McDermott (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.

First Friday 1st March

Today's Feast Day: St. David

8.00am Mass: Confessions before Mass

10.30am Mass: Confessions before Mass

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

6.30pm: Padre Pio Prayer Group in Cathedral.

7.00pm Mass: Confessions before Mass

Saturday 2nd March

8.00am Mass: Herbie McCaffrey (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

This week's newsletter
is sponsored for a
Special Intention and for
prayers for Holy Souls

Sunday Readings for 3rd March

1st Reading: Eccles (Sir) 27:4-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58; Gospel: Lk. 6:39-45.

rest in peace

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

ANGELA RENNICK, Temple Street;

KEVIN O'GRADY, St. Brigid's Place;

KATHLEEN DOLAN, Ballina;

PAULINE HARGADEN, Galway and formerly Sligo

and

CHRISTINA HAWKINS, Nazareth Village and formerly St. Joseph's Tce.

*May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console
their bereaved families and friends.*

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4.00pm
& Friday 9.30am to 2.00pm.

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 Sunday 17th February

PARISH ENV: €2,410.00

PL/STAND. ORD: €1,643.00

RESTORATION COIN BOXES: €664.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.

From the Parish & Cluster

KEEP FIT CLASSES Body & Soul - A workout for the whole you. Classes every Tuesday in the Gillooly Hall at 8pm. €5 per session. All funds to Sligo Cathedral Restoration Fund.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER in St. Anne's Church on Friday, 1st March at 8pm.

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE will have a Visiting Sunday on 3rd March. It will begin with Mass at noon, and everyone is welcome to stay for tea and a tour.

THE WAY OF GENTLENESS in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Monday's 11th, 18th & 25th March and Monday's 1st & 8th April at 8.00pm each evening. A personal enrichment journey for Lent.

ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday, 30th August to Wednesday, 4th September 2019. For further information and to book contact JWT on 01 2410800. www.joewalshstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-lourdes-elphin

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

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

From the Diocese

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "In the darkest moments of our history, the Lord draws near, opens paths, lifts up discouraged faith, anoints wounded hope, and awakens sleeping charity." (19th February 2019)

DAY OF PRAYER This Sunday, the International Meeting on Child Safeguarding, convened by Pope Francis, comes to an end in Rome. Bishop Kevin asks all our parishioners to continue their prayer for Church leaders everywhere that they may have the wisdom and the courage to do all that is needed to protect children in every aspect of the life of the Church. Parishioners can inform themselves on what is being done in the Diocese of Elphin by clicking on www.elphindiocese.ie/safeguarding

TOWARDS PEACE is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. Its vision is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 5053028. Mobile: 086 7710533.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download on www.elphindiocese.ie/lent Support for new groups also available.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSY PEOPLE Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast on www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

UNPACKING THE CODE OF ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR HEALTHCARE (Irish Catholic Bishops / Veritas Publications) A Workshop led by Dr. James Wade (St. Angela's / NUIG) and Bishop Kevin Doran in Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore on Saturday 2nd March, from 11am to 3.30pm. Would be of particular interest to Healthcare Professionals, but all are welcome. Contribution €25, including tea/coffee from 10.30am and 3-course lunch. Book your place by emailing staroftheseacentre@gmail.com Topics: Basic Principles, Beginning of Life and End of Life questions, Information, Consent and Decision Making, Participation and Conscientious Objection.

WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS, CHOIR DIRECTORS AND MUSICIANS Singers, Choir Directors and Musicians are invited to participate in a workshop on a new collection of liturgical music called *Our Hearts Are Restless* on Saturday 9th March from 10am to 1pm. The workshop will be led by Ephrem and Giovanna Feeley. There will also be a special emphasis on music for Easter and Pentecost, as well as tips on working with children's voices. Full music collection and CDs will be available to purchase at a discounted rate. To book email staroftheseacentre@gmail.com cost €10.00 per participant.

OLD TESTAMENT PRESENTATIONS You are invited to an attractive DVD encounter with the Old Testament by U.S. Scripture expert, Fr. Richard Clifford, S.J., Ph.D, in Columbanus House, Church Hill, (next to St. Michael's Family Life Centre) on the Tuesdays & Thursdays of Lent, starting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Admission free. Bring a Bible if you have one.

GALILEE CENTRE, BOYLE Regular Events in Galilee: Morning prayer Mon to Fri 9.15am. Evening prayer 6pm (Tues, Wed, Fri only). Mindfulness Meditation : Monday evenings 7pm to 7.45pm. Discussion and reflection on the Sunday Gospel: Thursday evenings starting with cuppa at 7.30pm and reflection and prayer from 8pm to 9.20pm. Taizé prayer around the cross: Last Friday of each month from 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

KNOCK MARRIAGE INTRODUCTIONS - helping to bring people together with a view to marriage. Ireland's first and only Catholic Marriage Introductions Agency. Phone: 094 9375960. Website: www.knockmarriageintroductions.com

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend in Esker Retreat Centre, Esker from 5th to 7th April for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Enquiries to Gerry on 086 3855090 or Maureen on 087 6646896.

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.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie