

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

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.

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.

PRAYER: COMMUNICATING WITH GOD. A LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES – WITH COFFEE! Led by Ian Neylon and Anne Francis in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Co Roscommon on Tuesday mornings, from 10.30am to 12.00noon, on 12th, 19th & 26th March and 2nd & 9th April. What is prayer all about? What do we mean when we talk about communicating with God? This series will explore prayer through conversations and practical experiences in a relaxed atmosphere. All welcome, no expertise required! Donation €10 per person or couple or €40 for the five sessions. Come to any or all. No need to book.

PLANNING THE EASTER TRIDUUM in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Co Roscommon on Tuesday 19th March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with Dr Anne Francis. A practical and prayerful evening for all who are involved with preparing the liturgies of the Easter Triduum. All welcome. Donation €10.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL PILGRIM STATUE will visit Ransboro Church on Tuesday, 19th March. Starting with procession at 6.45pm and Mass at 7.00pm, followed by a talk and blessing of scapulars.

"LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL" Prayer Meeting in St. Michael's Family Life Centre every Friday at 7.30pm. **SLIGO CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** will host Maria Vadia, International Catholic Lay Evangelist, Author and Missionary, in Sligo Clayton Hotel on Saturday, 16th March from 9.30am to 5.30pm for a day of Scripture based teaching, healing, leading us in praise and worship. Hot lunch available and early booking is essential: 087 6998397.

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

NORTH WEST HOSPICE is appealing to all local Ladies to join Team-North-West-Hospice in this year's VHI Women's Mini-Marathon in Dublin on Bank Holiday Sunday 2nd June at 2pm and can be walked, jogged or run so suits all abilities. The hospice provide bus transport. If you would like to get involved please call 071 9170523, visit www.northwesthospice.ie or email us at info@northwesthospice.ie

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

From the Diocese

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "The Lenten journey begins today, Ash Wednesday. I invite each of you to live this time in an authentic spirit of penance and conversion, like a return to the Father, who awaits us all with open arms." (6th March 2019)

ACCORD ELPHIN Office Administrator required for the Accord Centre, Sligo. 9.5 hours per week. Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills required with a knowledge of Computers. For further information contact Accord Sligo at 071 9145641 or email accordsligo@eircom.net Letter of application including reference and C.V. to be submitted by 16th March 2019. Starting date 1st April 2019.

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

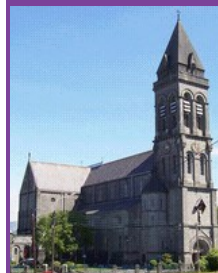
LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSY PEOPLE Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast on www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

ELPHIN DIOCESAN 3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June. More details on www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg

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 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Admission free. Bring a Bible if you have one.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Led by Colette Furlong, Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist, in Star of the Sea Centre, Mullaghmore on Saturday 23rd March from 11am to 3pm. Phone 087 6132985 to book.

NEW MISSION AWARENESS TEAM The formation of a new Mission Awareness Team in the Diocese of Elphin is being explored. Its aim will be to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas. A meeting will be held in St. Coman's Club, Abbey St., Roscommon on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm. Interested parishioners and especially those who have worked overseas on mission/development work are invited and welcome to attend. Enquiries to Deacon Wando Araujo on 087 2600338 or email: wandileo@hotmail.com



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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As Lent begins we are reminded of Adam's fall from grace and of the reality of sin in human life, we are also reminded that Christ is the new Adam overcoming temptation in himself and so making possible a new life, a new humanity for those who belong to him.

THANK YOU

The Hunger Lunch in the Gillooly Hall on Ash Wednesday has raised €674.95 for Trócaire. We thank most sincerely all who donated to this worthy cause.

MAKE YOUR OWN FASHION STATEMENT THIS LENT

Why not spring clean your closet for charity this Lent and donate your unwanted clothing in aid of Trócaire. All donations can be left at the clearly marked collection point inside the Cathedral main entrance.

All items must be clean, dry and reusable and may consist of the following:

Adult's & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, curtains, bedding (no pillows or duvets), towels and soft toys. Please pick a label for your donation at the Cathedral entrance.

BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

From 6.00pm to 6.15pm every Monday, Wednesday & Friday during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After 10.30am Mass every Friday during Lent.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

No 12noon Mass next 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. Yashin Jos

TODAY - Sunday 10th March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass: (Children's Liturgy included.) Preparation for First Holy Communion

12noon Mass: Baptisms will be celebrated at this Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 10th March at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,550

Monday 11th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Aengus

8.00am Mass: Our Lady's Intentions

10.30am Mass: James & Mary Keaney (Anniversary)

11.00am: St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting in the Upper Room of the Cathedral Sacristy. New members welcome.

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross

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

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 12th March

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Teresa & Joseph O'Brien (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 13th March

8.00am Mass: Breege Preston (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Dan & Muriel Currid (Anniversary)

Tea after 10.30am Mass

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross

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 14th March

8.00am Mass: Jack Gallagher (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Nora Fallon (First 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 15th March

8.00am Mass: Betty Comiskey (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Michael Casey (Anniversary)

Stations of the Cross after 10.30am Mass

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

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16th March

8.00am Mass: Mary (Mamie) Gallagher (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Kevin O'Grady (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

This week's newsletter is sponsored by The Doherty Family

Sunday Readings for 17th March

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 2:2-8; Gospel: Lk. 5:1-11.

rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:
AILEEN GILROY, New Jersey and formerly Hazelwood.
May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console her 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 Sunday 3rd March

PARISH ENV: €1,467.00

PL/STAND. ORD: €1,318.00

RESTORATION COIN BOXES: €232.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.