

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

BINGO in the Gillooly Hall on Sundays from 9pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.
THE WAY OF GENTLENESS in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Monday's 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.

3 DAY MISSION at Church of Mary Immaculate, Grange, Co. Sligo on 1st to 3rd April. Mass at 7.30am & 7.30pm each day. Mission given by the Grey Friars, Limerick. All welcome.

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 "Prayer gives consistency and vitality to everything we do." (4th March 2019)

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING WITH BISHOP KEVIN Bishop Kevin invites all young adults (over 18) to a 5km walk and celebration of the Eucharist at Sliabh Ban Mass Rock, just outside Strokestown on Saturday 30th March. Meet at 11.15am at Percy French Hotel. Please bring something to eat and drink and come prepared for Irish weather: warm and waterproof clothes, walking shoes. Please contact Frank McGuinness for more info: 087 9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

(RE)OPENING THE WORD: A SHORT BIBLICAL STUDIES COURSE, SUMMERHILL COLLEGE, SLIGO (THURSDAYS 8:00pm-9:30pm) Looking for something positive to do this Lent? Want to Learn more about the Bible? The Theology Programmes Team at St Angela's College Sligo invites you to sample a short course in Biblical Studies across five weeks this Lent. For beginners, those with a casual interest, and anyone who has questions about the Bible, and its relevance for today's world. For more information and to reserve a place, contact: fcousins@stangelas.nuigalway.ie. 21st & 28th March and 4th April from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Cost per evening of €5, or all five evenings €15.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download on

www.elphindiocese.ie/leat 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.

DAY OF REFLECTION IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK Walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Led by Colette Furlong, Catechist and Liturgist. Saturday 13th April from 11am to 3pm in Star of the Sea Centre, Mullaghmore. To book call 087 6132985.

GALILEE CENTRE, BOYLE Communicating with God: A Lenten faith formation series. Tuesdays March 19th & 26th, April 2nd & 9th from 10.30am – 12.00pm, led by Ian Neylon and Anne Francis.

Donation €10 per person or couple or €40 for the five sessions. Come to any or all. No need to book.

Regular Events in Galilee: Morning prayer Mon to Fri 9.15am. Evening prayer 6pm (Tues, Wed, Fri only). Mindfulness Meditation : Monday evenings 7pm to 7.45 pm. 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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE weekend in Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway 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.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th March 2019

ST. PATRICK'S DAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EMIGRANTS (SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT)



St. Patrick was set apart by God to bring his word to the end of the earth. He brought faith in Christ to our land and the message of peace for those who accept that faith. Today we thank God for Patrick who was true to his vocation and so made it possible for our names to be written in heaven.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm.

ST. PATRICK'S PURGATORY

An all night vigil will be held in the Cathedral from 7pm on Friday, 5th April to 9am on Saturday, 6th April. All welcome to attend for all or part of the vigil.

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.



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 17th March

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EMIGRANTS
(SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT)**

8.30am Mass

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

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO, GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 17th March at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,600

Monday 18th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Leo Magee (Anniversary)

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

Rosary every weekday
morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 19th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am Mass: Mai, John & Michael Howley & deceased members of Howley, Boland & Hallinan families (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Dennis O'Sullivan (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 20th March

8.00am Mass: Our Lady's Intentions

10.30am Mass: Patrick & Kathleen Ballantine (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 21st March

Today's Feast Day: St. Enda

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Geraldine O'Hanlon (Anniversary)

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

7.30pm: First Confessions in the Cathedral

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

Friday 22nd March

8.00am Mass: Patricia Sheridan R.I.P. (Birthday Remembrance)

10.30am Mass: Ann Mullen (Anniversary)

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

Saturday 23rd March

Today's Feast Day: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8.00am Mass: Thomas Porter (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Angela Rennick (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

**This week's newsletter
is sponsored in memory of
Bishop Christopher Jones R.I.P.**

Sunday Readings for 24th March

1st Reading: Ex. 3:1-8. 13-15; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-6. 10-12; Gospel: Lk. 13:1-9.

rest in peace

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

PHYLLIS MCLOUGHLIN, St Joseph's Terrace
and

MOLLY DEVLIN (née Farry), Manchester and formally Jink's Avenue;

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

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

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 10th March

PARISH ENV: €2,171.00

PL/STAND. ORD: €1,415.00

RESTORATION COIN BOXES: €430.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.