

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IN SLIGO is currently looking to recruit members. Please ring the Sligo SVP Area Office on **071 9160713** or email sligoarea@gmail.com or contact your local conference to arrange a conversation with current members of the Society.

THE WAY OF GENTLENESS in St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Monday 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.

URSULINE NETWORK meeting in the Convent (opposite Cathedral entrance) on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.00pm. New members welcome.

"LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL" Formation Day in St. Michael's Family Life Centre on Saturday 30th March from 11am to 4pm.

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.joewalstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-lourdes-elphin

From the Diocese

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "Lent is rediscovering that we are made for the flame that always burns: for God, for the eternity of Heaven, and not for the world." (20th March 2019)

CONFIRMATION 2019 This week, Bishop Kevin began the celebration of Confirmation around the Diocese. Please remember in your prayers the young people who will be confirmed, their parents and sponsors, along with their teachers and priests who have been part of their journey. "Come Holy Spirit!"

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 information: 087 9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

(RE)OPENING THE WORD: A SHORT BIBLICAL STUDIES COURSE IN SUMMERHILL COLLEGE, SLIGO on Thursday's, 28th March and 4th April from 8.00pm to 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 Cost is €5 per evening.

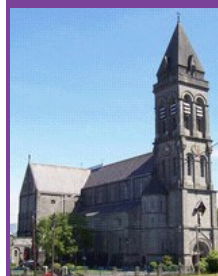
ELPHIN DIOCESAN 3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June. More details on www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg

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

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

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

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 24th March 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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Today's gospel is a reminder of the need for conversion - for a change of direction in our lives. We cannot presume forever on the mercy of God.

MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Victor is requesting donations this weekend on behalf of his order, St. Paul's Missionary Society.

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.

Flyer available at the back of the church.

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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish office will close on Friday, 29th March at 2pm and reopen on Tuesday, 2nd April 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. Victor Samugana

TODAY - Sunday 24th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 March at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,650

Monday 25th March

Today's Feast Day: The Annunciation of the Lord

8.00am Mass: Jean Finlay (First Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Nuala Caliendo (First Anniversary)

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 26th March

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Christina Hawkins (Month's Mind)

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

Wednesday 27th March

8.00am Mass: Children of The Eucharistic Ministry

10.30am Mass: Teresa Bowers (Recently Deceased)

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 28th March

8.00am Mass: Our Lady's Intentions

10.30am Mass

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 29th March

8.00am Mass: Kathleen & William Kelly (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Pauric & Lucy Connolly & deceased family members (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 30th March

8.00am Mass: Patsy Diamond (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Dolores Treacy (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

This week's newsletter is sponsored in remembrance of Sean Boyle R.I.P.

Sunday Readings for 31st March

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12; 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Gospel: Lk. 15:1-3. 11-32.

rest in peace

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

TERESA BOWERS (née RYAN), Sutton, Dublin and late of Treacy Avenue.

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.

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Email: info@sligocathedral.ie

Restoration Fund website: www.saveaslate.com

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 17th March

PARISH ENV: €1,625.00

PL/STAND. ORD: €1,360.00

RESTORATION COIN BOXES: €76.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.