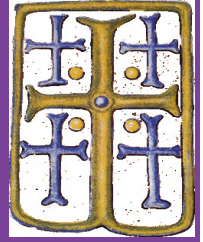




CATHEDRAL OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO  
**NEWSLETTER**



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)**

The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.

### **ST. PATRICK'S PURGATORY**

An all night vigil will be held in the Cathedral from 7pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April to 9am on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 reopen on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Yashin Jos

**TODAY - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,700**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St Ceallach**

**8.00am Mass: Bernard & Eddie Murray (Anniversary)**

**9.30am: Parish Office closed for today**

**10.30am Mass: Margaret Fox (Recently deceased)**

**5.15pm: Mass in St Bernadettes Chapel, Rockwood Parade. All 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Today's Feast Day: St Francis of Paola**

**8.00am Mass: Our Ladys Intention (Special Intention)**

**9.30am: Parish office opens**

**10.30am Mass: Caoimhe Stonebank (Special Intention)**

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**8.00am Mass: Mark Rooney ( Birthday Remembrance)**

**10.30am Mass:**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Today's Feast Day: St Isidore**

**8.00am Mass:**

**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.

## First Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Today's Feast Day: St Vincent Ferrer**

**8.00am Mass: Confessions before Mass**

**10.30am Mass: Margaret Leonard (Anniversary) Confessions before Mass**

**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**

**6.30pm: Padre Pio Prayer Group** in Cathedral

**7.00pm Mass: Confessions before Mass**

**7pm-9am Saturday 6th April St Patrick's Purgatory f**

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**8.00am Mass: Robert McGoldrick (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass:**

**2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions**

**7.30pm Vigil Mass:**

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

## Sunday Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is. 43:16-21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil. 3:8-14 ; Gospel: Jn. 8:1-11

## rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of:  
Kathleen Smyth, Nazareth Village and late of St Brigid's  
*May God grant her eternal rest and comfort and console  
their bereaved families and friends.*

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

**Phone:** 071 9162670

**Email:** [info@sligocathedral.ie](mailto:info@sligocathedral.ie)

Restoration Fund website: [www.saveaslate.com](http://www.saveaslate.com)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**PARISH ENV: €2627.00**

**PL/STAND. ORD: €1333.00**

**RESTORATION COIN BOXES: €592.00**

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. For further information and to book contact JWT on 01 2410800.

[www.joewalshstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-lourdes-elphin](http://www.joewalshstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-lourdes-elphin)

**P.T.A.A SLIGO**-Meeting in St Mary's Presbytery at 7.30pm on Friday 5th April after 7pm Mass.

**Social Dancing in Gillooly Hall** Thursday 4th April @ 8.30pm live music with Robert Brown and special guest Shauna MC Stravock Refreshments served

**A DAY WITH MARY** St Johns Carraroe, Saturday 6th April 11am-4pm. Mass led by Fr. Shane Gallagher, please bring a packed lunch.

**HOLY HILL HERMITAGE** will have a Visiting Sunday on 7th April. It will begin with Mass at noon, and everyone is welcome to stay for tea and a tour.

## From the Diocese

**TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex** "Where should we fix our gaze along the journey of Lent? On the Crucifix. Jesus on the Cross is the compass of life that points us to Heaven"( 27th March 2019)

**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 13<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 3pm. To book call 087 6132985.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) JUNE 2019** Dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie)

**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS IS BEING HOSTED IN KNOCK OLD PARISH CHURCH** , Saturday 6th April starting with Rosary and meditations at 11am and concludes with Mass at 12 noon.

**MASS OF CHRISM** Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. During the Mass, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick. The priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. Refreshments afterwards in the Gillooly Hall.

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSY PEOPLE** short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections)

**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.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** in Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Enquiries to Gerry on 086 3855090 or Maureen on 087 6646896.

**5 DAY SILENT RETREAT** Foyer of Light, Charity & Love. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God.". Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne. Venue: Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway. Date: April 22nd to 28th Cost: €380 full board. Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS** Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May at 8pm (unless otherwise stated). Sign up your local Grotto @ [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or call 087 2786552.