

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE will have it's next Visiting Sunday today, 1st December. Mass will begin at noon, followed by tea and tour.

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

THE WAY OF GENTLENESS A personal enrichment journey for Advent in Saint Patrick's Church, Strandhill starting at 8.00pm on Monday's 2nd, 9th & 16th December.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP will meet in the Gillooly Hall (in one of the upper rooms) at 7.30pm on three evenings in Advent as follows: Tuesday 3rd, Tuesday 10th and Thursday 19th December. All are welcome. And should you be interested in establishing your own private group, you can download the required resource material from www.elphindiocese.ie

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

P.T.A.A. SLIGO Meeting in St. Mary's Presbytery at 7.30pm on Friday 6th December immediately after the 7pm Mass.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December. Catholic youth retreat for 16-35yrs. Donation only. ID required. Book free buses online at www.youth2000.ie For more info call 01 6753690 or email office@youth2000.ie

KNOCK Five First Saturday Devotions are being hosted in the Knock Old Parish Church on Saturday 7th December. Starts at 11.00am with Rosary, meditations, and concludes with Holy Mass at 12.00noon, Confessions and Enrollment of the free brown scapulars. All done in the spirit of reparation for sins committed against our Lady's immaculate Heart and the salvation of souls. Everyone is welcome to attend to benefit from Our Lady's heavenly promises.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION celebrated on Monday 9th December 2019. Mass times as follows: 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Monday 9th December.

From the Diocese

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATION That those whom the Lord calls to be labourers in his Vineyard, may be strengthened by his Word and his Spirit and enabled to respond with generosity in serving Him as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Lord Hear Us.

YEAR OF VOCATION A Year of Vocation in the Diocese of Elphin will begin this **Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent**. The invitation to discipleship is central to the celebration of every liturgical season, every feast and every sacramental celebration. From the moment of conception to the moment of death we are being called. It is crucial for the mission of the Church in our Diocese that a culture of vocation in this general sense is fostered. It is out of that culture of vocation the people discern their specific vocational call. More details about the Year of Vocation, along with Bishop Kevin's Pastoral Message, will be available later in January 2020.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day! (Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2015)

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP RESOURCES available to download at www.elphindiocese.ie/advent Can also be used for private prayer. All welcome to use.

SHORT ADVENT REFLECTIONS by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen and to podcast at www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections Oriented toward people who experience this as a busy time of year.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK The 49th annual public All Night Vigil takes place on 7th/8th December this year. Vigil Programme: 10.00pm – 12.00midnight: CONFESSIONS in Chapel of Reconciliation. 12.00midnight – 3.30am: VIGIL proper commences in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hours with Frs. Brendan Walsh & John Regan, S.A.C. 4.00am: CONCELEBRATED MASS (Main Celebrant Archbishop Jude Okolo).

ADVENT RETREAT DAY, IN GALILEE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: THE WONDER OF CREATION, MIRACLE OF LIFE WITH SR. NELLIE MCLAUGHLIN. Drawing on the wisdom of the earth, scripture, mystics and poets we will make a journey of exploration in the light of both privilege and responsibility in our common home. 7th December 10.30am–3.30pm. All welcome. Cost €30 including a light lunch. Booking and enquires info@galilee.ie or 071 9664101.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**CATHEDRAL
RESTORATION
FUND**

CHRISTMAS FAIR
on Saturday 7th December
from 11am to 4pm

Tickets are on sale for the
Christmas Fair Grand Draw.
Please support.

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Glenn Alipoyo

TODAY - Sunday 1st December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO in the GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 1st December at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €1,600

Monday 2nd December

8.00am Mass: Bernie & Alec Miller (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Nancy O'Brien (Anniversary)

5.15pm: Mass in St. Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade. All welcome.

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

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 3rd December

Today's Feast Day: St. Francis Xavier

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

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

Wednesday 4th December

Today's Feast Day: St. John Damascene

8.00am Mass: Walter & Annie Henry (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Joe & Jack Mahon & deceased family members (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 5th December

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Martin Sweeney (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 6th December

Today's Feast Day: St. Nicholas

8.00am Mass: Confessions before Mass

10.30am Mass: Padraig Burke & deceased family members (Anniversary) Confessions before Mass

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

6.30pm: Padre Pio Prayer Group in the Cathedral

7.00pm Mass: William Bradley (First Anniversary) Confessions before Mass

Saturday 7th December

Today's Feast Day: St. Ambrose

8.00am Mass: Gerry & Kitty Keaney (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Vera Gallagher (Anniversary)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Margaret (Peggy) Cox (Month's Mind)

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Sunday Readings for 8th December

1st Reading: Is. 11:1-10; 2nd Reading: Rom. 15:4-9; Gospel: Mt. 3:1-12.

rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:
BERNARD (BERTIE) DEVINS, Maugheraboy Estate;
DR. PHILIP MURRAY, The Cottages, Ballincar and COLUMB MCBRIDE, Rosehill.

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 24th November

PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,778.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,411.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €377.00

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