

From the Parish & Cluster

A CALENDAR PRAYER FOR 2020

Loving and caring God, in my calendar you document my past, herald my future and focus my now. You remind me of duties, you keep me in touch with friends, and teach me the value of time. I ask your blessing on all my promises and on all my remembering. Bless all that I arrange, all that I do, all that I encounter in this New Year. Amen.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP BOXES & 2020 CALENDARS We thank most sincerely our dedicated Area Representatives who have distributed the Responsible Stewardship Envelopes and Calendars for 2020. Please let us know if you have not received yours and we apologise for the oversight. We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all who have joined our parish community during 2019 and invite you to contact the Parish Office on 9162670 or email finance@sligocathedral.ie to join in support, in whatever way you can, of our Cathedral. We would also like to express, once again, our deep gratitude to all who contribute to the upkeep of the parish.

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

BINGO in the Gillooly Hall will resume on Sunday 5th January 2020 at 9.00pm with refreshments available. All welcome.

PARISH OFFICE at St. Mary's Presbytery ☎ 071 9162670 The parish office will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020 from 9.30am to 4pm.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL, Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 6th January 2020 at 5.15pm. All welcome.

KEEP FIT CLASSES Body & Soul - A workout for the whole you. Classes in the Gillooly Hall will resume on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8pm. €5 per session. All funds to Sligo Cathedral Restoration Fund.

From the Diocese

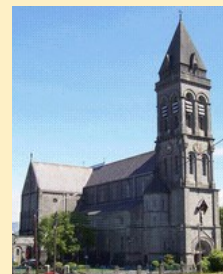
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION I honestly believe that if parents encourage their sons and daughters to be open to the call of Christ, this would be the best way to ensure their child's happiness and success. (Bishop Kevin, Some Definite Service, Pastoral Letter on Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times, 2019)

FAMILY RETREAT DAY with Living Family on Saturday 4th January 2020 in Summerhill College, Sligo. Registration at 10am - Closing 6pm. Suggested Donation per family is €80. Refreshments and Lunch Included. To book your family call Therese on 086 8228174 or email info@livingfamily.ie

MEDJUGORJE YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE LED BY BISHOP KEVIN DORAN from 15/16 – 22/23 July 2020. The Pilgrimage is open to young adults age between 18 and 35 years of age at the time of travel. The cost per person sharing is €650. For more information, detail of costs, registration form etc. please see the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje2020 or contact Frank McGuinness, Director of Young Adult Ministry, on 087 9880690 or frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie. €50 discount for those who book before 30th January 2020. The Diocese would be very grateful to anyone who would be in a position to contribute towards the cost of sending a young adult on this very worthwhile pilgrimage. Our young people need encouragement and a reduced fare is always more appealing. Please contact Frank if you are able to help in any way with this mission.

ARISE – Young Adult (18+) National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on Saturday 7th March 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. Registration is from 10am and the day will finish at 4.30pm. Cost €10. For more information, booking, etc. **Please contact Frank McGuinness**, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Elphin by Text, Whatsapp, phonecall, etc. to **087 9880690** or email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie For up to date information please see Diocesan Website at <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/arise/>

NEW PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2020 Elphin Youth & Young Adult Ministry is planning to run a New and Reformatted Parish Youth Ministry Leadership Training Course in order to offer parishes the opportunity to have trained parish volunteers who will be in a position to support their priest and parish with youth and young adult ministry. The course will run between January 2020 and December 2021 over 9 weekends. The venue for the course will be Knock Shrine. All details and Application Form are available on the Diocesan Website at <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/youthministryleadershiptraining2020/> Application & Registration will remain open until 31st March 2020. For more information please get in touch with Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry by phone: 087 9880690 or email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 29th December 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

**Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH WORLD DAY OF PEACE: 1ST JANUARY

The Feast of the Holy Family: We are reminded today that a holy family will be a happy one because everything is based on God's will of love... a love that shows itself in patience, forgiveness and sincere gratitude. The spirit of such a family will be the Spirit of God who brings peace.

CHRISTMAS 2019 TIMETABLE

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER: Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00noon & 7.00pm

MONDAY 30th DECEMBER: Mass at 10.30am

NEW YEAR'S EVE TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

10.30am Mass

10.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.30pm Special New Year's Eve Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2020: 11.00am **MASS FOR PEACE**

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY: MASS at 10.30am

FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY: Masses at 10.30am & 7.00pm First Friday Mass

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY: Masses at 10.30am & Vigil 7.30pm &

Confessions: 2.00pm–4.00pm

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY: Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00noon & 7.00pm

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

Masses at 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm

FROM TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY: Weekday Masses at 8.00am & 10.30am

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

will reopen after 10.30am Mass on Monday 6th January 2020.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.30am.

TODAY - Sunday 29th December

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Today's Feast Day: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass

7pm Mass

BINGO in the GILLOOLY HALL will resume on SUNDAY 5th January at 9.00pm.

Monday 30th December

10.30am Mass: Kathleen Queenan (Anniversary)

7.30pm: Choir Practice

New Year's Eve Tuesday 31st December

Today's Feast Day: St. Sylvester

10.30am Mass: Mae & Charlie Mulligan (Anniversary)

10.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral

11.30pm Special New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January 2020

Today's Feast Day: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11.00am Mass for Peace

Thursday 2nd January

Today's Feast Day: St. Basil & St. Gregory

10.30am Mass: Rose Carty (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.

First Friday 3rd January

Today's Feast Day: The Holy Name of Jesus & St. Munchin (Mainchin)

10.30am Mass: Confessions before Mass. Tommy & Mary McNiffe (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Confessions before Mass. John Jackie Haynes (First Anniversary)

Saturday 4th January

10.30am Mass: Maura Shovlin (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7 30pm Vigil Mass

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Sunday Readings for 5th January

1st Reading: Eccles. (Sir) 24:1-2. 8-12;

2nd Reading: Ephes. 1:3-6. 15-18;

Gospel: Jn. 1:1-18.

Parish Office: will reopen on Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.30am.
Monday to Thursday 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. & Friday 9.30a.m. to 2.00p.m.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Collection details for Sunday 22nd December & Christmas Day
will be published in our newsletter dated 12th January 2020**

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.