

## From the Parish & Cluster

**FAMILY CIRCLE** Cards are in circulation.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

**IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS** Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade from 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December. This is a Filipino tradition known as the Nine Days of Christmas. All are most welcome to come along and join this joyful preparation for the coming of Christ.

**SLIGO ORPHEUS CHOIR** presents "Carols by Candlelight" in Holy Cross Friary, Sligo on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm. Concert is free with a retiring collection in aid of North West Hospice.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE** in Holy Cross Friary on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

## From the Diocese

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATION** For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, Lord Hear Us.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION** God calls us to become a part of the Church and, after we have reached a certain maturity within it, he bestows on us a specific vocation. The vocational journey is undertaken together with the brothers and sisters whom the Lord has given to us: it is a con-vocation. The ecclesial dynamism of the call is an antidote to indifference and to individualism. (Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2016)

**ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP RESOURCES** available to download at [www.elphindiocese.ie/advent](http://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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections) Oriented toward people who experience this as a busy time of year.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK** The 49<sup>th</sup> annual public All Night Vigil takes place on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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).

**ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR** The online Advent Calendar offers resources for the parish, school and the home which are available behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. Behind each door there is content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. The calendar has family prayers and suggestions for #LivingAdvent – acts of kindness or charity that all of us are encouraged to undertake during the month of December. The Advent Calendar will also share tips on how families can care for our common home by having a more sustainable Christmas. [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/)

**SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED PARENTS** Anam Cara Mayo, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.20pm in the T. F. Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888888 for any queries.



# CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Year of  
Prayer for  
Vocations

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Through the scriptures God has given us the hope of justice for the poor and a longing for peace and harmony among people. Christ came to fulfil that promise, but to receive it we must turn our lives away from everything that is sinful.

## THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

celebrated on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Mass times as follows:  
8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE CATHEDRAL**  
Come along and join us in an hour of prayer as we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, God of hope and promise, to be with us throughout this Advent season by the empty crib in our Cathedral.

### CLEANING OF INSIDE OF CATHEDRAL

Will take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. All welcome to help.

### DATE FOR THE DIARY

### SLIGO CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.15pm.

**PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Declan Boyce**

**TODAY - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**SECOND 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 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €1,650**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Today's Feast Day: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

**8.00am Mass: Margaret Higgins (Anniversary)**

**10.30am Mass: Anna & Gerry Marshall (Anniversary)**

**11.00am: St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting in the Upper Room of the Sacristy.**

**7.00pm Mass**

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

**Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am.**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am Mass: Special Intention**

**10.30am Mass: Patricia McMorrow (Anniversary)**

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Damasus I**

**8.00am Mass: Special Intention**

**10.30am Mass: Katie & Patrick McTernan (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 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Today's Feast Day: Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Finnian**

**8.00am Mass: Special Intention**

**10.30am Mass: Valerie McDonnell & baby Isaac (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.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Today's Feast Day: St. Lucy**

**8.00am Mass**

**10.30am Mass: Rose McCaffrey (Anniversary)**

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Today's Feast Day: St. John of the Cross**

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

**10.30am Mass: Catherine (Kitty) Duggan (Month's Mind)**

**2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions**

**7.30pm Vigil Mass: Pauline Gallagher (Month's Mind)**

**This week's newsletter is sponsored in memory of the McGill & Doherty Families**

**Sunday Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is. 35:1-6. 10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jas. 5:7-10; Gospel: Matt. 11:2-11.**

**rest in peace**

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

MAURA SHOVLIN, Maugheraboy Road and

BEA MCGONAGLE (née O'DONNELL), Nazareth Nursing Home and formerly Pearse Terrace.  
*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.**

**Phone: 071 9162670**

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

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

**Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website: [www.sligocathedral.ie](http://www.sligocathedral.ie)**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,900.00**

**PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,443.00**

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