

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

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

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.

SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES are looking for good quality clothes and bric-a-brac. If you have items to donate, please leave them into Charles St. or phone 071 9145682. We thank you for your continued support.

LIVING IN THE DIVINE WILL A Day of Prayer, with spiritual direction and sharing led by Dolores Quigley from Dublin, in St. Michael's Family Life Centre on Saturday 25th January from 10am to 4pm. All are most welcome.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES Reeds are gathered with work underway on the preparation of St. Brigid's Crosses for her feast Day, 1st February. Those able to help should contact the Sisters of the Presentation on 071 9160740. All volunteers most welcome.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF RECOVERY: A Unique day for Families Affected by Addiction will be held in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Co. Roscommon on Saturday 15th February from 10.30am to 3.30pm. With Mr. Sean Harty. €20 or €25 per family. €10 unwaged. Light lunch included. Numbers Limited. Booking and enquiries to info@galilee.ie or 071 9664101. *Sean Harty is an Accredited Addiction Counsellor and Clinical Supervisor with Addiction Counsellors of Ireland. He is also serving as Chairperson of this organisation for the past four years.*

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION There is a desire in the heart of each one of us for something permanent; for a love that lasts, for a light that the darkness cannot overcome, for a life after which there will be no death. Our parish communities are about that kind of hope; a hope that is nourished by God's Word and by the Eucharist. (*Bishop Kevin, Some Definite Service, Pastoral Letter on Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times, '19*)
BISHOP KEVIN'S PASTORAL LETTER ON DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION IN CHANGING TIMES Last weekend Bishop Kevin published a pastoral letter on Discipleship and Mission. This letter focuses on a number of related challenges:

- the need for us to take seriously Jesus' commission to the Twelve to "go make disciples"
- the mission of the family in nurturing Christian vocation
- the connection between discipleship and ordained ministry in the life of our Diocese today
- the need for us to re-imagine the shape of pastoral ministry in our Diocese, taking into account the number of priests, the population of our parishes and the declining financial resources

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. A copy of the pastoral letter is available in churches and also online at www.elphindiocese.ie

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. Text, Whatsapp, Call, etc. to **087 9880690** or email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie View Diocesan Website: <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/arise/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020 You are invited to The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo for an Ecumenical Worship Service on Friday, 24th January 2020 at 7.30pm. Theme: Unusual Kindness. All Welcome. www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer Churches Together

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND A residential Weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held in **Dromantine, Newry from 31st January-2nd February**. This weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. To book please visit our new website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone **087 2162436**.

RETROUVAILLE – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. **Next programme: 7th-9th February 2020**. Contact: Tony & Anne 01 4953536, Mike & Anne 01 4500922, text or call 086 4135440, or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

SILENT RETREAT from 24th February to 1st March in St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. **Theme:** "If you but knew the gift of God..." **Preached by:** Fr. Kilian Byrne. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church. A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. €440 full board. **Contact:** Helen on 086 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com Website: www.foyerofcharity.ie

ACTIVE HOPE WORKSHOP in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Boyle on Wednesday 4th March, 6.30pm-9.30pm. How can we be active in the current climate crisis, and keep hope alive for ourselves and others? You are invited to an evening workshop which will explore our inner resources for resilience and connection to other people and our world. Through a series of activities drawing on Joanna Macy's Social Ecology, Kathryn will help us to explore our own responses to the state of the planet. Cost €20. All Welcome. Booking: email info@galilee.ie or phone 071 9664101. *Kathryn Mc Cabe MA is a social ecologist, professional facilitator and leadership development specialist. She is a published author in Social Ecology; Applying Ecological Thinking to Our Lives and Our Work.*

ANAM CARA MAYO (the organisation that supports bereaved parents) is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 28th January 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 by email info@anamcara.ie or phone 085 2888888 with any queries.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th January 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK BEGAN ON 18TH JANUARY

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020: 18TH-25TH JANUARY PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

Lord Jesus, Lord of wholeness, your prayer for unity amongst your disciples has fallen on closed ears and on hard hearts. Open our hearts, eyes and minds to your love and truth within all Christian people and strengthen in us the resolve to work to restore the unity of your Church and your creation to the glory of your name. Amen.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

in the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, Temple St. on Friday, 24th January at **7.30pm**. Homilist: Rev. David Clarke, Presbyterian Minister. All welcome to attend. There will be light refreshments for all served in the Gillooly Hall after the service.

SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES

will be made on Wednesday, 22nd January in the Gillooly Hall at 7.30pm. All proceeds from the sale of the crosses will be in aid of our Restoration Fund. All are welcome to come along to help make the crosses.

RESTORATION WORK

has begun again on the exterior of our Cathedral. If anyone wishes to donate to fund this major maintenance project please contact the Parish Office on 071 9162670 or visit the website: **www.saveaslate.com**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020: 26TH-31ST JANUARY

Theme: "Living in Harmony with God's Creation."

There will be a special celebration to mark the opening of the week at **12noon Mass** on Sunday 26th January. This annual celebration gives us all the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life.

During this week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities. We ask you to consider how best you can offer support to the service that your child's Catholic school provides in so many different ways.

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Victor Samugana

TODAY - Sunday 19th January

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK BEGAN ON 18TH JANUARY**

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 19th January at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €1,900

Monday 20th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8.00am Mass: Aaron Christopher McGoldrick (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Michael McKeever (Anniversary)

11.00am: For the Elphin Diocesan Year of Prayer for Vocations the Prayers of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be recited each Monday in the Cathedral

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

Rosary every
weekday morning
at 10.00am.

Tuesday 21st January

Today's Feast Day: St. Agnes

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Michael Gilmartin (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 22nd January

Today's Feast Day: St. Vincent

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Tom & Emily Murren (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 23rd January

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Stella Gilmartin (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 24th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Francis de Sales

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Margaret Church (Anniversary)

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

7.30pm: Interdenominational Service for Christian Unity in the Cathedral, followed by light refreshments for all served in the Gillooly Hall after the service.

Saturday 25th January

Today's Feast Day: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8.00am Mass: Samuel Varghese (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Peggy Burke (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

This week's newsletter
is sponsored in memory of
Christy & Kathleen Queenan

Sunday Readings for 26th January

1st Reading: Is. 8:23-9:3; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:10-13. 17; Gospel: Matt. 4:12-23.

rest in peace

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

TOMMY MCDONAGH, Treacy Avenue and

PHYLLIS SMYLLIE, Benbulbin Terrace.

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families and friends.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4.00pm & Friday 9.30am to 2.00pm

Phone: 071 9162670

Email: info@sligocathedral.ie

Restoration Fund website: www.saveaslate.com

Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website: www.sligocathedral.ie

OFFERTORY COLLECTION DETAILS

for Sunday 12th January 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €2,864.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,502.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €252.00

for Sunday 22nd December 2019

RESTORATION FUND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: €1,800.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.