

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

EWTN TO BROADCAST KNOCK MASS FROM ROME This special Knock Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis, and will take place in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome today, **Sunday 26th January**, at **9am** (Irish time) and **10am** (Rome time). It will be broadcast "live" on the EWTN channel on **SKY 588** or **Virgin Media 815**, and people can also watch it "live" on www.ewtn.ie and on the EWTN Ireland Facebook page for those who might like to watch through a tablet or smart phone.

Also, as part of the celebrations & focus on Knock in Rome, EWTN's Knock Film "**Hope**" will have its World Premiere In The Vatican on Monday 27th January. For the latest news on this and to watch the Trailer of the Knock film, please visit www.ewtn.ie

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.

URSULINE NETWORK meeting in the Convent (opposite Cathedral entrance) on Wednesday 29th January at 7.00pm. New members 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, an Accredited Addiction Counsellor and Clinical Supervisor with Addiction Counsellors of Ireland. €20 or €25 per family. €10 unwaged. Light lunch included. Numbers Limited. Booking and enquiries to info@galilee.ie or 071 9664101.

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION The family is where we learn to pray. Families in the past often went to Mass together, prayed the angelus or the rosary together, or at least prayed grace before and after meals. Prayer in the family home doesn't have to be long and arduous. The important thing is that it is a regular part of our family life. In that way, the family home is opened up to the Spirit of God. Family members support one another in becoming aware of the presence of God who gives us life and calls us into relationship with him. (Bishop Kevin, *Some Definite Service, Pastoral Letter on Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times*, 2019)

BISHOP KEVIN'S PRE-ELECTION MESSAGE "My purpose in writing to you at this time is two-fold. In the first place I want to encourage you to reflect prayerfully and then to use your vote in the way which you believe will best serve the common good. Every candidate, whether or not you agree with his or her policies, is worthy of respect as a person. My second reason for writing is to invite you to reflect on some of the key challenges facing Irish society, which I believe should be of particular importance for Christians. These are questions which I would encourage you to consider raising with candidates during the campaign". To read Bishop Kevin's message on these seven key challenges visit 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/>

ELPHIN DIOCESE'S WORKSHOP for Parish Choirs, Cantors and Musicians in Summerhill College, Sligo on Monday 3rd February from 8.00pm to 9.45pm with Dr. John O'Keeffe (from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth). All welcome.

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 website www.marriageencounter.ie or **087 2162436**.

RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES 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

SNOWDROPS MEMORY CHOIR is for people living and coping with dementia and is supported by the H.S.E. The first get together takes place in The Glasshouse, Sligo on 13th February from 3pm to 4pm and the 2nd Thursday of every month thereafter. It will be a relaxing hour of singing some of the old classics and a cuppa. For further information please contact Audrey on 087 9509692 or email audreymcg@hotmail.com

ACTIVE HOPE WORKSHOP in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Boyle on Wednesday 4th March from 6.30pm to 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 26th January 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS TODAY**
God has given to each of us a potential to be developed. There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.

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.

RESTORATION WORK

continues 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

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Glenn Alipoyo

TODAY - Sunday 26th January

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS TODAY**

Today's Feast Day: Ss. Timothy & Titus

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass: Catholic Schools Week Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

**BINGO in the GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 26th January at 9.00pm
with a JACKPOT of €1,950**

Monday 27th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Angela Merici

8.00am Mass: Mass for the Sick

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

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 28th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

8.00am Mass: The Gunning Family (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

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

Wednesday 29th January

8.00am Mass: Mickey McLoughlin (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Miriam Devaney (First 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 30th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Aidan, Bl. Margaret Ball & Bl. Francis Taylor

8.00am Mass: Gertrude Hegarty (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Ken McKay & deceased family members (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 31st January

Today's Feast Day: St. John Bosco

8.00am Mass: Scaria Jose Anamthuruthil (Recently Deceased) [Father of Fr. Yashin Jos]

10.30am Mass

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

Saturday 1st February

Today's Feast Day: St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7 30pm Vigil Mass

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Sunday Readings for 2nd February

1st Reading: Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Gospel: Matt. 5:1-12.

rest in peace

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

KATHLEEN (KAY) MCGOLDRICK (née Leyden), Strandhill Rd.;

LOMAN GALLAGHER, Kevinsfort Heath

and

FR. RICHARD YOUNG O.D.C., late of the Lungy.

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

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION DETAILS

for Sunday 19th January 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,956.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,477.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.