

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.

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 Prayer is the ordinary daily conversation that we have with God and, just like the conversations we have with our family members and friends, it is about the things that are important to us. If it is important for us to have priests, then we need to bring that to prayer, both our community prayer and our own personal prayer.

- Giving thanks for the priests we have and asking God's blessing for them
 - Asking for the wisdom and the courage to discern and follow God's call in our own life
 - Praying very specifically for those who God is calling, that they will respond generously
- (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

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'Keefe (from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth). All welcome.

ACCORD ELPHIN - Caring for Marriage Accord is recruiting Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present Pre-Marriage courses in the Elphin Diocese. Centres are located in Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon. Full training provided. Facilitators are part voluntary and part paid. Selection and training will take place later this year. Full details from Anne, 071 914564, or email accordsligo@eircom.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 McQuinness**, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Elphin. Text, Whatsapp, Call, etc. to **087 9880690** or email: frank.mcquinness@elphindiocese.ie Website: www.elphindiocese.ie/arise/

TOBERNALT HOLY WELL We welcome visitors to the Holy Well throughout the year. If you are organising a group and would like to arrange a tour, Prayer Service or Mass please contact the Presbytery in Carraroe, 071 9162136. The Holy Well is open to visitors 24/7 during day light hours. Website is available at www.holywellsligo.com

RETOUVAILLE – 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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND in Redemptorist Centre Esker, Athenry, Co. Galway from 3rd to 5th April 2020 for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Phone Maureen 087 6646896 or Mary 087 9384446.

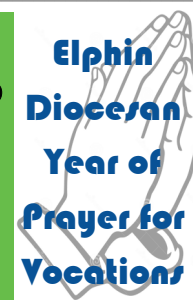
ACTIVE HOPE WORKSHOP in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Boyle on Wednesday 4th March from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. How can we be active in the current climate crisis, and keep hope alive for ourselves and others? You are invited to an evening workshop which will explore our inner resources for resilience and connection 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.*



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2nd February 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.

MASS FOR THE SICK

Mass will be celebrated for all the sick of the parish in Nazareth House Chapel on World Day of the Sick, Tuesday 11th February at 11.15am. All welcome.

RESURGAM CONCERT WITH SLIGO CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Resurgam, Ireland's acclaimed professional choral ensemble, will team up with the English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble, and Sligo Cathedral Choir in presenting VENETIAN SPLENDOUR, a celebration of Monteverdi's masterwork Selva Morale e Spirituale.

The concert takes place on Friday 14th February at 7pm in the Cathedral. Tickets (€10-€20) available from Hawks Well Theatre and online at www.eventbrite.ie or at the door on the night.

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. Declan Boyce

TODAY - Sunday 2nd February

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE (SUNDAY 2ND)**

Today's Feast Day: The Presentation of the Lord

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass: Consecrated Life

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

BINGO in the GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 2nd February at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,000!!

Monday 3rd February

Today's Feast Day: St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

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 4th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: John & Alice Prior (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 5th February

Today's Feast Day: St. Agatha

8.00am Mass: Michael John Masterson (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Emmet O'Connor (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 6th February

Today's Feast Day: Ss. Paul Miki and Companions

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

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 7th February

Today's Feast Day: St. Mel

8.00am Mass: Special Intention. Confessions before Mass

10.30am Mass: Confessions before Mass

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

7.00pm Mass: Confessions before Mass

Saturday 8th February

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Today's Feast Day: St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

8.00am Mass

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

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7 30pm Vigil Mass

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Sunday Readings for 9th February

1st Reading: Is. 58:7-10; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Gospel: Matt. 5:13-16.

rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:
SR. FRED A FEELY OSU, Ursuline Sisters, Temple Street and formerly of Co. Roscommon
and
MICHAEL MCGOWAN, Cairns Rd.
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 26th January 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,162.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,475.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €595.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.