

From the Parish & Cluster

VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

Come and pray with us at our Christmas Crib:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is *God-with-us* and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

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

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th-25th JANUARY 2020

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness"

Church Unity Week starts on Saturday 18th and will continue until Saturday 25th January.

During this time we are asked to pray in a special way for unity among all Christians.

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 8.00pm.

Homilist: Rev. David Clarke, Presbyterian Minister. All are welcome to attend.

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION If we are indeed convinced that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we can "once more cast out the nets" in the Lord's name, with complete confidence. (Christus Vivit # 274)

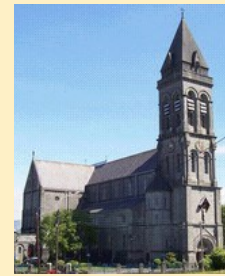
MEDJUGORJE YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE LED BY BISHOP KEVIN DORAN from 15/16 – 22/23 **July 2020**. The Pilgrimage is open to young adults age between 18 and 35 years of age at the time of travel. The cost per person sharing is €650. For more information, detail of costs, registration form etc. please see 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 5th January 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

**Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations**

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

For many the New Year is a time for making resolutions, to alter personal and material ways of their life. We are called to renew our commitment to follow—"The Word made flesh"—full of grace and truth.



THANK YOU

Thank you from the priests of the parish to all who helped enhance the Christmas celebrations in the Cathedral. The priests are also grateful to all who contributed to the collection for the upkeep of the clergy.

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr. Glenn Alipoyo

TODAY - Sunday 5th January

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Today's Feast Day: St. Charles of St. Andrew

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 will resume TONIGHT, SUNDAY 5th January at 9.00pm.

The Epiphany Monday 6th January

Today's Feast Day: The Epiphany of the Lord

8.00am Mass

9.30am: Parish Office reopens

10.30am Mass

11.00am: Blessed Sacrament Chapel reopens

5.15pm: Mass in St. Bernadette's Chapel, Rockwood Parade. All Welcome.

7pm Mass

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

Rosary every weekday morning at 10.00am.

Tuesday 7th January

Today's Feast Day: St. Raymond of Penyafort

8.00am Mass: Eddie O'Hehir (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Mary Jane Healy (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 8th January

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patrick & Mary Watters (Anniversary)

Tea after 10.30am Mass

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting in Gillooly Hall.

Thursday 9th January

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Gus & Madge O'Kennedy (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 10th January

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Marie Nairn (Anniversary)

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

Saturday 11th January

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7 30pm Vigil Mass

This week's newsletter is sponsored for a Special Intention.

Sunday Readings for 12th January

1st Reading: Is. 42:1-4. 6-7;

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38;

Gospel: Matt. 3:13-17.

**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30a.m. to 4.00p.m.
& Friday 9.30a.m. to 2.00p.m.**

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Restoration Fund website: www.saveaslate.com

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection details for Sunday 22nd, Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th) & Sunday 29th December will all be published in our newsletter dated 12th January 2020.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.