

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 WAY OF GENTLENESS A personal enrichment journey for Lent in Saint Patrick's Church, Strandhill starting at 8.00pm on Monday's 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th March.

CENTENARY EVENT-GUEST CHOIR The choir of Saint Joseph's Church, Boyle will sing in Saint Patrick's Church, Strandhill on Sunday 8th March at 12.30pm Mass. All welcome.

DAY OF HEALING with **MARIA VADIA** in Clayton Hotel, Sligo on Saturday 14th March from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Day includes PRAISE, WORSHIP, MUSIC etc. Lunch optional. Booking essential. For details call 087 6998397 or 085 7765294.

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION I believe, without question, that Jesus Christ continues to call people to priesthood. The difficulty is that, with all the other distractions there are in modern life, relatively few people seem able to hear His call. The question then – and it is a question for all of us, not just for the Bishop – is this: “how can we, as individuals and as a community, create spaces for listening? How can we cooperate with the intention of Jesus, that we would have enough priests in the future, so that we can continue to draw life from the Eucharist and the other sacraments?” (*Bishop Kevin, Some Definite Service, Pastoral Letter on Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times, 2019*)

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020 in Budapest Join Bishop Kevin Doran on the Irish National Pilgrimage to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, Budapest from 12th-21st September 2020. A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of people every four years which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. Be part of this unique event and re-live the atmosphere of the recent International Eucharistic Congress and World Meeting of Families held in Ireland. Cost: from €1,050 per person sharing. www.catholicbishops.ie To book <https://www.joewalstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress>

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download: www.elphindiocese.ie/len
LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH FR. NIALL AHERN available to listen or podcast at www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

DIOCESE OF ELPHIN'S ETHOS IN-SERVICE FOR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL B.O.M. MEMBERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL in Sligo Park Hotel on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm. Guest Presenter: Jonathan Tiernan, Director, Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame.

RENEWAL EVENING FOR EXISTING MINISTERS OF THE WORD/READERS in The Library, Summerhill College, Sligo, on Tuesday 3rd March from 8pm to 9.30pm. Presenter: Bishop Kevin Doran. All welcome.

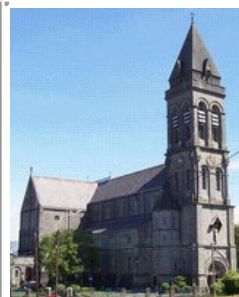
RENEWAL EVENING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST in The Library, Summerhill College, Sligo, (Eircode: F91 D5YF) on Tuesday 10th March from 8pm to 9.45pm. Presenters: Dr. Anne Francis & Colette Furlong. All welcome.

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 9145641, or email accordsligo@eircom.net

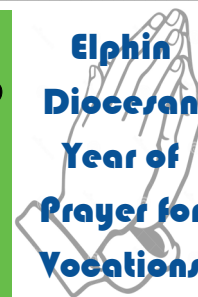
ARISE – Young Adult (18+) National Event takes place in Knock Shrine on Saturday 7th March 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. Registration is from 10am and the day will finish at 4.30pm. Cost €10. For more information, 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 Website: www.elphindiocese.ie/arise/

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. €440 full board. **Contact:** Helen, 086 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com Website: www.foyerofcharity.ie

ANNUAL MASS TO REMEMBER VICTIMS OF CRIME You are invited to attend a special Mass to remember victims of crime on Sunday 23rd February at 12noon in Knock Basilica. This Mass is in association with the Federation for Victim Assistance and supports European Victim of Crime Day to remember all who suffer at the hands of criminals throughout the island of Ireland and Europe. For more details please contact Mary in the Victim Assistance head office at Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. Phone 086 3938871 or Freephone 1800 277477.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 16th February 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The negative formulation of God's will in the Law is necessary for those who are morally immature. But Jesus leads us by a more perfect and positive understanding to the maturity which makes us realise our full obligations to God and to our fellow human beings.

ASH WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Masses will take place in our Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, 26th February at the following times: 8.00am, 10.30am, 1.05pm & 7pm.

HUNGER LUNCH IN AID OF TRÓCAIRE

To mark the start of Lent delicious vegetable soup with a fresh bread roll will be available in the Gillooly Hall on Ash Wednesday, 26th February from 11am to 2pm. All proceeds in aid of *Trócaire*. Your support would be most appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE

will be closed for training all day Monday 17th February and will be open as usual on Tuesday 18th from 9.30am.

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 16th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 16th February at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,100!!

Monday 17th February

Today's Feast Day: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order & St. Fintan

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

9.30am: Parish Office closed all day today

10.30am Mass: Eamonn Hargadon (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 in our Cathedral.

Tuesday 18th February

8.00am Mass

9.30am: Parish Office reopens

10.30am Mass: Pauline Hargaden (nee Parkinson) (Anniversary)

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

Wednesday 19th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

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 20th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Arthur Harrison (Anniversary)

6.00pm: I Thirst Movement in Missionaries of Charity Sisters House, Temple St.

8.00pm: Legion of Mary Meeting in Assumpta House, 72 John St.

Friday 21st February

Today's Feast Day: St. Peter Damian

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Herbie McCaffrey (Anniversary)

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

Saturday 22nd February

Today's Feast Day: The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

8.00am Mass: Ruairí Ó Conalláin (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Tommy McDonagh (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Kay McGoldrick (Month's Mind)

This week's newsletter is sponsored in memory of Eddie O'Hehir

Sunday Readings for 23rd February

1st Reading: Lev. 19: 1-2, 17-18; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Gospel: Mt. 5:38-48.

rest in peace

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of:
BRENDAN O'CONNOR, Newtownholmes Rd., Sligo;
SR. PIA FRANCIS (CONNIE) MCKEONE, Poor Clares, York, U.K. and formerly of Church Hill and
SR. PIUS O'GARA O.S.U., Ursuline Sisters, Temple St., and formerly of St. Angela's College and late of Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.
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 9th February 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,939.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,311.00

ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES: €1,275.35

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA: €304.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.