

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE will have its next Visiting Sunday on 1st March. We will have Mass at noon, followed by tea and a tour for anyone who is new.

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

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.

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.

P.T.A.A. SLIGO - Meeting in St. Mary's Presbytery at 7.30pm on Friday 6th March immediately after the 7pm Mass.

LENTEN JOINT SCRIPTURE SHARING Parishioners from all Sligo parishes are invited to participate in Lenten Scripture Sharing, in conjunction with St. Angela's College, led by Dr. Francis Cousins, to be held in the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo, every Friday evening during Lent from 7.30pm to 8.45pm (finishing on Friday 3rd April.)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER in the Methodist Church, Wine St., on Friday 6th March at 8pm. All welcome.

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.

MEDJUGORJE On 2nd May a group from Sligo will be heading off to Medjugorje for what promises to be a very rewarding week. We will be accompanied by Fr. Victor Samugana. For info please contact Eamon 071 9160015.

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION If Jesus is asking you to share in his mission, then that is a sign of his friendship. You can trust him to stay close to you. In over forty years as a priest, I have come to realise that, in spite of my own limitations, Jesus works through me to touch the lives of others. He is at work through his Holy Spirit when I celebrate the Mass, or the anointing of the sick; when I preach or give absolution in confession. Often, when I feel that I have failed, I discover that he has succeeded in spite of me. (*Bishop Kevin, Some Definite Service, Pastoral Letter on Discipleship and Mission in Changing Times, 2019*)

VOCATIONS PRAYER FOCUS FOR LENT - Diocesan Year of Vocations. "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38). During the season of Lent you are encouraged to offer your prayers and good works on Thursdays for the intention of an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our diocese. In particular if you can spend some time in adoration or pray all or part of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Our diocese needs your help in responding to this critical command of Jesus to pray for vocations. Please contact Frank McGuinness, Director of Vocations for all matters related to the encouragement of vocations.

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/

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download: www.elphindiocese.ie/leat

LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH FR. NIALL AHERN available to listen or podcast at www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

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.

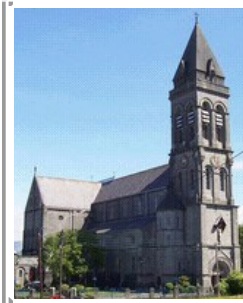
ACCORD - MARRIAGE CARE Counselling Services are available at the Sligo Centre for any problems that couples may have in their relationship. Professional and confidential service is available by contacting Anne, 071 9145641, for an appointment at Accord Sligo.

CANA - MARRIAGE & FAMILY DAY in Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo on Saturday 21st March from 10am to 4pm. A time away for couples and families; Supervised activities and games for children. Day will include an introduction to Cana Ireland, testimonies from couples who have participated in Cana Couples Week and an opportunity to meet with other couples and families. Please bring a packed lunch for you and your family. **To book a place please contact:** Mary on 087 9101451 or Frank on 087 9880690. www.canairland.org

RETREAT in Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore from 27th to 29th March. A Journey of the Heart with Deirdre Ni Chinneide. In the Early Christian Church the well was a place of Healing. Held deep within the earth, a journey to the well nurtured and refreshed the pilgrim who drank of its healing waters. Through this journey of the heart we open to the well within. For enquiries: email staroftheseacentre@gmail.com or phone 071 9176722.

LENTEN TALKS in the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo given by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother from 7pm-8pm on 10th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April. Rediscover the greatest mysteries of our faith in preparation for the three days that changed history forever. Don't let this Lent be like any other! All are welcome. Email Sr. Rachel for more information: roscommonsh@homeofthemothers.org

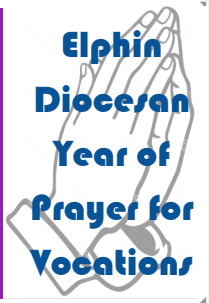
FAITH FORMATION FOR GIRLS Do you dare to Dive Deep? Come to faith formation with the Servant Sisters! Open to girls aged 7-16 (groups divided according to age). Held in the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo from 10am-2pm on Saturday's 28th March, 25th April & 16th May. Email Sr. Rachel for more information: roscommonsh@homeofthemothers.org



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st March 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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Jesus fast of forty days reminds us that this is a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Jesus has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal mystery in purity of heart.

THANK YOU

The Hunger Lunch held in the Gillooly Hall on Ash Wednesday has raised €570.40 for Trócaire. We thank everyone who supported this event and donated to this worthy cause.

BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

From 6pm to 6.15pm every Monday, Wednesday & Friday during Lent.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after 10.30am Mass during Lent.

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. Victor Samugana

TODAY - Sunday 1st March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Feast Day: St. David

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 1st March at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,200!!

Monday 2nd March

8.00am Mass: Daire Muldowney (Recently Deceased)

10.30am Mass: John & Teresa Greene (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

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

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

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

Rosary every weekday morning
at 10.00am in our Cathedral.

Tuesday 3rd March

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Jean Finlay (Anniversary)

8pm-9.30pm: Renewal Evening for Existing Ministers of the Word/Readers in The Library, Summerhill College, Sligo. Presenter: Bishop Kevin Doran. All welcome.

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

Wednesday 4th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Casimir

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Bertie Cunningham (Anniversary)

Tea after 10.30am Mass

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

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 5th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Kieran

8.00am Mass: John Vahey (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Mary Gethins (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.

First Friday 6th March

8.00am Mass: Confessions before Mass. James & Mary Sweeney (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: (Anniversary) Confessions before Mass. Teresa O'Brien (Anniversary)

11.00am: Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

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

6.00pm-6.15pm: Busy Persons Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

6.30pm: Padre Pio Prayer Group in the Cathedral

7.00pm Mass: Confessions before Mass

Saturday 7th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

8.00am Mass: Lily & Michael Hughes (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Michael McGowan (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: P. J. Feeney (Month's Mind)

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Sunday Readings for 8th March

1st Reading: Gen. 12:1-4; 2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10; Gospel: Matt. 17:1-9.

rest in peace

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

FRANCIS HUGH (FRANK) KERR, Tracey Ave.

May God grant him eternal rest and comfort and console his bereaved family 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 23rd February 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €651.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,535.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €150.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.