

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.

URSULINE NETWORK meeting in the Convent (opposite Cathedral entrance) on Wednesday, 26th February at 7.00pm.

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, on Friday evenings during Lent, starting on Friday 28th February from 7.30pm to 8.45pm and finishing on Friday 3rd April.

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.

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.

From the Diocese

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION If Catholic schools are faithful to their ethos, then everything they do will be about helping every young person to see life as a gift from God and to consider how he or she can use their particular gifts in the service of God and of humanity. In that context there should be nothing unusual about suggesting that some of them may be called to priesthood or religious life. (*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.joewalshstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress>

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGILS to pray for priests and priestly vocations for the Diocese of Elphin. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, points of mediation and music, write your petitions and light a candle. All are welcome to join us in prayer in the Dominican Friary, Sligo from 7pm-8pm on both 11th March & 1st April and in St. Anne's Church, Sligo from 7pm-8pm on 28th April, 26th May & 16th June. Email Sr. Rachel for more information: roscommonshm@homeofthemothor.org

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

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.

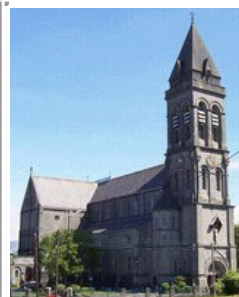
ACCORD ELPHIN - Caring for Marriage Accord is recruiting Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present Pre-Marriage courses in the Elphin Diocese. Centres are located in Sligo, Boyle and Roscommon. Full training provided. Facilitators are part voluntary and part paid. Selection and training will take place later this year. Full details from Anne, 071 914564, or email accordsligo@eircom.ie

LENTEN TALKS in the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo given by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother from 7pm-8pm on 25th February, 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: roscommonshm@homeofthemothor.org

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/

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 29th Feb, 28th Mar, 25th Apr & 16th May. Email Sr. Rachel for more information: roscommonshm@homeofthemothor.org

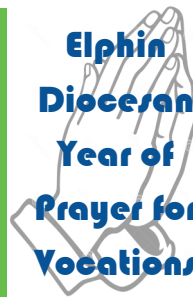
LENT RETREAT: "Living through Love in God's Presence" (Eph 1:4) with Ms Carol Barry in Galilee Spirituality Centre, Co. Roscommon on 29th February beginning with tea/coffee at 10.30am and concluding at 4.00pm. This retreat day at the beginning of Lent offers an opportunity to pause and enter more deeply into the season through the lens of living through love. Cost €30, including refreshments and a light lunch. Booking essential: email info@galilee.ie or phone 071 9664101. *Carol Barry is a retreat director, lecturer, spiritual director and practitioner of Bibliodrama, Godly Play and Deep talk; ministering here in Ireland and abroad.* For our full programme see www.galilee.ie



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd February 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built into him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.



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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after 10.30am Mass during Lent, starting Friday 28th February.

BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starts Friday 28th February from 6.00pm to 6.15pm.
(From 6pm to 6.15pm every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 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. Declan Boyce

TODAY - Sunday 23rd February

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE**

Today's Feast Day: St. Polycarp

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 23rd February at 9.00pm with a JACKPOT of €2,150!!

Monday 24th February

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Michael Casey (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 25th February

8.00am Mass:

10.30am Mass: James & Mary Keaney (Anniversary)

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

Ash Wednesday 26th February

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Today's Feast Day: Ash Wednesday

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

11.00am-2.00pm: Hunger Lunch in aid of *Trócaire*
in the Gillooly Hall. Please support.

1.05pm Mass

7.00pm 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 27th February

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mae & Michael Flynn (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 28th February

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

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

Saturday 29th February

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass: Loman Gallagher (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass: Fr. Richard Young (Month's Mind)

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Sunday Readings for 1st March

1st Reading: Gen. 2:7-9. 3:1-7; 2nd Reading: Rom. 5:12-19; Gospel: Matt. 4:1-11.

rest in peace

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

TERESA MCLOUGHLIN (née MCSHARRY), Lisnalgur, Old Bundoran Road
and
DAIRE MULDOWNNEY, Kestrel Drive, Kevinsfort.

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 16th February 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €1,344.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,329.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €335.00

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.