



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO
NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th March 2020

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Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink he had already prepared her for the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her faith he awakened in her heart the fire of God's love.

We pray for those who are preparing for this baptism.

NO BINGO

In light of current events Bingo in Gillooly Hall will be suspended until further notice.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Masses times as follows:

Vigil Mass Monday 16th March: 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th March: 8.30am, 10.30am & 7pm

LOUGH DERG EXPERIENCE

In the Gillooly Hall

Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April 11am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 4th April – 11am to 2pm

A Lenten Journey in the footsteps of St. Patrick.

BUSY PERSONS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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. Declan Boyce

TODAY - Sunday 15th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass

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

12noon Mass

7pm Mass: Tea after Mass in Upper Room

No BINGO in the GILLOOLY HALL, TONIGHT, SUNDAY 15th March at 9.00pm

Monday 16th March

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mai, John & Michael Howley & Deceased relatives (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

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

7.30pm: St. Patrick's Day Vigil Mass

**Rosary every weekday morning
at 10.00am in our Cathedral.**

Tuesday 17th



March



Today's Feast Day: St. Patrick's Day

8.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

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

Wednesday 18th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8.00am Mass: Kathleen & William Kelly (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Frances Jinks (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 19th March

Today's Feast Day: St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am Mass: John & Kathleen Martyn (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Denis O'Sullivan (Anniversary)

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

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

Friday 20th March

8.00am Mass: Special Intentions

10.30am Mass: Geraldine O'Hanlon (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

Saturday 21st March

Today's Feast Day: St. Enda

8.00am Mass: Patsy Diamond (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Sr. Pia Francis (Connie) McKeone (Month's Mind)

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Confessions

7.30pm Vigil Mass

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Sunday Readings for 22nd March

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16:1-6-7.10-13; 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14; Gospel: Jn. 9:1-41.

Rest in Peace

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

VINCENT FRENCH, Weigh Bridge, Mail Coach Road.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION DETAILS

for Sunday 8th March 2020

PARISH ENVELOPES: €2,109.00

PLATE / STANDING ORDERS: €1,500.00

RESTORATION FUND COIN BOXES: €458.00

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

Dear Parishioners, If you would like to sponsor our newsletter, personally or as a remembrance or thanksgiving, the fee is **€50**. Please call to the sacristan in the Cathedral or the parish office in St. Mary's Presbytery, Temple Street or telephone on 071 9162670.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.

From the Parish & Cluster

FAMILY CIRCLE Cards are in circulation.

BINGO suspended until further notice.

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.

LENTEEN 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, every Friday evening during Lent from 7.30pm to 8.45pm (last day Friday 3rd April.)

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

CARING FOR THE CARERS With Mary O'Connor and Ian Neylon. Exploring the emotional reality of caring for a relative at home, and finding ways to resource yourself for this task. This will be a time to refresh yourself, to meet, share and learn from other carers and an opportunity to support and resource each other. Date: 2nd April from 10.30am, closing with lunch. Cost: €10 (includes lunch). Places limited, booking essential email info@galilee.ie or 071 9664101. *Mary has worked in spirituality, human development and facilitation for many years. Ian was a Marist brother for thirty years and qualified in Osteopathy, Naturopathy and counselling. Mary and Ian returned to Boyle in 2009 to care for her mother who died in 2019.*

A DAY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF A BABY BEFORE OR AFTER BIRTH With Ms Ann Charlton, Chaplain of the Rotunda Hospital and Dr Anne Francis. On Saturday, April 4th 10.30am-3.30pm. A gentle time to explore your experience (recent or past) in a safe and healing environment. A spiritual approach to grief, loss and life. All welcome, from any faith background and none. €20 per person (€10 unwaged) or €25 per couple. Including lunch. Places limited, booking essential info@galilee.ie 071 9664101.

From the Diocese

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) A notice from the Irish Catholic Bishops: As people of faith we are called to face the fears of this moment with a courage not our own and with a generous heart. God is with his people in good times and bad. Like believers in every age we say: 'If I should walk in The Valley of Darkness no evil would I fear for You are there'. In our hour of trial Jesus calls on us, his followers, to serve the common good by taking responsibility for each other and to prioritise the most vulnerable in our community ahead of our own individual wants and aspirations. At this time our first concern has to be for the elderly, the ill and those with underlying medical conditions. The Bishops have issued guidelines which can be read in full at www.elphindiocese.ie While acknowledging that these directives will involve sacrifice for all, we encourage a positive engagement in order that the most vulnerable amongst us can be protected and so that the coronavirus can be contained.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ON VOCATION The important thing is that prayer is a regular part of our family life. In that way, the family home is opened up to the Spirit of God. Family members support one another in becoming aware of the presence of God who gives us life and calls us into relationship with him. (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.

LENTEEN SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS Resources available to download on www.elphindiocese.ie/len

LENTEEN REFLECTIONS WITH FR. NIALS AHERN available to listen or podcast on www.elphindiocese.ie/reflections

ACCORD - MARRIAGE CARE 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 provide. Facilitators are part voluntary and part paid. Selection and training will take place later this year. Full details from Anne at 071 9145641 or email accordsligo@eircom.net. Also, 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 for an appointment at Accord Sligo 071 9145641.

CANA - MARRIAGE & FAMILY DAY in Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. A time away for couples and families with 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. Date: Saturday 21st March from 10am to 4pm. 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 AT MULLAGHMORE A Journey of the Heart with Deirdre Ni Chinneide, 27th - 29th March in Star of the Sea Retreat Centre Mullaghmore. 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 his healing waters. Through this journey of the heart we open to the well within. Enquiries to staroftheseacentre@gmail.com or on 071 9176722.

MEDJUGORJE YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE JULY 2020 LED BY BISHOP KEVIN DORAN The Diocese of Elphin through its office of Young Adult Ministry is planning a young adult pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 15th/16th - 22nd/23rd July 2020. The Pilgrimage is open to young adults who are 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 frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie. The Diocese would be very grateful to anyone who would be in a position to contribute towards the cost of sending an 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.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020 - 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. For more information see www.catholicbishops.ie To book <https://www.joewalshstours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress>