

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**The Church Draws her Life from the Eucharist:** Pope St. John Paul II tells us that: “the Church draws her life from the Eucharist” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia #1). That is because, in the Eucharist, the promise of Jesus that he would be with us always, is fulfilled in a unique way. As we are drawn into relationship with Christ through the offering and receiving of his body and blood, we become what we receive. We become the body of Christ! Then our daily sacrifice and service and all the good that we do become a part of his work of salvation. That is how every Christian is formed into a missionary disciple. Saint John Paul II reminds us, however, that an ordained priest is essential for the Eucharist. That is because the Eucharist is something that Jesus does, not something we do. He does it through the ministry of the priest who, by ordination, becomes Christ for the community that he is called to serve (cf Ecclesia de Eucharistia #29). This is not to say that the priest, in himself, is more important than anybody else. As a man, the priest has his own human gifts and limitations, his own goodness and his own struggles with sin and temptation. Through the mystery of God’s grace, however, he acts in the person of Christ at the table of the Eucharist. Someone else could stand at the altar, say the same words and perform the same actions, but it would not be the Eucharist. **Bishop Kevin Doran – Discipleship and Mission In Changing Times (Pastoral Letter 2020)**

**Care at the End of Life – Pastoral Message:** “We want to say very clearly that there is no such thing as a life without value. We hope to be a voice for those who, in a time of vulnerability, feel that they have no voice. We ask people to consider the manner in which assisted suicide and euthanasia undermines the whole ethos of healthcare. Doctors and nurses are called to be advocates for life and should never be required to assist in any way in the deliberate ending of life. We invite you to join us in prayer for those who, at this time, are coming to terms with a diagnosis of terminal illness, that they may have the blessing of a community of compassion and care”. Read the Irish Catholic Bishops’ pastoral message on end of life care in full on [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**Pope Francis’ third encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* on human fraternity and social friendship:** *Fratelli Tutti* (All brothers and sisters), a call to solidarity for all of humanity to live in fraternity and social friendship, was published by the Holy Father on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. The full text of *Fratelli Tutti* is available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Caring For Our Common Home Online Conversation:** 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Tuesdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/conversations](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/conversations) for more details. All welcome.

**Try Alpha! An On-line Alpha Course for Adults:** Alpha is designed to help participants discover the basics of our Christian faith and grow in a deeper personal relationship with God. The Diocese of Elphin will be running an ON-LINE Alpha Course beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8pm. The course, which is free of charge, will continue each Monday at 8pm, for 10 weeks, allowing for a 3 week break over the Christmas & New Year. Each weekly session will last for a maximum of 1 hour. Those who are interested should register with Frank McGuinness email [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie) or David Muldowney email [david@quaternitytech.com](mailto:david@quaternitytech.com) before 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please search YouTube with “alpha course trailer 2020” for the promotional video and overview of the course. Ideally you will need access to a computer, laptop or tablet (e.g. iPad). The course will be delivered via Zoom. Please don’t hesitate to contact either of us should you have any queries or require help with getting Zoom up and running in advance of our first Alpha session. Why not join us from the comfort of your own living room!

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**Note:** The following three retreats are open to those who book in for residential stay only and numbers are very limited. These events will only take place if the Mullaghmore area is at Level 2 or lower of Covid-19 restrictions. Enquiries to Louise or Frank on 071 9176722.

**Healing The Family Tree Retreats with Fr. Brendan Walsh & Eileen King:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Cost for full board for each weekend with retreat is €180 per person.

**Healing Through the Sacraments with Eddie Stones & Frank McGuinness:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Cost for full board for weekend with retreat is €160 per person.

**Advent Retreat:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> (6pm) – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (2pm) December. Cost for full board with retreat is €250 per person.



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN - COVID-19

I am very conscious of the huge disappointment that we all feel as a result of the renewed restrictions throughout our country, especially as such a very fine job has been done over the past three months in preparing our Churches for the safe and dignified celebration of the liturgy. Thanks to the excellent work done in all our parishes, no cases of infection have been notified which originated in church settings.

Unfortunately, given the wider spread of viral infection, there is a concern that the virus may spread wherever there is a gathering of people. It is important that we retain a strong sense of the presence of God with us and to be united as a community in prayer. Please continue to follow all the public health guidelines and stay safe.

### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

You can join us **online** for all Masses held in our Cathedral live on our website:

[www.sligocathedral.ie/live-feed-from-cathedral/](http://www.sligocathedral.ie/live-feed-from-cathedral/)

**Mass Times:** 10.30am & 7.00pm daily (Monday-Sunday) & **Adoration** (after Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel): 7.30pm to 8.30pm daily (Monday-Sunday)

### CATHEDRAL CONFESSIONS

**No CONFESSIONS** will be held in the Cathedral at present.

(i.e. during Level 3 of the government’s restrictions.)

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are continuing in the Cathedral on **Sundays at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.**

While at level 3 (of government’s restrictions) there is a limit for each baptism of 6 family members from only 2 different households.

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours to book.

**Please take both the newsletter and missalette home after Mass. Thank you.**

**TODAY - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

In today's Gospel, Christ brings to our minds the reality of the existence of Heaven and He wants us to be interested in it, for God wants us to dwell in it when we leave this world at the end of our lives.

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

10.30am Mass: Danny, Mabel, Michael & Deirdre Hayes (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass: Niamh Ginger (Anniversary)

8am Mass Intentions  
will be prayed for  
at 7pm Mass  
for the present.

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Optional Memorial of St. Callistus I, pope and martyr**

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church**

10.30am Mass: Una Murray (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Optional Memorial of St. Gall, abbot and missionary**

**Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig, religious**

**Optional Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin**

10.30am Mass: Una Murray (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Nora McHale (Birthday Remembrance)

**28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr**

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass: Gabriel McSharry (Month's Mind)

This Week's Newsletter  
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**Sunday Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> October**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is. 45:1. 4-6; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1-5; Gospel: Jn. 17:11, 17-23.

**Rest in Peace**

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

**Denise Cullen**

and

**Betty Callaghan.**

**MAY GOD GRANT THEIR ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM AND COMFORT AND CONSOLE THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4.00pm & Friday 9.30am to 2.00pm

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Restoration Fund website: [www.saveaslate.com](http://www.saveaslate.com)

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If you would like to donate to the Cathedral Parish during this difficult time please make cheques payable to the following A.I.B. bank account:

**Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.**

**THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.**