

FROM THE PARISH

* The Alter Society have been unable to raise money this year with the loss of their bake sale at the Christmas Fair. They are welcoming donations of Poinsettia flowers for the Cathedral, which can be left into the Sacristy.

FROM THE DIOCESE

God With Us - A Prayer Guide for the Season of Christmas

This year, the restrictions in place because of the Coronavirus mean that we *may* not be in a position to gather *as usual* for our religious services throughout the Christmas Season. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. It is hoped that this guide – from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany - will assist you in doing just that. The guide is also designed to help deepen your participation in online broadcasts and to assist you in getting the most out of them spiritually. Download the booklet from www.elphindiocese.ie

"How Long, O Lord?" Join us for Four online Advent Reflections each Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm on www.elphindiocese.ie

Catholic Bishops: "Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good"

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity. Read the message in full at www.elphindiocese.ie

Accord - Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at **087-6765425** for more information.

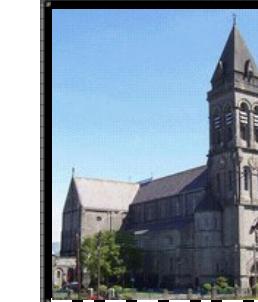
COVID-19 Support Line for Older People during Christmas

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

Grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas? Useful links and points of contact available on www.elphindiocese.ie/bereavement

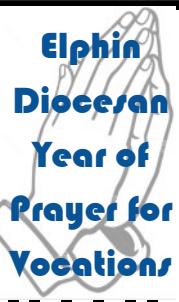
Online Advent Scripture Sharing Groups meeting on Sundays of Advent 7.30 - 8.10 pm and Thursdays of Advent, 11 - 11.40 am. More details @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent All welcome.

Short Daily Advent Reflections for Busy People by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen & podcast @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections/



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th December 2020
THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT



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*Our Office will be closed from December 21st until January 4th.
From everyone in St. Mary's Parish and the Cathedral Church we wish you all
a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

*Thank you all so much for your continued support.
Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.*



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS

Monday-Saturday at 10.30am & 7.00pm

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm & 7.00pm

Please see our website for Christmas Mass and Confessions schedule

You can still join us **online** for all Masses held in the Cathedral live on our website: www.sligocathedral.ie/live-feed-from-cathedral/

BAPTISMS

Please see our website for information on Baptism

Please take both the newsletter and missalette home. Thank you.

TODAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 20th DECEMBER

Today's Gospel from St. Luke (*Chapter 1:26-38*) tells us the story of the Annunciation—The Angel Gabriel, sent by God to tell Mary that she would become the Mother of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary gave Her 'yes' to God, to do His will. She co-operated perfectly with God, thus she became the mother of our saviour Jesus Christ. For us, as God's children, we unite our personal will with that of God. Like Mary, we can always say to God: '*Yes Lord, may Your Divine will be done in my life*'.

4th Week of Advent, Monday 21st December

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and doctor of the Church

10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Peggy Burke (First Anniversary) & Padraig Burke
(Anniversary) & deceased family members

4th Week of Advent, Tuesday 22nd December

10.30am Mass: Frank & Mary Murphy (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Joey Murphy (Recently Deceased)

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

4th Week of Advent, Wednesday 23rd December

St. John of Kanty, Priest

10.30am Mass: Ned & Bridget Kilfeather (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Patrick Fallon (Anniversary)

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

10.30am Mass: Maureen Mullen (Anniversary)

6.00pm Mass

8.00pm Mass

10.00pm Mass

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Friday 25th December

Optional memorial of St. John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

12.30pm Mass

St. Stephen, First Martyr, Saturday 26th December

10.30am Mass: Holy day (No Mass Intentions)

7.00pm Mass: Holy day (No Mass Intentions)

This Week's Newsletter
is in Remembrance of
Bishop Christy Jones

Sunday Readings for 27th December

1st Reading: Is. 40:1-5. 9-11; **2nd Reading:** Pet. 3:8-14; **Gospel:** Mk 1:1-8.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9.30am-5pm & **Friday:** 9.30am-2pm

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Restoration Fund website: www.saveaslate.com

Join us online with live WEB STREAMING on our website: www.sligocathedral.ie

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.