

## FROM THE PARISH

### Christmas Break

Our Office will reopen on January 4th.

From everyone in St. Mary's Parish and the Cathedral Church we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Thank you all so much for the continued support during a very tough year. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

## 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](http://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](http://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.



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# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY  
AND JOSEPH



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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday-Saturday at 10.30am & 7.00pm

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

[Please see our website for Christmas Mass Times 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/](http://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 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday 27th December**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is the perfect model of a family. Jesus was obedient to His parents, Mary carried out her role efficiently as his mother and St. Joseph performed the role as Jesus' foster father very well. Their journey as a family was a challenging one, however, they made it though the challenges with God's help and by working together as a family.

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs , Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Mass:** Tommy & Mary McNiffe (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**5th Day in the Octave of Christmas, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Mass:** Tommy & Bridie O'Connor (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**6th Day in the Octave of Christmas, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Mass:** Margaret, Patrick & Bertie Gorman (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**7th Day in the Octave of Christmas, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.30am Mass:** Mae & Charlie Mulligan (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**10.30am Mass:**

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

This Week's Newsletter is  
Sponsored by the O'Brien  
Family.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and doctors of the  
Church**

**10.30am Mass:**

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**Sunday Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Eccles 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Jn 1:14. Eph 1:3-6,15-18

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday to Thursday:** 9.30am-4pm & **Friday:** 9.30am-2pm

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**If you would like to donate to the Cathedral Parish during this difficult time  
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**Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.**

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