

## 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

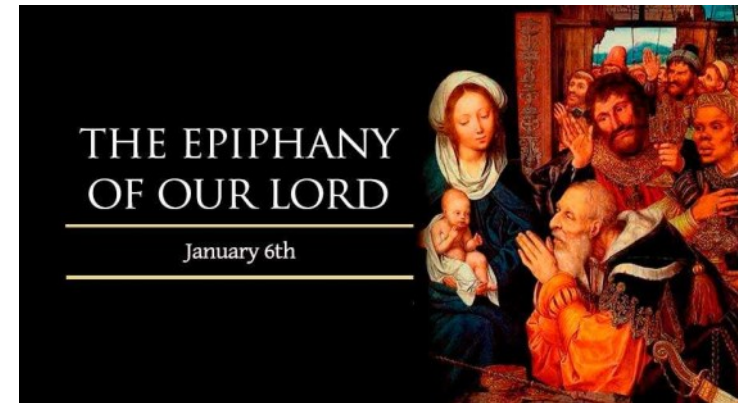
Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at **087-6765425** for more information.

### 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.



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



### **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 Second Sunday of Christmas 3rd January**

The Three Wise Men (Magi) gave precious gifts to the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. For the generous act these men performed, they are remembered and we hear about their story every Epiphany. Generosity towards God's work or mission is never forgotten by God nor is it a wasted effort.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Monday 4<sup>h</sup> January**

**Before Epiphany**

**10.30am Mass:** Mary-Jane & Con Healy (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Before Epiphany**

**10.30am Mass:**

**7.00pm Mass:** No Mass

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Epiphany of The Lord**

**10.30am Mass:** Holy Day (No Mass Intentions)

**7.00pm Mass:** Holy Day (No Mass Intentions)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**After Epiphany**

**10.30am Mass:** Michael McKeever (Anniversary) & deceased family members of McKeever, Corrigan & Timoney families

**7.00pm Mass:** Special Intentions

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**After Epiphany**

**10.30am Mass:** Patrick & Mary Watters (Anniversary)

**7.00pm Mass:**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Week, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**After Epiphany**

**10.30am Mass:** Joey Murphy (Month's Mind)

**7.00pm Mass:**

**Sunday Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Year B: Iss. 55:1-11. Ps Is 12:2-6;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11.

**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 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.**