

FROM THE PARISH

Congratulations to Father John Mahony on his ordination earlier this week.

We say farewell to Father Glenn Alipoyo as he takes his new post in Athlone. Best wishes from everyone in the Parish.

A warm welcome to Father Willibrord as he joins us here in St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th at 6pm, 8pm and 10pm

December 25th at 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.30pm

Tickets for Christmas Mass will be available for collection only from St. Mary's Presbytery Building, on Temple Street.

Please phone our office during opening hours to reserve tickets for your chosen date and time.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Cathedral Choir will perform Christmas Carols on **Sunday 20th of December at 8.15pm**. This event will be held privately in the Cathedral and can be viewed online www.sligocathedral.ie/live-feed-from-cathedral/

FROM THE DIOCESE

Prayers at Home For Advent in a Time of Pandemic

As the commercial world about us readies itself for the Christmas season, we are invited to take a step back and view the bigger picture. The Dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have produced a booklet to help us pray at home during the season of Advent. 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

A new priest for the Diocese of Elphin

It was with great joy that Bishop Kevin ordained John Mahony to the priesthood for the Diocese of Elphin on Tuesday 8th December in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. Fr John is Administrator of Ballintubber-Ballymoe Parish. Please keep Fr John in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.

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 13th December 2020
THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Elphin
Diocesan
Year of
Prayer for
Vocations

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday-Saturday at 10.30am & 7.00pm

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

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will resume every Saturday at 2pm-4pm.

BAPTISMS

Baptism's have resumed in the Cathedral every Sunday at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Please be advised that Level 3 Restrictions allow for **only 6 person's over 2 households** to be in attendance, this includes baby and parents.

Call the Parish office on (071) 9162670 to book.

Please see back of booklet for Christmas Mass Times.
Please take both the newsletter and missalette home. Thank you.

TODAY - THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT 13th DECEMBER

Today's Gospel from St. John (1:6-8.19-28), tells us that God sent St. John the Baptist as a witness—one to speak for the 'LIGHT'. The 'LIGHT' is Christ. We are all sent by God in our own special vocation or state of life—married, Priest(s), religious or single; to be witnesses like St. John The Baptist. Let us ask God to give us that grace to witness.

3rd Week of Advent, Monday 14th December

St. John of the Cross, Priest and doctor of the Church Memorial

10.30am Mass: Patricia McMorrow (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Seamus Brennan (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Tuesday 15th December

10.30am Mass: Patrick Kennedy (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Gerry & Kitty Keaney (Anniversary)

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

3rd Week of Advent, Wednesday 16th December

10.30am Mass: Sean Boyle & Deceased members of the Boyle Family (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Mark Rooney (Remembrance Mass)

This Week's Newsletter is
sponsored in
Thanksgiving.

3rd Week of Advent, Thursday 17th December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

10.30am Mass: Mary and Michael Durkin & deceased members of the Durkin family (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Padraig, Kathleen, Mary & Imelda Fowley (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Friday 18th December

Optional memorial of St. Flannan, Bishop

10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: John Hynes (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Saturday 19th December

10.30am Mass: William Billy Codd (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass: Deceased members of the Feeney family Lisnalurg

Sunday Readings for 20th December

1st Reading: Sm. 7:1-5; **2nd Reading:** Ps. 88:2-5; **Gospel:** Rm. 16:25-27

REST IN PEACE

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

JOEY MURPHY & CONLETH (DURKIN) HARKIN

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM AND COMFORT AND CONSOLE THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Parish Office Hours

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

Phone: 071 9162670

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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.