

FROM THE PARISH

First Friday Calls: If anyone would like to receive a house call on the First Friday of each month, please kindly contact the Parish Office on **071 91 62670**.

Altar Society: If you wish to donation a poinsettia flower in memory of a loved one that cannot be with us this Christmas please leave them on the steps of the Altar, or if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of poinsettia flowers to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas please drop your donation in an envelope into the collection box.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed from **December 21st** until **January 4th**. From all in St. Mary's and the Cathedral we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

"Helping Us to Live Our Faith": The season of Christmas and New Year is a good time to renew our faith. A series of 6 short accessible books, by one of our parishioners, Dermot Layden, on living a life of faith in today's world are available for free download at <https://lettertecbookstore.com/>. Just search for his name on the website and click the link under each book to download."

Christmas Carol Service: Takes place tonight **Sunday 19th at 8.15 pm** in the Cathedral.

Keep Fit Classes: Beginners Keep Fit Classes take place in the Gillooly Hall on **Monday evenings at 6.30pm**.

Adoration Chapel: The Adoration Chapel will be closing on **Monday December 20th** after **10.30 am** Mass and re-opening on **Monday January 3rd** after **10.30 am** Mass.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Christmas Message from Bishop Kevin: "As Christmas approaches and 2021 draws to a close, I want to offer my condolences to all who have lost family members or friends in the past year, and to those who have suffered other kinds of loss. I take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to our priests, our deacons and to the sisters working in the Diocese and to all the many parish volunteers who have given so generously of their time. I wish you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the coming year. God bless you all". Read and listen to Bishop Kevin's Christmas message in full at www.elphindiocese.ie

ALONE 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 COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on **0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week**. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most

Carols by Candlelight – Knock Basilica We are delighted to bring you our 'Carols By Candlelight' performance from Knock Basilica, taking place on Sunday 19th December at 8pm. Featuring the Schola Cantorum Basilicae, the Knock Basilica Choir, together with the ConTempo String Quartet and Organist Mark Keane. The carol service will be streamed live on our website www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live. There is no need to book, attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis with ushers present to assist.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS MASS PROGRAMME 2021-2022

19th December

Christmas Carol Service 8.15pm

20th-21st December

Mass 10.30am, 7.00pm

Confessions 11.00-12.00 Noon

22nd-23rd December

Mass 10.30am, 7.00pm

Confessions 11-12 Noon, 2.30-3.30pm

Christmas Eve

Mass 10.30am,

Confessions 11-12 Noon, 2-4pm

Vigil Mass 10pm

Christmas Day

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.00 Noon

26th St. Stephen's Day

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm

27th—31st December

Mass 10.30am

31st December

10.30am Exposition

12.00 Midnight Mass

1st January 2022

10.30am Peace Mass

7pm Vigil Mass

2nd January 2022

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00 Noon

& 7pm

3rd—5th January 2022

Mass 10.30am

6th January 2022

Mass 10.30am & 7pm

TODAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19th December

In today's Gospel (LK1:39-44), Our Blessed Lady, Mary went to Elizabeth's house in Judah to assist her for a few months. Elizabeth exclaimed that her baby in her womb leapt for joy hearing Mary's greetings.

Mary was carrying the Son of God in Her womb. Thus Mary is referred to as "Mother of God". Let us ask for Her intercession.

4th Week of Advent, Monday 20th December

St. Fachanan, Bishop (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Angela McGowan (Anniversary)

4th Week of Advent Tuesday 21st December

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Peggy & Pdraig Burke and deceased family members (Anniversary)

4th Week of Advent, Wednesday 22nd December

10.30am Mass: Maureen Furlong (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Luke White (Anniversary)

4th Week of Advent, Thursday 23rd December

St. John of Kanty, Priest (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Bridget & Ned Kilfeather (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Frank & Mary Murphy (Anniversary)

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

10.30am Mass: Maureen Mullen (Anniversary)

10.00pm Vigil Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored for Special Intentions

Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

12noon Mass

Sunday Readings for 26th December

1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22. 24-28; 2nd Reading: 1 Jn:3, 1-2.21-24; Gospel: Luke. 2:41-52

REST IN PEACE

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

Anthony Monaghan

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am-4pm & Friday: 9:30am-2pm

Phone: 071 9162670

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Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.