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**.

"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."

Adoration Chapel: The Adoration Chapel will be re-opening on Monday January 3rd after 10.30 am Mass.

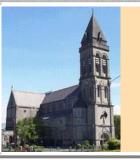
Parish Office: The Parish Office will be re-opening on the **4th January 2022.** From everyone in St. Mary's Parish Office and the Cathedral Church we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

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 <u>www.elphindiocese.ie</u>

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.

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. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 26th December 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday 27th-Thursday 30th Mass 10.30am Monday-Thursday no evening Masses Friday 31st Mass 10.30am, 10.30pm Exposition Mass & 11.30pm Mass Saturday 1st Mass 10.30am Peace Mass (Vigil Mass) 7pm Sunday 2nd Mass 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00 Noon & 7pm

Tap and *Go* System now operational in the Car Park & also at the back of the Cathedral

Please take both the newsletter and missalette home. Thank you

TODAY - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 26th December

The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) is seen as the Model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. (Liturgical Calendar of Ireland 2022, page 41).

This is a family that lived centred on God first. Then respect and genuine love for each other.

Monday 27th December

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Evelyn Foley (First Anniversary) & husband Pee Foley (Anniversary)

Tuesday 28th December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Mary & Tommy McNiffe (Anniversary)

Wednesday 29th December

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

Thursday 30th December

10.30am Mass: Special Intention for deceased Cathy Sharkey R.I.P.

New Year's Eve, Friday 31st December

St. Sylvester, Pope (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Mae & Charlie Mulligan. (Anniversary) 10.30pm Exposition 11.30pm Mass

New Year's Day, Saturday 1st January 2022

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

10.30am Peace Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in the memory of John & Mary Devins

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 2nd January 2022 1st Reading: Eccles (Sir) 24: 1-2. 8-12; 2nd Reading: Ephes. 1:3-6. 15-18: Gospel: Jn. 1:1-18.

REST IN PEACE

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

Geraldine Durney MAY GOD GRANT HER 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

If you would like to donate to the Cathedral Parish please make cheques payable to the following A.I.B. bank account: <u>Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account</u>. THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.