

## FROM THE PARISH

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will be closed from **December 21<sup>st</sup>** until **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

**Cathedral Crib:** A big thank you to the Men's Shed for all their hard work in building our amazing Crib.

**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 basket stating Altar Society.

**Keep Fit Classes:** Keep Fit Classes will recommence on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January from 6.15pm-7.15pm** in the Gillooly Hall, all are welcome. Exercise does help to keep the mind positive and the body active.

**Christmas Carol Service:** Takes place tonight **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 pm** in the Cathedral.

**Parish Shop:** We have Christmas stock now in The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall which will be open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm and after 10.30am and 12 Noon Sunday Masses.**

**Adoration Chapel:** The Adoration Chapel will be closing on **Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00pm** and re-opening on **Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> after 10.30 am** Mass.

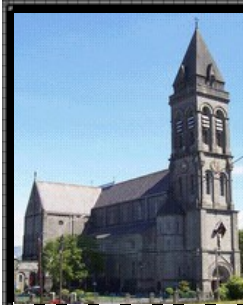
**Sunday Collection:**    **Income 11<sup>th</sup> December—€3,005**                      **Restoration Fund—€170**  
   **Parish Expenditure— €12,672.93**

Thank you for your on going contributions, we deeply appreciate your continued Financial support. Tap & Go System in the car park and also at the back of the Cathedral for donations.

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**World Youth Day Pilgrimage** to Lisbon, Portugal **31 July - 8 August 2023**. The pilgrimage is open to **18 -35 year olds**. The cost is €850 per person sharing and this includes flights, coach transfers, WYD registration, city centre hotel accommodation for six nights plus two nights in Fatima. Please support young adults from your parish to be part of this once in a lifetime experience with millions of young Catholics from across the world. All the details and how to register are available at <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023>. Please contact [youth@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:youth@elphindiocese.ie) if you have any queries.

**Reconciliation Service for Christmas:** Reconciliation Service for the Sligo Cluster of Parishes will be held in The Friary on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30p.m. Reflection on Confession with music and individual Confession available. All are Welcome.



## CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *CHRISTMAS MASS PROGRAMME 2022-2023*

#### **18th December**

Christmas Carol Service  
8.15pm

#### **19th -23rd December**

Confessions 11.00-12.00 Noon

#### **Christmas Eve 24th**

#### **December**

Confessions 1pm—5.30pm

Vigil Mass 10pm

#### **Christmas Day 25th**

#### **December**

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.00  
Noon

#### **26th—31st December**

Mass 10.30am

#### **31st December**

Mass 7.00pm

10.30pm Exposition

11.30pm Mass

#### **1st January 2023**

Mass 8.30am, 10.30am,

12 Noon & 7.00pm

#### **2nd—5th January 2023**

Mass 10.30am

#### **6th January 2023**

Mass 10.30am & 7pm

**TODAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today's Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24), tells us the event before the birth of Christ. St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus was given the noble and exalted role to take care of Mary and Jesus.

The Angel of God also revealed to St. Joseph, the identity of Jesus: "God-with-us".

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**St. Fachanan, Bishop (Memorial)**

8.00am Mass: Domingo & Dolores Rosel (Birthday Remembrance)

10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

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

8.00am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Bernie & Alec Miller & Jacqueline Murray (Anniversary)

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

8.00am Mass: Florent Mulholland (First Anniversary) and Michael & Delia Mulholland (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Maureen Furlong (Anniversary)

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**St. John of Kanty, Priest (Memorial)**

10.30am Mass: P. & Evelyn Foley (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Maureen Mullen (Anniversary)

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Mass

10.00pm Mass

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**Sunday Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> December**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 52:7-10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 1:1-6.  
Gospel: Jn 1:1-18.

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am-4pm & Friday: 9:30am-2pm 071 9162670

If you would like to donate to the Cathedral Parish 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.