

## FROM THE PARISH

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will be closed from **December 20<sup>th</sup>** until **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. From all in St. Mary's and the Cathedral we wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

**Parish Office:** All Anniversary Masses are to be booked through the parish office Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm **071 9162670**.

**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 9162670**.

**Sunday Collection:** **Income 17<sup>th</sup> December –€7,036 Carol Service €1,709**  
**Parish Expenditure - €9,577 (€4,745—Oil & ESB)**

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.

**As a family or sitting on your own at dinner on Christmas Day, it would be nice to think of Jesus and invite him to the table with you. We encourage you to say this little pray together.**

Our Father in Heaven,

For this Christmas meal you have given

We want to say thank you from our hearts.

Bless the ones who prepared it

And Lord as we share it

Will you stay with us

And be our guest of Honour.

Amen

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**World Day of Peace – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** In his message for the 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, Pope Francis reflects on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on world peace. "It is my prayer at the start of the New Year" the message concludes, "that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family." Read the message in full at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

"Apostolic work Elphin Diocese would like to thank all those who supported them during the year and we would like to wish them a happy holy Christmas and New Year"



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 24th December Mass 8.30am,  
10.30am & 12 Noon

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 10pm

Christmas Day 25th Mass 8.30am,  
10.30am & 12 Noon

Tuesday 26th—Friday 29th

Mass 10.30am

Saturday 30th December Mass  
10.30am & 7pm

Sunday 31st December Mass 8.30am,  
10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm

Sunday 31st December New Years Eve

Exposition 10.30pm Mass 11.30pm

Monday 1st —Thursday 4th January  
Mass 10.30am

Friday 5th January Mass 10.30am &  
7pm

Saturday 6th January Mass 10.30am &  
7pm

## TODAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the Apex of the Season of Advent.  
The Gospel (Luke 1:26-38) gives the account of Mary who accepted God's will to be the Mother of Jesus by the message given to Her by Angel Gabriel.

### Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
12noon Mass

This week's Newsletter  
is sponsored in memory  
of Sheila O'Grady

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Charlie & Mae Mulligan (First Anniversary)

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Thomas & Mary McNiffe (Anniversary)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Margaret & Patrick Kennedy (Anniversary)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Mass: Peter Bennett (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

### Sunday Readings for 31<sup>st</sup> December

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 or Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 18:11-12, 17-19. or Col 3:12-21.  
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40.

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Ina Scanlon**

MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND COMFORT AND CONSOLE HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am-5pm & Friday: 9:30am-4pm 071 9162670

Email: [info@sligocathedral.ie](mailto:info@sligocathedral.ie)

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.