#### FROM THE PARISH

**Altar Society:** If you wish to donate 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.

**Friday the 15**<sup>th</sup> **December** clean up evening in the Cathedral in preparation for Christmas after the 7pm Mass.

**Christmas Carol Service** will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in our Cathedral.

**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**.

Parish Shop: We now have Christmas stock available in the Parish Shop which is located in the Gillooly Hall and it is open on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm and after 10.30am and 12 Noon Sunday Masses.

Sunday Collection: Income 3<sup>rd</sup> December –€2,601 Social Services—€536

Parish Expenditure - €12,498 -(€2,118—Heating Oil)

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

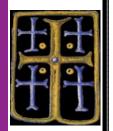
Online Advent Calendar Now in its tenth year, the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is hosting its online Advent Calendar, offering resources for school, parish and home. The themes of the Advent Calendar this year are Peace, and Vocations. We hope you will join us again this year through the Season of Advent <a href="www.catholicbishops.ie/">www.catholicbishops.ie/</a> adventcalendar

**The Way of Gentleness – Strandhill** A personal enrichment journey for Advent. Saint Patrick's Church, Strandhill. Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. All are welcome.

Advent Lectures - Holy Cross Friary, Sligo Advent Lectures 2023 in the Friary Hall, Dominick Street, Sligo on Tuesdays and Thursdays of Advent at 7.30pm. Theme "Behold I am coming soon" – Jesus and Mary and how Bethlehem changed the world. Tuesdays "The Narrative in Art" with Fr Michael Dunleavy OP and Thursdays "The Biblical Narrative" with Fr Terence Crotty OP.



# CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER



Sunday 10th December 2023

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### **CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES**

Monday—Thursday 10.30am

Friday & Saturday 10.30am & 7.00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm

#### Confessions Saturday 2pm-4pm

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 - Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel (Mark 1:1-8), John the Baptist is introduced. He was the fore-runner in announcing the coming of Christ and he preached repentance.

John appeared in the wilderness. He lived on locust and wild honey.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

St. Damasus I, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Anne O'Donnell (First Anniversary)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional Memorial)
St. Finnian, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass:

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Susan Murray (Anniversary)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Mass: Mai, John & Michael Howley & deceased Howley, Boland,

Hanley & Hallinan families (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Deceased members of the Feeney family (Anniversary)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Mass Gerry & Kitty Keaney (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

This week's
Newsletter is not
sponsored

# Sunday Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> December

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 61:1-2, 10-11. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Th 5:16-24. Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.

#### **REST IN PEACE**

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

Aidan Mannion, Daithí O'Connor, Geraldine Erion & Marie Henry

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND COMFORT AND

CONSOLE THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

#### **Parish Office Hours**

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