

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 15th December clean up evening in the Cathedral in preparation for Christmas after the 7pm Mass.

Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th 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 3rd 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 www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

The Way of Gentleness – Strandhill A personal enrichment journey for Advent. Saint Patrick's Church, Strandhill. Mondays 11th and 18th 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.



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.

2nd Week of Advent, Monday 11th December

St. Damasus I, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

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

2nd Week of Advent, Tuesday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional Memorial)

St. Finnian, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass:

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

2nd Week of Advent, Wednesday 13th December

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Susan Murray (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Thursday 14th 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

2nd Week of Advent, Friday 15th 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)

2nd Week of Advent, Saturday 16th December

10.30am Mass Gerry & Kitty Keaney (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

This week's
Newsletter is not
sponsored

Sunday Readings for 17th December

1st Reading: Is 61:1-2, 10-11. 2nd 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.