

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 flowers to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas please drop your donation in an envelope into the collection basket stating Altar Society.

Taizé Prayer evening Sligo Cathedral at 8pm on Friday 20th December. All are welcome.

Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 22nd 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**.

Parish Shop: The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall is open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm and after 10.30am and 12 Noon Sunday Masses.**

Sunday Collection: **Income 1st December - €4,486—Restoration Fund €2—€125**
Parish Expenditure - €14,575.15 Sick Priests Levy €5,400

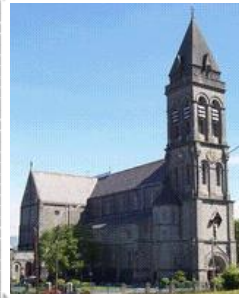
Thank you for your on going contributions, we deeply appreciate your continued Financial support. Tap & Go System at the back of the Cathedral for donations.

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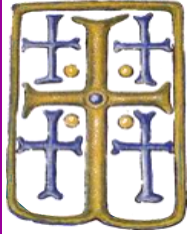
All Invited to Opening of Jubilee Year: During the weekend after Christmas, Bishop Kevin will open the Jubilee Year in the dioceses of Elphin and Achonry. On Sunday 29th December, we will gather in the Gillooly Hall, Sligo at 12 noon for a short liturgy and walk together to the Cathedral for Mass. On Saturday 28th December, we will gather at 6pm at Ballaghaderreen Cathedral for a liturgy and the celebration of Mass. We hope as many people as possible can participate at either of these liturgies in our two dioceses as we begin this special year of faith.

What is Jubilee Year 2025?: The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (Leviticus). Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime. The theme for the Jubilee 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope' (*Spes non Confundit - Hope Does Not Disappoint*). This theme of hope encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. More information about the Jubilee Year in our two dioceses will be available in the New Year

The Way of Gentleness: A faith enrichment journey for Advent continues at St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, Sligo on Mondays 9th and 16th December at 8pm. Online attendance also at: churchservices – stpatrickstrandhill



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
SLIGO
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 8th December 2024



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Confessions for Advent

Tuesday 17th December Reconciliation Service in The Friary at 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th—Friday 20th December after 10.30am Mass

Saturday 21st December 2pm-4pm

Monday 23rd December after 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve 2pm-5pm

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday—Thursday 8.00am & 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 at the back of the Cathedral.

Please take both the newsletter and missalette home. Thank you.

TODAY - Second Sunday of Advent



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Sligo, Restoration Fundraiser Appeal
'Buy a Tin of Paint' €50 per tin. Please contact the Parish Office 071 9162670 or the Parish Shop. Cheques made payable to Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account

2nd Week of Advent, Monday 9th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

8am Mass
10.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass

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2nd Week of Advent, Tuesday 10th December

Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Anna & Gerry Marshall (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Wednesday 11th December

St. Damasus I, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Sean Boyle & Deceased Boyle Family (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Thursday 12th December

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

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Michael & Mary Durcan & Deceased Durcan Family (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Friday 13th December

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Hugh Travers (Anniversary)
7.00pm Mass: Mary Lewis (Recently Deceased)

2nd Week of Advent, Saturday 14th December

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

10.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 15th December

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-18; 2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7;
Gospel: Lk 3:10-18.

REST IN PEACE

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

Michael McKeon

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