

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 8th December - €€2,849 Restoration Fund €2- €162
Parish Expenditure - €13,004 (ESB & Oil €4,525.93)

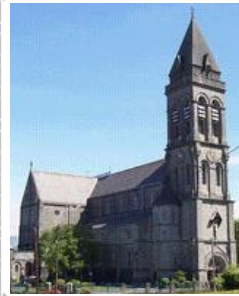
Thank you for your on going contributions, we deeply appreciate your continued Financial support. Tap & Go System in the car park and also at the back of the Cathedral for donations.

FROM THE DIOCESE

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.

Christmas Confession: Christmas Confession for the Sligo Cluster of Parishes will take place in the Friary, Sligo on Tuesday, 17th December at 7.30pm. Short introduction with many priests available for Confession. Please come along in preparation for the birth of Jesus.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 15th December 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ADVENT PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Friday 20th December 8pm—Taizé Prayer & Song	Monday 30th December—Thursday 2nd January Mass 10.30am
Sunday 22nd December 8pm—Carol Service	NB: Tuesday 31st December New Years Eve Exposition 10.30pm Mass 11.30pm
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 10pm	Friday 3rd January Mass 10.30am & 7pm
Wednesday Christmas Day 25th Mass 8.30am, 10.30am & 12 Noon	Saturday 4th January Mass 10.30am & 7pm
Thursday 26th—Friday 27th December Mass 10.30am	Sunday 5th January Mass 8.30am, 10.30pm, 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday 28th December Mass 10.30am & 7pm	Monday 6th January Mass 8.00am, 10.30am & 7pm
Sunday 29th December Mass 8.30am, 10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm	

**NB: The 12 Noon Mass will begin in the Gillooly Hall to
open the
Holy Year of Hope**

Confessions

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 2pm-5pm

TODAY - Third 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

3rd Week of Advent, Monday 16th December

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

This week's Newsletter
is sponsored in memory
of Bishop Christy Jones

3rd Week of Advent, Tuesday 17th December

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Mai, John & Michael Howley & Deceased Howley, Boland, Hanley, Hallinan & Ruthledge Families (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Wednesday 18th December

St. Flannan, Bishop (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Anne O'Donnell (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Thursday 19th December

8am Mass: Special Intention
10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Friday 20th December

St. Fachanan, Bishop (Memorial)
10.30am Mass: Albert Patrick & Margaret Gorman (Anniversary)
7.00pm Mass: Michael & Delia Mulholland (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Saturday 21st December

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
10.30am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 22nd December
1st Reading: Mic 5:1-4; 2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10; Gospel: Lk 1:39-44.

REST IN PEACE

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

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.