

FROM THE PARISH

Cathedral Restoration Update: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception restoration is ongoing with major improvements being performed in order to protect the future integrity of the building. It is hoped that the interior scaffolding can start to be removed 13th June followed by two weeks of dust extraction. At this time we are reasonably hopeful that the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will reopen for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on Sunday 29th June and that the official reopening will occur on Sunday 6th July 2025.

Padre Pio Prayer Group: The meeting will take place on Friday 6th June in the Nazareth House Chapel with Holy Rosary at 6.30pm followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7pm. All are welcome.

Collection: For St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society on 7th & 8th June outside Nazareth Chapel at weekend Masses (Knight's of St. Columbanus).

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: The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall is open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm**.

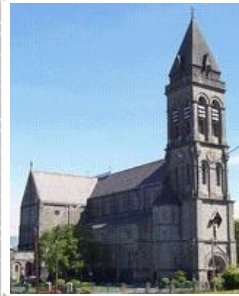
Cathedral Restoration Fundraiser Appeal: *'Buy a Tin of Paint'* €50 per tin. Please contact the Parish Office 071 9162670 or the Parish Shop. Cheques made payable to Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account

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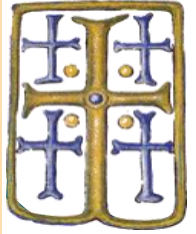
Pentecost Penance Service: Continuing our celebration of Reconciliation throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, a Pentecost Penance service will take place on Sunday 8th June at 7.30pm, (**St. Anne's**), in a number of churches in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin. For a full list of churches, see www.elphindiocese.ie

National Pilgrimage for Life: The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 21st June in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Martin Hayes. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Rosary Rally - Knock: The 40th Rosary Rally takes place in Knock on Saturday 7th June. There will be a range of activities for families, young people, and adults. 1pm main speaker in Basilica Msgr Steve Rossetti. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica with Homilist Bishop Donal McKeown.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 1st June 2025



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD *WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY*



NAZARETH CHAPEL 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 11am-12noon

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 - The Ascension of the Lord

REFLECTION: THE INSTRUCTIONS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Jesus only had forty days on the earth after the Resurrection before he ascended into heaven. So he didn't waste time. He cuts straight to the chase: believe and be baptised, and you are saved. Don't and you are condemned. Some of the most important lessons in life are the simplest.

As Jesus was urgently instructing the disciples as to how to act, and what to do once he left, they in turn were thinking like humans. Luke recounts in Acts, in our first reading, all they wanted to know was when was he going to return assume his power. Then, they too would become powerful in this "new administration." We can't help ourselves; it's like office politics. When am I going to climb up the ladder of power? Or, more to the point, when are you going to drag me up it? It's human nature to think that way. But the ways of God are not our ways, and God does not operate in accordance with human norms, as much as we might want him to.

We have the Advocate, the Paraclete, to support us in this essential cause. I remember when I worked in a lab a lab tech called Jason asked me "Do you love Jesus and accept him as your Saviour?" Now he was an evangelical Protestant, and at the time I was a bit put off. Yes, Justin, I'm a Roman Catholic and I attend mass, and I do love Jesus" I said although it sounded a bit funny saying it. And yet, as I reflect back on it, Justin was merely doing what Jesus asked, winning souls. He wasn't trying to be judgmental; he saw it as being helpful. Maybe we need more people like Jason today who aren't afraid to ask serious questions, aren't afraid to take Jesus instructions seriously.

7th Week of Easter, Monday 2nd June

Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

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7th Week of Easter, Tuesday 3rd June

St. Kevin, Abbot (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

7th Week of Easter, Wednesday 4th June

Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

7th Week of Easter, Thursday 5th June

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

7th Week of Easter, Friday 6th June

St. Norbert, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

St. Jarlath, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass: Mary Lewis (Recently Deceased)

7th Week of Easter, Saturday 7th June

St. Colman, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 8th June

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11;

2nd Reading: Rm 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13;

Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26 or Jn 20:19-23.

REST IN PEACE

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

John Mahon & Ella Smylie

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