

FROM THE PARISH

Sligo Cemetery: Cemetery Sunday Mass will take place on Sunday 10th August at 3.00pm for our annual Mass remembering all of our dead. All are welcome.

Day of Healing & Renewal Retreat: With Fr. John Keane and Deacon Thady O'Connor on Saturday 16th August in the Gillooly Hall, Sligo at 9.30am-6pm approx. Day includes Praise & Worship, Music & Song, Talks, Testimonies, Confessions, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Healing. Enquires 085 7765294/087 6998397.

Novena: St. Teresa of Calcutta Novena takes place in The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from Wednesday 27th August to Thursday 4th September.

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th, Monday 1st September to Thursday 4th September Exposition (Adoration) Rosary Novena 6.30pm, Benediction 7.30pm.

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st August Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Mass 7.00pm. Mothers Feast Friday 5th September, Rosary 6.30pm, Mass 7.00pm.

Cathedral Celebrates 150 Years: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo celebrates 150 years with Mass at 7pm on Friday 12th September. Reception afterwards in Gillooly Hall. All welcome.

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

Sunday Collection: Income 27th July - €3,167 Clergy €989, Restoration €2—€118
Parish Expenditure - €5,115

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Jubilee of Marriages: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on Sunday 5th October at 2.30pm in Sligo Cathedral or Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm in Strokestown Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at www.elphindiocese.ie/jubileeofmarriages

Friends of Killaspugbrone Church: All are invited to a National Heritage Week talk on *The Past, Present and Future of Killaspugbrone Church* on Sunday 17th August - meet at Sligo Airport car park at 2.30pm. Also, on Saturday 23rd August at 7.30pm there will be annual Mass at the church in Killaspugbrone. All welcome.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 3rd August 2025



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Rich Fool, Rembrandt, 1627

PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

The rich man in Jesus' parable from today's Gospel reading was a stupid and wrong for more than one reason. He thought he would live forever and gave no consideration at all to that of the next life. He also thought his riches would protect him from all misfortune including sickness and death. St. Augustine comments that the farmer was "planning to fill his soul with excessive and unnecessary feasting and was proudly disregarding all those empty bellies of the poor. He did not realize that the bellies of the poor were much safer storerooms than his barns." Pope Francis rather ironically said during a homily "I have never seen a removals truck behind a funeral procession, ever." The only treasure we get to take with us is the treasure we have given others during our lifetime. There is an Irish custom my Mother had of writing DV in her letters, such as "I will see you soon, DV." Deo Volente means "God willing." Every time we tell someone something about the future, such as I'll see you tomorrow, we would be wise to preface it with "God willing." Otherwise we will be as foolish as the rich man.

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 4th August

St. John Mary Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Michael Walsh (Anniversary)

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18th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 5th August

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Packie Gilmartin (Anniversary)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 7th August

Ss. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

St. Cajetan, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Iris Doyle (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 8th August

St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Rita Sweeney (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Mary Lewis (Recently Deceased)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 9th August

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 10th August

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9; 2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;
Gospel: Lk 12:32-48.

REST IN PEACE

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

Declan Costelloe, David Gillen.

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.