

FROM THE PARISH

Sowing Seeds of Hope: Are you concerned about the world we live in? Please join us for a conversation and some reflection on the created world and prayer as we explore how we can support each other and our common home. Summerhill College Library on Tuesday September 9th, Tuesday September 16th and Tuesday September 23rd at 8pm each evening. More details contact Fina Golden 087 681 6821.

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**.

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 31st August - €3,802

Parish Expenditure - €7,166

You can also scan the QR Code to make a donation.



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

The Light is on for You: In this Jubilee Year, as we are called to be “Pilgrims of Hope”, special emphasis is placed on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes throughout the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin on Sunday 14th September between 5.00pm and 6.00pm with visiting priests available in the Parish Church of each parish in both dioceses. The Light is on for YOU. Please come along and encourage others to do the same.

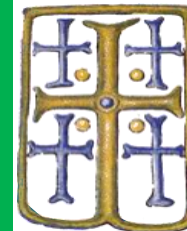
Jubilee of Marriages: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on Sunday 5th October at 2.30pm in Sligo Cathedral **or** Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm in Strokestown Church. 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

PTAA Dinner Dance: The Pioneer & Friends dinner dance takes place on the 17th October 2025 in the Sligo Park Hotel. Mass at 7.00p.m. for the deceased members followed by dinner at 8.00p.m. with live music by the Ferryman. Tickets available from Eamonn McGauran 086 8354464, Mary Clancy 087 9070109 and Fr Pat Lombard St. Anne's 071 9145028. Cost €40.00. All are welcome.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
SLIGO

NEWSLETTER
Sunday 7th September 2025



TWENTY-THIRD 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 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN NOAH BUILT HIS ARK

When Noah built the Ark, not only was it not raining; there weren't even storm clouds in the sky. Not only was Noah in touch with God's plan for the world but he actively did something to comply and participate in God's will. We have to fix our eyes on what God wants for us in our lives and to actively plan and participate in it. There is no point in determining what God's will is for us and for our lives and then doing nothing about it. Like Noah we have to get to work. Jesus reminds us not to be distracted by the little things in this world. Material possessions can be a wonderful thing if they help us to realise God's plan for us. If not, they are a serious distraction. God's ambition for us is that we would get to heaven and bask in his love forever; the "beatific vision." This is not a fairy tale but a real goal. We need to take it seriously; we should be intentional disciples, disciples of action. When Jesus is telling us to hate our Mother and Father he is using hyperbole to motivate us into action. He is telling us we have to love him more than our Mother and Father. Indeed, we are to love Jesus more than we love our own lives. "Whoever loves his life will lose it." (John 12:25) Our Gospel this Sunday is a stirring call from Jesus to arm ourselves for spiritual warfare, cease from sin, and work toward the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Christine Hester (Anniversary)

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 9th September

St. Ciaran, Abbot (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 10th September

St. Peter Claver, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 11th September

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Optional Memorial)

St. Ailbe, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

7.00pm Mass: Sesquicentennial Mass of Celebration

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 13th September

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Martha O'Grady (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass: James Mulligan (Month's Mind)

This week's Newsletter
is not sponsored.

Sunday Readings for 14th September

1st Reading: Num 21:4-9; 2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11; Gospel: Jn 3:13-17.

REST IN PEACE

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

Liam Finan & Mary Morrison.

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.