

FROM THE PARISH

Benemerenti Awards: Congratulations to Peadar Hickey, Vincent Hopkins, Breege Curran, Helen Watters and Mary Teresa Dolan who all received Benemerenti Awards last Sunday for their dedication to our parish.

R.C.I.A.: Enrolment for adult's who wish to be baptised next year are asked to please contact the Parish Office 071 9162670 to be registered before the **31st October 2025.**

The Children's Rosary will once again take place in the Cathedral on **Tuesday next October 7th at 7.00pm.** For over 26 years, during the months of May and October, we have promoted the praying of the Rosary, especially for children in the primary schools. Children from all the local schools in the deanery are taking part. All children and adults are invited to take part.

Healing Service: Eddie Stones will be visiting The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday 24th October 7pm. Enquires contact 085 7765294/087 6998397.

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 28th September - €4,342

Parish Expenditure - €5,384

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

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland: All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026.

Eucharistic Healing Service – Sligo: Eucharistic Healing Service on the second Monday of each month - October 13th, November 10th and December 8th in Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo, F91 CC98. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. Free Event. All Welcome!

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 5th October 2025



TWENTY-SEVENTH 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIVE ME MORE FAITH!

At least Jesus' disciples understood that faith is not a binary proposition; that is, the idea that "you either have it or you don't." It is more like a continuum or a spectrum of belief. It is like an evangelical Christian who asked me did I believe in Jesus Christ? I said yes, but I felt like saying the questions deserves more than a simple yes or no. Faith is for everyone a struggle in life; it is part of a complex relationship of love that we develop and with Jesus and our Father in heaven. What it is not is an academic exercise nor is it a tool that allows us to achieve what we want in our life. The disciples may have looked upon faith as something to be dispensed that might allow them supernatural powers. They saw Jesus walk on water and thought maybe that could be given to them to. But Jesus tells them that even little faith will bring with it great effects. And indeed, after Jesus ascended into heaven, and the power of the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles at the Pentecost, they were indeed given miraculous powers. The power they were given to heal and cast out demons and speak in tongues was not for themselves though. It was to reflect God's glory and build the Kingdom of God on earth. So when we pray that we might have more faith what we are really praying for is that we become better servants of God through our acts and deeds. That process is the stretching that Pope Benedict XVI refers to in Spe Salvi § 33: ***"Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched."*** Making our hearts bigger for God to dwell in them.

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 6th October

St. Bruno, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: James & Ellen Brown & their children (Anniversary)

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

7pm: Children's Rosary

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of deceased of the parish

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 8th October

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Joe Clarke & deceased family members (Anniversary)

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 9th October

St. John Henry Newman, Priest (Optional Memorial)

Ss. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

St. John Leonardi, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patricia Sheridan (Anniversary)

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 10th October

Children's Day of Mission Prayer

10.30am Mass: John, Maureen & Claire Mc Givern (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Mary & Patrick Curley & deceased family members (Anniversary)

27th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 11th October

St. John XXIII, Pope (Optional Memorial)

St. Canice, Abbot (Optional Memorial)

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 12th October

1st Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2nd Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Gospel: Lk 17:11-19.

REST IN PEACE

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

Tommy Gorman, Mary Gaynor, Dermot Collery.

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.