

FROM THE PARISH

The Padre Pio Hour will be held next Friday 5th December (the First Friday), starting with the Rosary at 6.30pm, which will be followed at 7.00pm by Holy Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

Advent Mission 2025: Franciscan Friars of Renewal will take place from Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December at 7pm in our Cathedral. All are welcome.

Sligo Cluster of Parishes Annual Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 7pm in our Cathedral.

Fundraising Event for Sligo Samaritans: Cookery demonstration with Nevin Maguire will be held in Sligo Park Hotel on Wed., 10th December. Wine reception at 7pm, demo at 8pm. Tickets €25 available at Sligo Park Hotel, Shells Café, Kate's Kitchen and on Eventbrite. Further info.: 083 1698657.

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

Sunday Collection: Income 23rd November - €3,596

Parish Expenditure - €14,205

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

Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Becoming Catholic: The Catholic Church always welcomes those interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic and those who have yet to complete their Christian Initiation. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which people enter into the fullness of the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. To learn more, visit <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/becoming-catholic/>

The Way of Gentleness: Annual Advent faith enrichment journey at St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, Sligo takes place on three Mondays in December at 8pm – Monday December 1st, 8th and 15th. Online attendance also at: churchservices.tv – stpatrickstrandhill

Light Up a Life: North West Hospice Charity will hold its annual Light-Up-A-Life event on Sunday, December 7th at 5pm in the Hospice Garden of Memories at Cleveragh Park, Sligo. The lights on the Hospice Memory Tree will be switched on at the event and music will be provided by the Coolaney Gospel Choir. All are welcome. Further details: www.northwesthospice.ie / 071 9170523.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
SLIGO

NEWSLETTER
Sunday 30th November 2025



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

No Confessions Saturday 6th December due to Wedding

Tap and Go System now operational at the back of the Cathedral.

Please take both the newsletter and missalette home. Thank you.

TODAY - First Sunday of Advent

Noah's Ark

The flood that God brought upon the earth was a direct response to the violence in people's hearts and their ill treatment of each other. God felt that the earth needed a reboot, so to speak, and preserved the righteous people on earth to be his fresh new start. So, at God's command, Noah went about building his ark. No doubt this provoked mocking and insults, especially given the malice in people's hearts. Noah was less worried about pleasing people or popular opinion, but rather was content to do the will of God.

Genesis 7 tells us that Noah and his family and curious pet collection lived on the ark for 7 days before the flood began. Seven is a significant number in that God created the world in that special period of time. However, that must have been an excruciating wait for Noah and his family and no doubt his family must have had some doubts about the sanity of Noah's incredible project. But then the purification began; 40 days and 40 nights of rain.

The Advent journey we are embarking on now is somewhat similar; a time of reflection and purification. How are we responding to God's will in our lives? Does popular opinion or the Word of God take priority in our lives? How are we reflecting God's love in our care and concern for our fellow pilgrims? As we ride out storms on our journey of life we should always look to God as the cornerstone and foundation of our meaning and purpose in life.

1st Week of Advent, Monday 1st December

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: John & Elizabeth Lynch (Anniversary)

1st Week of Advent, Tuesday 2nd December

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Martin & Winifred Benson & deceased members of the Benson & Burns Families (Anniversary)

1st Week of Advent, Wednesday 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Deceased Legionaries (Anniversary)

1st Week of Advent, Thursday 4th December

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

This week's Newsletter
is sponsored in memory
of Mickey & Freda Jones

1st Week of Advent, Friday 5th December

10.30am Mass: Joey Murphy (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Deceased members of Feeney & Mc Gauran families (Anniversary)

1st Week of Advent, Saturday 6th December

St. Nicholas, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Betty Downes (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 7th December

1st Reading: Is 11:1-10; 2nd Reading: Rm 15:4-9; Gospel: Mt 3:1-12.

REST IN PEACE

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

Stanley Devaney,

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