

FROM THE PARISH

Sligo Cemetery: Please join us every Sunday afternoon for the Month of November at 3.00pm for the Rosary for all our dearly departed.

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

Sunday Collection: Income 16th November - €4,645
Parish Expenditure - €6,198

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.

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Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

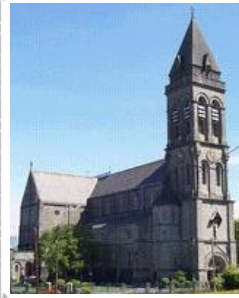
The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if 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/>

Faith Renewal Opportunity: Open to nurturing your faith and connection with others by joining a group that will explore St. Matthew's Gospel? See www.elphindiocese.ie/matthew for details of Elphin diocese's winter scripture initiative. Newcomers welcome at all centres.

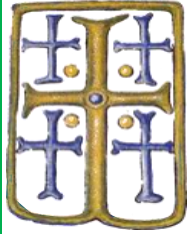
Fr Peyton Centre: One Day retreat Saturday, December 6th 11am – 4.30pm. Advent -- Prepare the Way of the Lord -- Join us to explore the journey through Advent. The day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. Also, Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, December 11th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For enquiries and booking contact Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821. Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884.

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

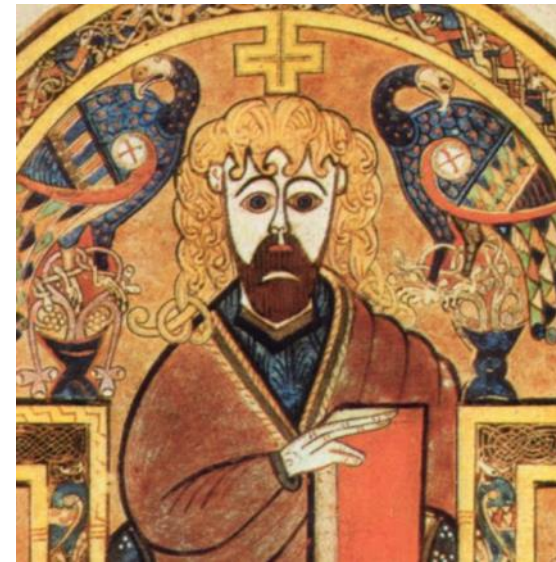


CATHEDRAL OF THE
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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 23rd November 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the King of the Universe

I've always found this Feast of Christ the King of the Universe somewhat hard to relate to. My knowledge of kings is of nervous people who have their brothers, cousins, and anyone else who threatens their reign executed. Not to mention their wives. Let us just say most kings are not exactly a role models of people we look up to. And what of the universe? The only time you hear about the universe is the Miss Universe content. The whole title sounds a bit odd and hard for me to relate to.

The **Feast of Christ the King of the Universe** was initially instituted on the last Sunday in October in 1923 by Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, in English, "*In the First.*" Indeed, at that time, we had just finished World War I, where the leadership of Christian kings, or lack thereof, led to the unnecessary deaths of over 20 million people, many of them mere teenagers. Pope Pius XI felt it was important to stress that only by placing our faith in God, and in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, will we avoid madness and evil destruction. In 1969 Pope St Paul VI moved the Feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, i.e., the last Sunday before advent. Pope Paul VI changed the title to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In today's troubled world I can see more clearly the need for sympathetic understanding of each other and the need for clear leadership, a foundation of beliefs leading to our actions. Such a leadership and vision will prevent violence on the streets of our capital, violence against children, and terrorists kidnapping children, and state-sponsored killing of civilians and children. Ultimately, the only healing and unifying vision comes from the leadership of God.

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 24th November

Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Michael & Mary Donohue (Anniversary)

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 25th November

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

St. Colman, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mary Josephine McGarry & deceased members of the McGarry Family (Anniversary)

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 26th November

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Kathy McElroy (Anniversary)

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 27th November

St. Fergal, Bishop & Missionary (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Michael & Bridgie McGowan & Deceased members of the McGowan Family (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Sarah, Bertie & Joseph Henry (Anniversary)

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 28th November

10.30am Mass: Ellen Quigley & Deceased members of the Quigley Family (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Mary McQuaid (Birthday Remembrance)

34th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 29th November

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass: Mairín Curley (Month's Mind)

This week's Newsletter
is not sponsored.

Sunday Readings for 30th November

1st Reading: Is 2:1-5; 2nd Reading: Rm 13:11-14; Gospel: Mt 24:37-44.

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.