

FROM THE PARISH

Parish Office: will close on Tuesday 23rd December at 1pm and will reopen on Friday 2nd January 2026 at 9am. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Altar Society: If you wish to donate a Poinsettia flower in memory of a loved one that cannot be with us this Christmas, please leave them on the steps of the Altar, or if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas please drop your donation in an envelope into the collection basket stating Altar Society.

Christmas Carol Service: will take place on Sunday 21st December at 8.00pm in our Cathedral. All are welcome.

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**.

Sunday Collection: **Income 14th December - €3,953**
 Parish Expenditure - €5,531

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

Giving Thanks for Jubilee Year Join Bishop Kevin and our diocesan communities in giving thanks to God for the Jubilee Year – Mass will be celebrated on 27th December 2025 at 6 pm at the Cathedral of the Annunciation and St Nathy, Ballaghaderreen, and Mass will be celebrated on 28th December 2025 at 12pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo.

Pastoral Message from Bishop Kevin Bishop Kevin has issued a pastoral message with an update for parishioners on the amalgamation of our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin. While much good work has been done throughout 2025, there is still a good deal that needs to be done from both a practical and pastoral point of view. The work in which we are engaged is God's work and the only way we can achieve what He wants is by listening to His Word in our hearts and by asking for the guidance of His Spirit. You can pick up a copy of the pastoral message at the back of the church or read online at www.elphindiocese.ie

Rediscover the Bible – www.rediscoverthebible.ie Rediscover the Bible in 2026 – **Venue:** Summerhill College, Sligo. Every Tuesday evening beginning 3rd February and ending on 24th March – 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness. Cost: €100. Price includes a free Bible and resource kit. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get more comfortable reading, understanding, and praying the Bible. The course will help you navigate and understand the big picture of salvation, and get familiar with the Bible's major themes, people, and covenants. Booking essential. Places limited. Please contact Frank on 087 9880690 or at frankmcguinness@hotmail.com or visit www.rediscoverthebible.ie to book your place. Let the Word of God transform your life!



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 21st December 2025



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Sunday 21st December 8pm—Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass 10pm

Thursday Christmas Day 25th December
Mass 8.30am, 10.30am & 12 Noon

Friday 26th December Mass 10.30am

Saturday 27th December Mass 10.30am &
7pm

Sunday 28th December Mass 8.30am,
10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm

Monday 29th December—

Thursday 1st January Mass 10.30am

**NB: Wednesday 31st December New Years
Eve Exposition 10.30pm Mass 11.30pm**

Friday 2nd January Mass 10.30am & 7pm

Saturday 3rd January 10.30am & 7pm

Sunday 4th January 8.30am, 10.30am, 12
Noon & 7pm

Monday 5th January Mass 8.00am & 10.30am

Tuesday 6th January 8.00am, 10.30am & 7pm

Confessions

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December after 10.30am Mass
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve 2pm-5pm

TODAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE ANGELS WERE STUNNED

The angels gasped! No! It can't be true! God sent his only Son to become a mere human? Making him less than us angels ourselves? How can this be? It can't be possible! Oh, yes, we angels should know better. Everything is possible for God. I guess it will be amazing to see God's only Son coming down to the earth on a cloud in power in glory. Wait, what? Born to a humble Palestinian teenager? In a stinky stable in Bethlehem? No clouds and no glory? Really? What is happening? How can this be? This can't be real! Oh, yes, we forgot, everything is possible with God. Everything is real with God. The strangest moment of all has now become the most amazing moment of all. What can we say? Words escape us. We are in total shock. All we are able to do is sing aloud with great joy! **"Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill!"**

Picture on the Front Page: "The Nativity: The Virgin, St Joseph and the Shepherds Adoring the Infant Christ" by Pietro Perugino (1503)

4th Week of Advent, Monday 22nd December

8am Mass: Delia & Michael Mulholland (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

4th Week of Advent, Tuesday 23rd December

St. John of Kanty, Priest (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Maureen Mullen (Anniversary)

4th Week of Advent, Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve (Solemnity with Octave)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Elizabeth Fox (Anniversary)

10pm Vigil Mass

Thursday 25th December

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

12noon Mass

Friday 26th December

St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Thomas & Mary McNiffe (Anniversary)

Saturday 27th December

St John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter
is not sponsored.

Sunday Readings for 28th December

**1st Reading: Eccles (Sir) 3:2-6, 12-14; 2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21;
Gospel: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Pearse Henry.

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

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Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.