

FROM THE PARISH

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.

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.

Parish Shop: The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall is open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm. And Sundays from 11.30am to 1.30pm.**

Sunday Collection: Income 30th November - €3,528

Parish Expenditure - €4,511

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/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Upcoming Events at Star of the Sea: Eucharistic Healing Service - Monday 8th December at 7:30pm 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! The Healing Service takes place on the second Monday of each month **Retreat for Men** - Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore – [12th – 14th December 2025]. Led by Frank & Louise McGuinness. Cost: €260 includes full board. An opportunity to come away from the busyness of life and spend time getting to know yourself better as a son of God the Father, hear his voice and step deeper into your mission and calling. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Healing and Confession. Time for renewal and rest in the company of new friends in the beauty of Mullaghmore.

Retreat for Women - Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore – [13th – 15th February 2026]; Led by Louise & Deacon Frank McGuinness. Cost: €275 includes full board. An opportunity to discover and encounter the infinite love of the Father as he reveals His heart to you. Receive healing through the Eucharist. Hear God's voice and explore how he is calling you in your unique mission. Time for renewal and rest.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 7th December 2025



SECOND 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

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 - Second Sunday of Advent

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

Advent is somewhat like a 25-day spiritual retreat that we are all undertaking together. The Advent Wreath in our Churches and our homes reminds us of this common endeavor. Yes, there are tinsel and shiny stars and decorations, but they are unable to distract us from our shared goal. Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting we are preparing ourselves for the common of our Lord. In imitation of John the Baptist we too are being caught up in the prophet Isaiah's prophecy of 2,700 years ago. Being baptised and confirmed a Catholic is not the end of our journey; we are in a life-long journey of conversion (*metanoia*) and preparation. That preparation involves making his paths straight. Advent is a season of hope when we realise that Jesus came for all: all races and genders, all faiths and none. What unites us all is that we are all sinners in need of conversion. The Holy Spirit guided John the Baptist in his mission of announcing the coming of our Lord into the world. John the Baptist's core message related us in today's Gospel from Matthew is: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This Advent season let us pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as well in our mission for the world. As the Prophet Baruch writes: "since God means to show your splendor to every nation under earth." (Bar 5:3)

2nd Week of Advent, Monday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
Holyday of Obligation in Ireland

8am Mass

10.30am Mass

2nd Week of Advent, Tuesday 9th December

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Anna & Gerry Marshall (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Wednesday 10th December

Our Lady of Loreto (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Avelino C Bautista, Salud B. Bautista & Reynaldo B. Bautista (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Thursday 11th December

St. Damasus I, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Susan Murray (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Friday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Optional Memorial)

St. Finnian, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: George Holmes (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Gerry & Kitty Keaney (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Advent, Saturday 13th December

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter
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Sunday Readings for 14th December

1st Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10; 2nd Reading: Jas 5:7-10; Gospel: Mt 11:2-11.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am-5pm & Friday: 9:30am-4pm 071 9162670

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Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.