

FROM THE PARISH

Rediscover the Bible: 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 to book your place. The perfect Christmas gift!

St. Vincent de Paul: are holding their Annual Appeal seeking your support to help them in their work this weekend. You can put a donation into the blue envelope at the back of the 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 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Sunday Collection: Income 7th & 8th December - €4,555

Parish Expenditure - €22,609—(ESB €3,890, oil €1,990,

Diocese Special Collections repayments 2025 €6459)

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

Pastoral Message from Bishop Kevin: This Gaudete Sunday, 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

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.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
SLIGO

NEWSLETTER
Sunday 14th December 2025



THIRD 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 20th Dec. 2pm-4pm in The Gillooly Hall

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

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

TODAY - Third Sunday of Advent

JOY

With improvements in healthcare people are living twice as long as in 1900. Technology and modern conveniences mean people have less drudgery from manual tasks and greater opportunities for travel, entertainment and leisure. Technology has allowed for greater interconnectivity and opportunities to talk with our loved ones and family throughout the world: a far cry from the barbarity of Famine times. Given such improvements in “quality of life” features of modern-day life it becomes hard to understand why social isolation, drug dependency, social unrest, and suicide are on the increase. The Good News of the Gospel is never more needed as an antidote for what ails society. Churches should not be known for their great buildings but for their great joy. As Jesus says: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete” (Jn 15:11) Sometimes we have to work at joy and gratitude; it doesn’t come spontaneously. We have to approach life courageously so that nothing can separate us from the Good News of the Gospel. Joy is not fleeting momentary happiness or pleasure, such as winning the lottery. It is deep rooted and durable. “Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (Pet 1:8-9) This “Rejoice” Sunday (Latin *Gaudete*) let us aim to make joy a hallmark of our existence.

Image on Front Page: “Five Angels Dancing Before the Sun” by Giovanni di Paolo, 1436

3rd Week of Advent, Monday 15th December

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Jack & Margaret Monaghan (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Tuesday 16th December

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Anne O'Donnell (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Wednesday 17th December

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of
Sr. Mary Jones.

3rd Week of Advent, Thursday 18th December

St. Flannan, Bishop (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Paddy Slevin (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Friday 19th December

10.30am Mass: Imelda Gilmartin (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Bridget & Ned Kilfeather (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Advent, Saturday 20th December

St. Fachanan, Bishop (Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 21st December

1st Reading: Is 7:10-14; 2nd Reading: Rm 1:1-7. Gospel: Mt 1:18-24.

REST IN PEACE

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

Andrea Deavin, Ronald Gallagher.

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.