

## FROM THE PARISH

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day on Monday 2nd February.** If you have candles you would like to have blessed please leave them on the table in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (East Transept) with your name on them for identification. They will be blessed after Mass on Monday.

**Feast of St. Blaise:** Tuesday 3rd February throats will be blessed following morning Masses.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, interested in learning more information or an existing Extraordinary Minister wanting to refresh your skills and knowledge. We will be having an education session for new and existing ministers on Thursday 5th February from 7pm-8pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Please feel free to join us.

**The Padre Pio** prayer group will have its Holy Hour in the Cathedral next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. The Rosary at 6.30pm will be followed by Holy Mass and Benediction at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

**Devine Mercy Hour with Adoration** every Friday at 3pm in the new Nazareth Chapel. All are welcome.

**Parish Office:** All Anniversary Masses are to be booked through the parish office Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm **071 9162670**.

**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**.

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

**Sunday Collection:** Income 25<sup>th</sup> January - €4,425

Parish Expenditure - €2,144

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.



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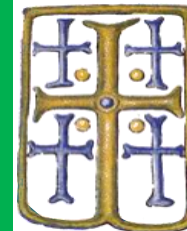
**Lenten Scripture Initiative:** Achonry & Elphin dioceses' Lenten Scripture Initiative begins Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Groups will draw on riches of St. Matthew's Gospel. For more info including details of venues, times, facilitators etc. please visit [www.ephindiocese.ie/matthew](http://www.ephindiocese.ie/matthew). Everyone welcome.

**Faith & Fun Club:** Achonry & Elphin dioceses' 'Come, Follow Me' Faith & Fun Club Info. & Training Gathering will take place in Summerhill College Sligo on eve of Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> and during day of Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. All interested in faith development of children 7 – 11 years are encouraged to read more @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm). Places limited. Early booking advised.

**Way of Gentleness:** Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey will take place in St. Patrick's Church Strandhill, 8 – 9 pm on Mondays Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participate in person or via the internet @ [www.churchservices-stpatrickssstrandhill](http://www.churchservices-stpatrickssstrandhill). All welcome.



## CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026



## ST. BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND (FEAST) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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 7th Feb. due to wedding**

Tap and Go System now operational in the car park & also at the back of the Cathedral.

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

## TODAY - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Brigid, Patron Saint of Ireland

St Brigid lived at a pivotal time in Irish Catholicism: a dramatic pivot from paganism to Christianity. The date of her death in 524 AD, which we observe on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, is also the same day of the pagan Feast of **Imbolc**, or the midpoint between the Winter and Spring Equinoxes. There is no written record extant regarding St Brigid's life therefore many legends have sprung up around her ministry. We do know for a fact that she founded the monastery in Kildare (Kildare Abbey). Many of the legends surrounding St Brigid involve her loving charity and great kindness to the poor. Thousands of holy wells around Ireland are dedicated to St Brigid. In our diocese of Elphin there are notable St Brigid's Holy Wells in Cliffoey, Sligo, and in Drum, Co. Roscommon. These Holy Wells are places for those suffering from illnesses or infertility to go to in order to pray for healing. As well as being the patron saint of midwives and new births she is also the patron saint of blacksmiths and fire. Fire represents the Holy Spirit and new transformations. St Brigid lives as an inspiration for us today to feel the presence of God in our daily lives and to live our lives with more love.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

#### The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

#### World Day for Consecrated Life

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

#### St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

#### St. Ansgar, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

#### St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Margaret Harrison (First Anniversary)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

#### Ss. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Brendan O'Connor (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Patrick & Mary Curley (Anniversary)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

#### St. Mel, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

#### Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in thanksgiving

### Sunday Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 58:7-10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Gospel: Mt 5:13-16.

### REST IN PEACE

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

**Raymond Palmer**

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](mailto: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.