

FROM THE PARISH

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.

Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity: Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a Service of Prayer will take place on Friday, 23rd January at 8pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. The Prayer Service will be led by Bishop Kevin and leaders of the other churches in Sligo. During the coming week, we join in prayer that the different Christian Churches may fulfil the desire of Jesus at the Last Supper, that 'they all may be one'. All 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 6th & 11th January - €6,034

Parish Expenditure - €12,645 (ESB €1,111, Oil €4,993)

You can also scan the QR Code to make a donation.

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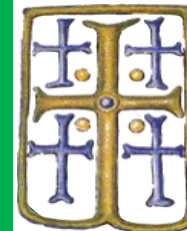
FROM THE DIOCESE

Property Manager: The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin wish to appoint an experienced Property Manager (part-time) to manage the legal, administrative and maintenance processes relating to the properties owned by the respective Trusts of the two dioceses. Detailed job description is available at www.elphindiocese.ie Closing date is 23rd January 2026.

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 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 18th January 2026



SECOND 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

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 in Ordinary Time

ECCE AGNES DEI : BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

When you get sudden inspirations or insights into what decisions you should make in life, and you believe the come about by your own genius, think again. Even more so, when we need to make major decisions in our lives, or even minor ones, we should take them to prayer. Read Sacred Scripture with your own life's problems in mind, and God's will for your life will be made clear. Upon careful reflection, you might see all sorts of events as 'chance happenings' that profoundly changed your life. But they were not chance at all but God's will for you.

Now, not everything in life is God's will. I had a friend who told me once: "I didn't know if I should take a holiday, then I looked on the Ryanair website, and they had a sale on, and then I knew at once that was God telling me to take a holiday!" Now, I had to tell her: 1) Ryanair always have a sale on; and, 2) I think it is your will to take a holiday, not God's. You need to be discerning in order to figure out if it is really God speaking to us, or just us thinking that God is speaking to us, and saying to us what we want him to say.

God talks to us through his word, through Scripture, through prayer. He also speaks to us through other people. You are a vehicle of God's grace and action in this world. It is important to note that in the Gospel reading from John the Evangelist, Jesus didn't go around collecting followers, or engaging with people. It was his cousin, John the Baptists, who looked hard at Jesus, and told the two disciples: "Behold, the lamb of God!" (Jn 1:29) Further on from today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist again announces to two disciples: "Behold, the lamb of God." (Jn 1:36) God was speaking to the two disciples through John. God speaks to us through other people. We are his mouthpieces here on earth. One of the disciples was named Andrew (Simon Peter's brother). The other disciple is not named. The reason she, or he, is unnamed, is that that person could be you. We, too, could be the person who points to God, and is that person who is told to do God's will.

Picture on Front: Agnes Dei, by Francisco de Zurbarán (1635)

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 19th January

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Dominic Callaghan (First Anniversary)

This week's Newsletter is not sponsored.

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 20th January

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

St. Sebastian, Martyr (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Edward, Pete & Bernard Murray (Anniversary)

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 21st January

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Aaron Christopher Mc Goldrick (Anniversary)

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 22nd January

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Con & Nancy Healy (Anniversary)

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 23rd January

10.30am Mass: Sean Doyle (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Deceased members of Vahey & O'Meara Families (Anniversary)

8.00pm Ecumenical Service

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 24th January

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.30am Mass:

7.00pm Mass: Jim Henry (Month's Mind)

Sunday Readings for 25th January

1st Reading: Is 8:23-9:3; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;

REST IN PEACE

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

Moya Mattimoe, Kevin McGloin, Ann McGinley, Roy Jones.

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

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Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

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