

FROM THE PARISH

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 25th December—€10,588
Income 28th December—€4,559, Expenditure—€1,585
Income 4th January - €2,285, Expenditure -€11,159

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

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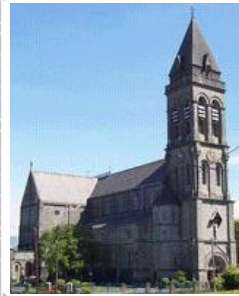


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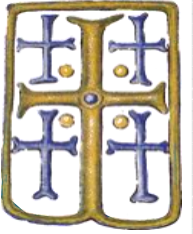
Property Manager: The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin wish to appoint an experienced Property Manager (part-time) to manage the legal, administrative and maintenance processes relating to the properties owned by the respective Trusts of the two dioceses. Detailed job description is available at www.elphindiocese.ie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

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. Embrace your identity as daughter of God the Father. An opportunity to discover and encounter the infinite love of the Father as he reveals His heart to you. Explore your identity as daughter. 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. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Healing and Confession Meet new friends while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Mullaghmore.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 11th January 2026



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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 - The Baptism of the Lord

BORN AGAIN

In 1991 there was a lab technician named Jason who was working in a research lab where I was doing my research. He went to Louisiana State University and had played as a point guard in the early 1990s with Shaquille O'Neal. He asked me one day: "Have you been born again?" As you know the evangelical Protestants, such as the Baptists and Pentecostals, use this to denote the fact that you have been not only baptised but also have a personal relationship with Christ. As you also know, evangelical Protestants aren't shy about asking you about one's faith, something Catholics often seem reticent to do. Now, having not been born yesterday, to mix metaphors, I said: "I am a baptised and professed Roman Catholic, Jason, if that is what you are asking." He replied: "But are you in a relationship with Christ?" When I told him I was, he seemed happy enough, and went about his work. The concept of being "born again" derives from something Jesus said to the Jews. In John 3:3 Jesus says: "unless a person is born again they will not see the Kingdom of God." Some people translate this as "born from above," and Jesus' meaning was that someone was a believer and in a relationship with his Father. Nicodemus took him literally and wondered how a person could go down the birth canal a second time. Jesus repeated what he said, and conditioned it with I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Some of the confusions arises from the Greek word *ἀνωθεν*, *anatheo*, which can mean either again, from the beginning, starting anew, or above, specifically, above from Heaven. Jesus obviously meant the transcendent spiritual meaning of the word. Interestingly, Nicodemus was a Pharisee, and a member of the Sanhedrin, but apparently was born again, so to speak, as he is venerated as a saint in the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches.

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 12th January

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patrick & Mary Lynch (Anniversary)

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 13th January

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Frances Lynch (Anniversary)

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 14th January

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Agnes Fowley (Anniversary)

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 15th January

St. Ita, Virgin (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mary Cullen (Anniversary)

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 16th January

St. Fursa, Abbot & Missionary (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Thomas J. Moran (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: John Hynes (Anniversary)

1st Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 17th January

St. Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Susan Curran (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Frank Caliendo (Month's Mind)

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

Sunday Readings for 18th January

1st Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3; Gospel: Jn 1:29-34.

REST IN PEACE

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

Derek Gannon, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Adam Duncan.

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.