

FROM THE PARISH

The Padre Pio Hour will be held next Friday, 6th March, with the Rosary at 6.30pm, which will be followed by Holy Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

Sr Mary Gallagher of The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of The Holy Rosary will be visiting our parish next weekend and will speak at the Masses on Saturday & Sunday to promote Mission Awareness.

2nd, 3rd & 10th Sligo Scout Group Church Gate Collection next weekend 7th & 8th March at all Masses.

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 22nd February - €3,564**

Parish Expenditure - €5,947 (Heating Oil €3,182)

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

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: “We share one cup, one plate, one saucepan.” This year’s Trócaire Box features Uwamahoro and her family in Rwanda. Supporting three generations, including her daughter Ineza (7), niece Vanessa (12) and her own mother Verediana (68), Uwamahoro works every day in the fields to earn the equivalent of just 60c a day. Your support of this year’s Trócaire Lenten Campaign could help this family and other families around the world build resilience and hope for the future. Further details: www.trocaire.org

Sacrament of Confirmation: We invite you to pray for all those in the dioceses of Elphin and of Achonry who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in coming months. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and become witnesses of God’s love in our world.

Camp Veritas Parish Subsidy Scheme: Teenage parishioners (13-17 yrs) interested in participating in Camp Veritas, June 23rd – 28th, and their parents / guardians are encouraged to visit: www.elphindiocese.ie/veritas. Deadline: for applications: 10th March.

Spring at Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884: One Day Retreat: Saturday March 21st - Waiting in hope on the journey through Lent. Beginning at 11am, and concluding at 4.30pm, the day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. **Guided Prayer Afternoon:** Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, March 12th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include: rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For further information regarding both events, contact Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 Lent

TRANSFIGURATION

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the TRANSFIGURATION. Lent might seem like a period of self-reflection, interior discernment, and therefore may look like we are looking backwards. The Gospel reading today from Luke reminds us that Lent is really about looking forwards. We are looking forwards to Easter Sunday to the glory of the Risen Christ.

Today, the three disciples get a foreshadowing of the glory of God's Kingdom in Heaven. It is like they inhabit a liminal space between heaven and earth: where the two touch each other. That is why this is probably my favourite readings of all the Gospels. Last Sunday we were taken to Mount Quarantania, the Mount of Temptations. This week we are taken up Mount Tabor. Those who have been to the Holy Land will tell you it is quite an arduous climb to the top. Often important things happen on a mount top: it gives a person a heightened perspective. You can see something closer to heaven than those down at sea level.

Karl Rahner wrote: "In the days ahead, you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all." Every person who prays is having a mystical encounter with God and with Jesus. We are invited this Lent into a mystical personal relationship with Jesus. Through it we too are invited to the mountaintop. We too are invited into the supernatural world. So today the story of the Transfiguration is simple: keep praying, keep striving, keep climbing the mountain, keep being a mystic. If you and I both do this we will both get to the Promised Land.

Picture on the Front: Mosaic from the apse of the Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Galilee.

2nd Week of Lent, Monday 2nd March

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: John & Teresa Greene (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Lent, Tuesday 3rd March

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Kathleen & Brendan Hopkins.

2nd Week of Lent, Wednesday 4th March

St. Casimir (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

2nd Week of Lent, Thursday 5th March

St. Kieran, Bishop (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: John Vahey & Johnny Healy (Anniversary)

2nd Week of Lent, Friday 6th March

10.30am Mass: James & Mary Sweeney (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

2nd Week of Lent, Saturday 7th March

Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Mary Clarke (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 8th March

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7; 2nd Reading: Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Gospel: Jn 4:5-42.

REST IN PEACE

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

Lillian Sexton.

MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND COMFORT AND CONSOLE HER FAMILY 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.