

FROM THE PARISH

Thinking about what you might do for Lent? How about participating in the Cathedral parish's Lenten Scripture Group Initiative? Group will meet in St. Mary's Presbytery on Thursday mornings after 10.30 am Mass. More details @ www.elphindiocese.ie/matthew. 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 8th February - €3,065

Parish Expenditure - €10,778 (ESB €6,272)

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.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

Way of Gentleness: Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey will take place in St. Patrick's Church Strandhill, 8pm – 9 pm on Mondays Feb. 23rd, Mar. 2nd, 9th and 23rd. Participate in person or via the internet @ www.churchservices-stpatricksstrandhill. All welcome.

Short-Term Pledge for Lent: Those who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in their parish.

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. 27th and during day of Sat. 28th Feb. All interested in faith development of children 7 – 11 years are encouraged to read more @ www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm. Places limited. Early booking advised.

Sligo Samaritans Recruitment Evening: Would you like to join a team of volunteers at Sligo Samaritans? Recruitment Information Evening takes place at 3, The Mall, Sligo on Tuesday Feb 17th at 7pm or on Thursday Feb 26th at 7pm. Alternatively, to find out more and apply: visit samaritans.org/volunteer / phone 083 1698657.

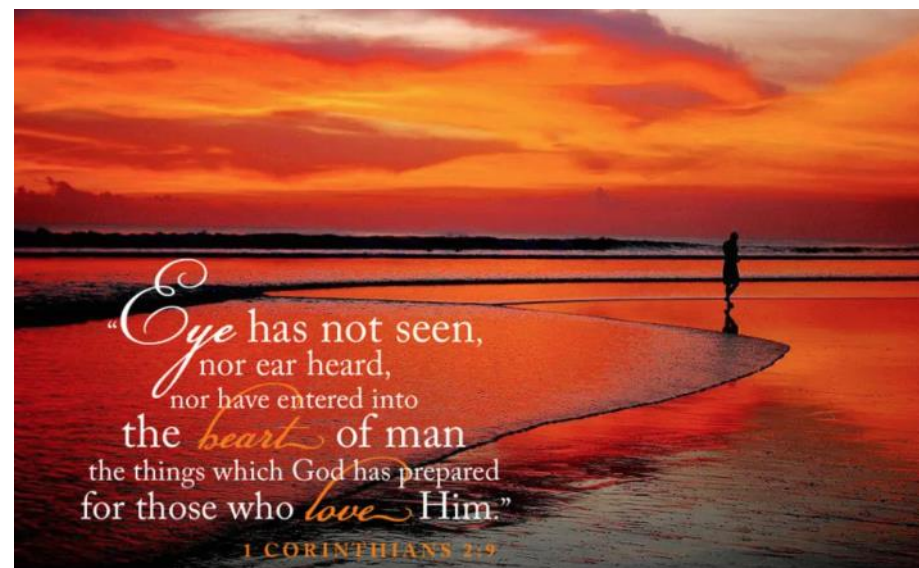
Eucharistic Healing Service: Takes place on Monday 9th March at 7:30pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo, F91 CC98. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. Free Event. All Welcome! The Healing Service takes place on the second Monday of each month.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 15th February 2026



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE



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 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

There is an increasing amount of scientific evidence surrounding near-death experiences (NDE) that occur in 17% of people who nearly die. There are published reports of over 1,000 accounts. What is surprising is the striking similarities between the different experiences although they have occurred in different cultures and vastly dissimilar contexts. Children are more likely to report NDE as compared to adults who nearly die (85% vs 17%). Common reported events are out-of-body experiences (OBEs) where a person feels their consciousness has detached from their physical body, often perceiving the world from an elevated, disembodied, or distant perspective. Other frequently recounted characteristics include experiencing intense light, passing into a tunnel, encounter with deceased loved ones and a choice to return to their life on earth. Children recount in detail meeting their grandparents who they never got to meet while alive on earth and can describe them in detail. **St Teresa of Ávila** described her own mystical experience: "Heaven is a light that does not wane, a candidness full of sweetness, a splendor infused that deliciously enchants the eyes without tire, as does the clarity in which one sees the sublime reality. It is a light so different from ours that shines from the sun, that in comparison the sun seems very dim, this light so bright that after seeing it one cannot even open his eyes. Not yet has sun or light had any resemblance to that light. Besides, our forms of light seem rather artificial and that one only natural: light without sunset, that nothing can disturb it because it is eternal, of such force that nobody could even imagine it, not even a great genius that contemplated it for life." It is clear from these reports that we cannot imagine what awaits us in the next life.

6th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 16th February

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

6th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 17th February

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Optional Memorial)

St. Fintan, Abbot (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

Wednesday 18th February

**Ash Wednesday
Day of Fast and Abstinence**

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

After Ash Wednesday, Thursday 19th February

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

This week's Newsletter
is sponsored in memory
of Margaret Brown.

After Ash Wednesday, Friday 20th February

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse

10.30am Mass: Gertie Hegarty (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

After Ash Wednesday, Saturday 21st February

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Ann McGinley (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 22nd February

**1st Reading: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; 2nd Reading: Rm 5:12-19;
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Mary Clarke.

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.