

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 15th March - €3,736

Parish Expenditure - €9,014 (Oil €2,148, ESB €1,061)

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

Accord Needs You! – Information night in the Sligo Park Hotel, 26th March at 7pm: ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun, interactive, and very popular with couples. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 29th May 2026. Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 087-6765425 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Accord – Couple Counsellor/ Therapist - Information night in the Sligo Park Hotel, 26th March at 7pm: Accord are recruiting experienced Practitioners to train in the Specialism of Couple Counselling/Therapy. Successful applicants will follow a 20-day (10 weekends, 160 hours class contact) in-person Certificate programme - equivalent to Graduate Standard Certificate. Application forms are available on accord.ie/join-accord/ or Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 087-6765425. Closing date for applications is April 30th 2026.

Mass of Chrism : Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Monday 30th March at 7.00pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in Sligo Cathedral. During these Masses, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of both dioceses will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. Refreshments follow for all in St Nathy's College and the Gillooly Hall respectively. All are very welcome.

Reconciliation Service for Easter: Sligo Cluster of Parishes invite you to join us in Holy Cross Friary, Sligo for the annual Easter Reconciliation Service on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Way of Gentleness: Lenten Faith Enrichment Journey concludes at St. Patrick's Church Strandhill, Sligo from 8pm – 9 pm on Monday March 23rd. Participate in person or via the internet @ www.churchservices-stpatricksstrandhill . All welcome.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 22nd March 2026



FIFTH 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 Donation System now operational at the back of the Cathedral.

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

TODAY - Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Man Who Died Twice

One week before Jesus' own resurrection he raised his good friend Lazarus back to life. Lazarus died and the process of decomposition had already begun; John tells us that Martha was concerned that after four days following his death that there would be the smell of advanced tissue decay. Technically, Jesus did not resurrect Lazarus but revivify him; he would go on to die a second time. Tradition has it that he went on to become Bishop of Kition (modern day Larnaca, Cyprus. The name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew אֱלִעָזָר, (Eleazar), which means "God has helped."

Lazarus was, along with Martha and Mary, a dear friend of Jesus. We know this by the way the sisters send the message to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, they did not say "our brother is ill," but rather "the man you love is ill." [John 11:3] St Augustine describes the three siblings as "the one sick, the others sad, all of them beloved." [Tractates on the Gospel of John, 49, §7] Why did Jesus revivify Lazarus? Was it because he loved him? He did love him but that was not the reason. He did so to reveal the glory of God. [John 11:40] May these glimpses of God's glory give us comfort and strength in our Lenten preparations.

Cover: The Raising of Lazarus, Duccio di Buoninsegna (1311)

5th Week of Lent, Monday 23rd March

St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Cepta McGoldrick (Anniversary)

5th Week of Lent, Tuesday 24th March

St. Macartan, Bishop (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patsy Diamond (Anniversary)

5th Week of Lent, Wednesday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Thomas Porter (Anniversary)

5th Week of Lent, Thursday 26th March

8am Mass: Kevin McGloin (Recently Deceased)

10.30am Mass: Daniel & Kathleen Cunningham (Anniversary)

5th Week of Lent, Friday 27th March

10.30am Mass: Pauric & Lucy Connolly & deceased Connolly Family Members (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Alethea Gillen (First Anniversary)

5th Week of Lent, Saturday 28th March

10.30am Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored
in memory of Patsy Diamond.

7.00pm Mass: Margaret Meehan (Month's Mind) & Thomas Meehan (Anniversary)

Sunday Readings for 29th March

Procession: Mt 21:1-11;
1st Reading: Is 50:4-7; 2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11;
Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66.

REST IN PEACE

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

Dieter Kurt Losleben

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.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.