

FROM THE PARISH

Down Syndrome Sligo church gate collection next weekend 21st & 22nd March.

2nd, 3rd & 10th Sligo Scout Group wish to thank all who donated to their church gate collection last weekend, they raised €517.28.

Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank the parishioners for their welcome and generous response to the mission appeal. The total amount collected €2,003.16 for which they are most grateful.

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 March - €3,130

Parish Expenditure - €13,903

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: This year's Trócaire Box features Uwamahoro and her family in Rwanda. 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 continue to pray for all those in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin 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.

Reconciliation Service for Easter: Sligo Cluster of Parishes invite you to join us in Holy Cross Friary for the annual Easter Reconciliation Service. It will be held on Monday 30th March at 7.30p.m. 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.

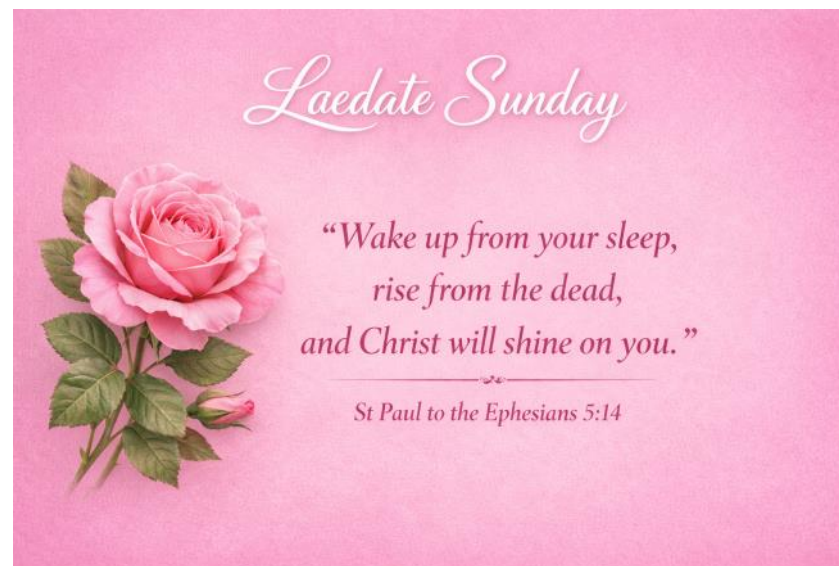
One Day Retreat - Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina Co. Mayo F26 X884: Takes place on Saturday March 21st - Waiting in hope on the journey through Lent. Beginning at 11am, and concluding at 4.30pm, the day includes: spiritual talks, reflection, quiet time, rosary and Mass. The cost is €25, which includes tea, coffee on arrival & light lunch. Booking is essential. For further information: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821.



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)



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 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lætare Sunday ~ A Rose of Gold

The fourth Sunday of Lent, twenty-one days before Easter, is called **Lætare Sunday**. Lætare is the Latin for “rejoice.” On this day priests are allowed use rose (pink) vestments as a sign that Lent is more than half over and Easter is rapidly approaching. Our penance, fasting and abstinence is giving way to a period of thankfulness and celebration. There is a tradition in the past of popes giving Golden Roses (*rosas d’ora*) to royals or noblemen and noblewomen who showed great dedication to the Catholic faith. Traditionally, in the past, they were blessed on **Lætare Sunday** in the Church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Esquillino, Rome). Now, they are blessed in the Hall of Vestments following solemn mass in the Sistine Chapel. They are currently no longer given to people but to important shrines and churches. On the 30th September 1979 Pope St John Paul II gifted one such Golden Rose to Knock Eucharistic and Marian Shrine; one of only nine such roses presented by him during his 25-year papacy. At the end of his homily at the mass of the then recently built church in Knock, which Pope St John Paul declared from that moment forward to be a basilica, he said: “And finally I am happy to offer as my personal tribute and gift to the Shrine of Knock a Rose in Gold which will remain as my testimony of gratitude to Mary, ‘the Mother of the heavenly and the earthly Church.’”

4th Week of Lent, Monday 16th March

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Kevin Kelly & Frank, Mary & John Devins (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

4th Week of Lent, Tuesday 17th March

St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland (Solemnity)

Holyday of Obligation in Ireland

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

4th Week of Lent, Wednesday 18th March

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Kathleen & William Kelly (Anniversary)

4th Week of Lent, Thursday 19th March

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Leo Magee (Anniversary)

4th Week of Lent, Friday 20th March

10.30am Mass: Patrick & Kathleen Ballantine & Family (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Theresa Maughan (Birthday Remembrance)

4th Week of Lent, Saturday 21st March

St. Enda, Abbot (Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored
in memory of Padraic Kilcullen.

Sunday Readings for 22nd March

1st Reading: Ez 37:12-14; 2nd Reading: Rm 8:8-11; Gospel: Jn 11:1-45.

REST IN PEACE

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

Patrick Joseph Cleary, Patsy Nolan, Sister John Rabbitt Nazareth Convent.
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.