

FROM THE PARISH

Altar Society: If you wish to donate Lily flowers in memory of a loved one that cannot be with us this Easter, please leave them on the steps of the Altar, or if you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers to decorate the Cathedral for Easter, please drop your donation in an envelope marked Altar Society into the collection box or bring it to the parish office.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will close on Holy Thursday 2nd April and will re-open on Friday the 10th April. Wishing all our parishioners a happy and peaceful Easter.

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 17th & 22nd March - €4,820**

Parish Expenditure - €5,147 (Oil €2,655)

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 Donation System at the back of the Cathedral for donations.



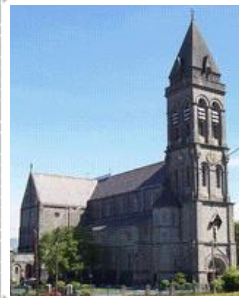
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Mass of Chrism: Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Monday 30th March at 7.00pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in Sligo Cathedral. During these Masses, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils 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.

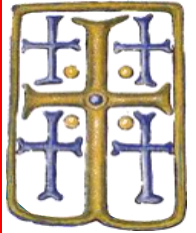
Pontifical Good Friday Collection: You are invited to show your solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land by contributing to the Good Friday Collection that supports Christians and the Holy Places of the Holy Land. This demonstration of support and solidarity with the Christians in the Holy Land is needed now more than ever. Your generous support is appreciated – there is a collection envelope for Holy Places with your parish envelopes.

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.

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 weeks. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and become witnesses of God's love in our world.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 29th March 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Passion Sunday – The Beginning of Holy Week

Jesus entered Jerusalem with so much hope and joy. He came in peace, not as a conquering military hero on a horse, but a man bringing with Gospel of love. The Roman military tradition to welcome a victorious general is to throw their cloaks on the ground and to shout his name. The people of Jerusalem welcomed him similarly although those who couldn't afford a cloak threw palm branches. Such great optimism and joy come in that moment of excitement. And yet, we know that as this story plays out, as we hear in the Passion narrative, this story involves the human vices of jealousy, betrayal, injustice, denial, torture and killing. As we ourselves participate in the Passion Narrative, in the voice of the crowd, we immerse ourselves in the dramatic story unfolding. Those in the crowd have to decide for themselves where they will be with Jesus as events unfold. Will they deny him, betray him, call for his blood, and stand by him at the foot of the Cross. Where will we be with Jesus this week? What kind of follower of Christ do we imagine ourselves to be? As we pray ourselves into the mystery of the Passion story this week it is always good to reflect on our own story and remind ourselves why we are taking part in these liturgies.

Bishop Kevin, Fr Chris, Fr Innocent and Fr Frankline would like to wish all the parishioners of the Cathedral Parish of St Mary's a very blessed and hallowed Holy Week.

Monday in Holy Week, Monday 30th March

8am Mass: Sally & Pauric Harte (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Margaret & Charlie Church (Anniversary)

Tuesday in Holy Week, Tuesday 31st March

8am Mass: Stanislav, Lyudmila, Vladimir Fedonenko (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Joe Lang (Anniversary)

Wednesday in Holy Week, Wednesday 1st April

8am Mass

10.30am Mass: Michael Curley (Anniversary)

7.30pm Chrism Mass

Holy Thursday, Thursday 2nd April

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10.00pm Prayer in the Garden

This week's Newsletter
is sponsored in memory
of Michael Curley.

Good Friday, Friday 3rd April

Day of Fast & Abstinence

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Saturday 4th April

10.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday Readings for 5th April

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43;
2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8;
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9.

REST IN PEACE

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

Bernadette Gilbride, Tom Byrne, Caroline Bradshaw, Mary Healy & Pauline Murtagh.
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.