

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 1st March - €3,278

Parish Expenditure - €7,937

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 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.

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

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.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 8th March 2026



THIRD 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 - Third Sunday of Lent

Samaritan Woman by the Well

Water is central to people's lives. While it is necessary for life it can also lead to death in humans by drowning. In the waters of baptism we recount that we die to sin (harkening back to the floods in Noah's time that led to the almost extinction of humanity) and we are reborn to new life. This water of new life recalls the amniotic fluid that nurtures and protects a baby in the womb: life at its very earliest stages. Jesus is travelling through Samaria in today's Gospel from John, a land through which devout Jews would go to some lengths to avoid. He finds himself at Jacob's well at noon, when the sun is at its highest, and most people would be indoors seeking shade from the burning heat. In the Old Testament, wells are a place to meet a spouse; Moses met his soon to be wife Zipporah at a well (Exod 2:15). Jewish people would view a single man interacting with a married, but unaccompanied, woman as highly scandalous. However, in her encounter with Jesus, the Samaritan woman undergoes a dramatic conversion, and she becomes an ardent disciple of Christ. She goes into towns and through her many people also undergo a similar conversion, or *metanoia*. During this Lenten season we are all called to continue our journey of conversion, or metanoia, which is a lifelong journey that only ends when we die.

Picture: Christ and the Woman of Samaria by Paolo Veronese (1585)

3rd Week of Lent, Monday 9th March

St. Frances of Rome, Religious (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mary Gethins (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Lent, Tuesday 10th March

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

3rd Week of Lent, Wednesday 11th March

St. Aengus, Bishop & Abbot (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patricia Sheridan (Birthday Remembrance)

3rd Week of Lent, Thursday 12th March

8am Mass: Johnny Scanlon (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Nora Fallon (Anniversary)

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Johnny Scanlon

3rd Week of Lent, Friday 13th March

10.30am Mass: Breege Preston (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass

3rd Week of Lent, Saturday 14th March

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 15th March

1st Reading: 1 Sm 16-1, 6-7, 10-13; 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14;
Gospel: Jn 9:1-41.

REST IN PEACE

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

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.