

FROM THE PARISH

The Padre Pio Hour will be held next Friday, 10th April. The Rosary will be said at 6.30pm which will be followed by Holy Mass at 7.00pm and Benediction. All are welcome.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will re-open on Friday 10th April. 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 29th March - €3,752

Parish Expenditure - €7,186 (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.

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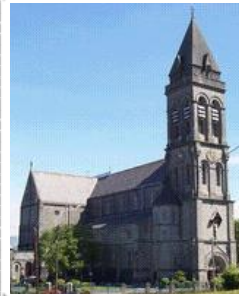
Youth 2000 Day Retreat: Takes place on April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith and meet other young people. Talks, testimonies and donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

Guided Prayer Afternoon: Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, April 9th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821.

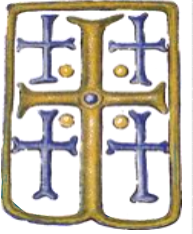
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: On Saturday, 18th April, a pilgrimage organised by the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Adult Studies, Steering Committee takes place at Knock Shrine led by Bishop John Keenan, Diocese of Paisley, Scotland. The morning schedule begins at 11am and includes prayer, testimonies and a talk by Bishop Keenan. At 2pm, there will be Stations of the Cross and Rosary followed by Mass at 3pm. Further details: www.catechism.ie

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.

Summer Retreats: Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo: Fr Seamus O'Connell: Scripture Retreat 28th June – 4th Jul; Fr Aelred Magee: Preached Retreat 6th – 12th July; Fr Patsy Kelly: Preached Retreat 19th – 25th July. Further details: www.staroftheseacentre.com



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 5th April 2026



EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION (SOLEMNITY WITH OCTAVE)



CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday—Thursday 10.30am

Friday & Saturday 10.30am & 7.00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.30am, 12 Noon & 7pm

No Confessions Saturday 11th April

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

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

TODAY - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

The Face Cloth

There is a seemingly minor detail in our recounting of the first people that found the empty tomb. And as the first people to arrive at such a monumental event, and to have carefully recorded it, there is no such thing as a minor detail. When they come in to the empty tomb, the face cloth was completely separate from the main linens. And it was not tossed carelessly, but carefully folded. This certainly was not the typical behaviour of grave robbers!

Peter saw these linens, and immediately understood what had happened. All the strange and rather unusual things Jesus had been saying suddenly came rushing back into his head. I will raise up the temple in three days. (Jn 2:19) I will be a sign like Jonah and spend three days in the earth. (Mt 12:38, Mk 8:12) Even his accusers are quoted as saying "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'" (Mt 27:63) There was an "aha" moment when the things that Jesus said and did suddenly made complete sense. Those linen cloths also help us to make sense of the whole world. The immediate physical evidence of what was left following the Resurrection, demonstrated Jesus' power, his glory, and his victory over death. The Resurrection for us makes some sense out of our own suffering. It shows us how we can be forgiven for our sins, make mistakes, and move on, and still be redeemed, to run the race to the end. God doesn't hate us because of our sins. In fact, God loves us even more than we can imagine. So much so that he allowed his only Son to die in order that we might be made whole again with him who created us.

We must die with Christ in order to have eternal life with him. The Cross precedes the crown. But today we celebrate the crown and our sharing in it. We are sharing our living eternally with Christ in heaven. And today we are sharing his limitless love for us.

Easter Monday, Monday 6th April

10.30am Mass: Jimmy O'Grady (Anniversary)

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Jimmy O'Grady

Easter Tuesday, Tuesday 7th April

10.30am Mass: Robert Mc Goldrick (Anniversary)

Easter Wednesday, Wednesday 8th April

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

Easter Thursday, Thursday 9th April

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

Easter Friday, Friday 10th April

10.30am Mass: John & Eileen Harrison & deceased members of Harrison & Murrice families (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Stephanie Conlon (Anniversary)

Easter Saturday, Saturday 11th April

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 12th April

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47; 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Gospel: Jn 20:19-31.

REST IN PEACE

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

Phil Conlon, Maura Foran, Seán Rainey

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.

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