

FROM THE PARISH

The Padre Pio Hour will be held next Friday, 1st May. 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: 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 19th April - €4,459
Parish Expenditure - €23,593

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.



FROM THE DIOCESE

Warm Wishes Extended to Archbishop Francis: Warm wishes are extended to Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, who will be installed as Bishop of Killala this Sunday, April 26th, uniting the Archdiocese of Tuam with the Diocese of Killala in the person of the bishop. We pray God's blessings on Archbishop Francis on this new appointment.

Achonry and Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Achonry and Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August to 2nd September 2026 inclusive, led by Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage highlights include Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport.

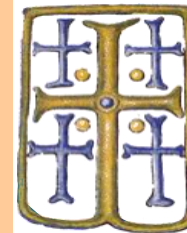
Youth Section: Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes for young people to participate in the Pilgrimage. Nominees aged between 17 and 20 years are welcome to participate. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2026. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office. Full details are included on the Nomination Form. Closing date for receipt of completed nominations is 24th May, 2026

Assisted Pilgrimage Section: Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11th June 2026.

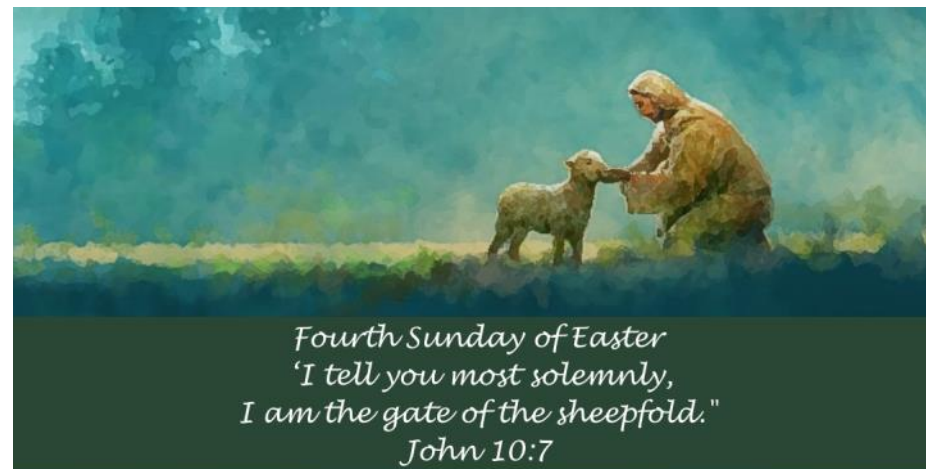
Pilgrimage Enquiries: All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalstours.ie



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 26th April 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

An American author, Gary Wills, once a seminarian, but now no longer a practicing Catholic, wrote a provocative book titled: **“Why Priests? A Failed Tradition.”** After all, Jesus didn’t ordain any priests or talk of the priesthood, and the early Christian community did not have priests. Some people argue that if we are all priests by virtue of our baptism, then why a special category of ministerial priests?

Why is Garry Wills wrong? When you read his book it is clear that what he is upset with is priests who were privileged, overly clericalised, those who seek the best seats at the table and the complimentary golf club membership. That is priests behaving badly. That was, no doubt, a problem in the past but, I hope, it is less of a problem in today’s world.

Priests do many things, but central to their ministry is the sacraments, and central to the sacraments is the **Eucharist**. Priests don’t cause transubstantiation, but Jesus uses the priest as his instrument to allow a mysterious change happen to the bread and wine. It is mystery beyond human understanding. All of us can, and are, used by the Holy Spirit to do the will of God. Mary is a singular example of perfectly doing God’s will.

So this Good Shepherd Sunday we should pray that some men will give generously of their lives and commit to the ministerial priesthood.

4th Week of Easter, Monday 27th April

St. Asicus, Bishop (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Nora Keane (Anniversary)

4th Week of Easter, Tuesday 28th April

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Jim & Benny Lynch (Anniversary)

4th Week of Easter, Wednesday 29th April

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe (Feast)

8am Mass: Aziljun Sace Cabang (Recently Deceased)

10.30am Mass: Special Intention

4th Week of Easter, Thursday 30th April

St. Pius V, Pope (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Noel Finley (Recently Deceased) & his wife Marie Finley

10.30am Mass

4th Week of Easter, Friday 1st May

St. Joseph the Worker (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Patrick, Finola, Paddy, Martin McHale & Mary Geraghty (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Mary Lynch (Anniversary)

4th Week of Easter, Saturday 2nd May

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

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week’s Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Margaret Brown.

Sunday Readings for 3rd May

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7; 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9; Gospel: Jn 14:1-12.

REST IN PEACE

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

Josephine Joyce Burns, Shane Conlon, John McCann.

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.

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