

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 12th April - €3,615
Parish Expenditure - €8,753 (ESB €5,804)

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FROM THE DIOCESE

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.

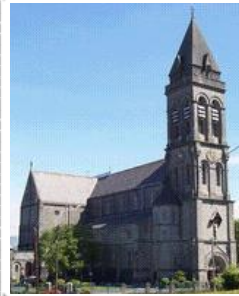
Youth Section: Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes for young people aged between 17 and 20 years to participate in the Pilgrimage. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2026. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the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

Assisted Pilgrim Section: The Pilgrimage includes the Assisted Pilgrim Section. 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, phone 090 6661115. Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms: 11th June 2026.

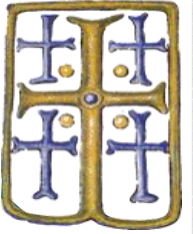
Pilgrimage Enquiries: For all other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage, contact Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 6852244 or email info@joewalstours.ie

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.

Eucharistic Healing Service - Star of the Sea Retreat Centre: Takes place on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo, F91 CC98. Upcoming dates: 11th May; 8th June; 13th July. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. Free Event. All Welcome!



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 19th April 2026



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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TODAY - Third Sunday of Easter

The Road to Emmaus

Death is a mystery that no one fully comprehends. Our faith allows us to make some sense from what superficially seems senseless and without any purpose or meaning. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus' encounter with the two shattered disciples brought them to an understanding of his death, and their own purpose in life. He explained Scripture to them and their hearts burned within them. Jesus' own death, which left the disciples downcast, turns out to be the key that unlocks our achieving real life, life to the full, and life eternal. In the Gospel reading from John, Jesus explains to us **"that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat."** It is trapped as an insignificant miniscule grain. Paradoxically, through death we are liberated, and by that death, have the possibility of producing much fruit.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus came to full recognition of the truth in two ways. Firstly, Jesus explained Scripture to them. The Word of God remains alive and present today, and is a way of God communicating with us.

Secondly, Jesus broke bread with the two disciples. Through partaking of the Eucharist we grow in faith, we are nourished in faith, and grow in understanding of the meaning and purpose in life. To be fully human is to completely understand our existence and human potential. Realistically, none of us has to exist in the first place. There was a time when all of us not exist. But we are created and sustained in life by the one who created us. We were created out of love. Created to be fully alive, to reach our full potential, to have wholeness of being. To love greatly just as we were and are loved.

3rd Week of Easter, Monday 20th April

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Margaret Clancy (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Easter, Tuesday 21st April

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

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Brendan O'Connor (Anniversary)

3rd Week of Easter, Wednesday 22nd April

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

3rd Week of Easter, Thursday 23rd April

St. George, Martyr (Optional Memorial)

St. Adalbert of Prague, Bishop & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

3rd Week of Easter, Friday 24th April

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored
in memory of Frank Garrett

3rd Week of Easter, Saturday 25th April

St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Tom Byrne (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 26th April

**1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25;
Gospel: Jn 10:1-10.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Seán Rainey, Bridie Gilleece, Noel Flavin, Florrie Dunne, Martin McNiffe & Anne Connolly.
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
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Elphin Diocese Cathedral No.1 Parish account.

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