

FROM THE PARISH

Sacraments: We would like to congratulate the pupils of Gaelscoil Chnoc na Ré who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday and also the pupils of Scoil Ursula who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday. We would like to thank their teachers and parents/guardians who helped prepare them for these sacraments.

Children's Rosary: The Children's Rosary will take place on Thursday evening 28th May at 7pm. All are welcome.

Prayer for Success in Exams: Holy Hour of Adoration Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 22nd & Friday 29th May 7.30pm-8.30pm. All are welcome.

Save the date: Parish Garden Party will take place on Sunday 21st June after the 12 Noon Mass at St. Mary's Presbytery. 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 10th May - €3,074

Parish Expenditure - €9,311

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.



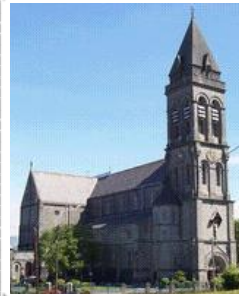
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Pray for Life Novena: The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

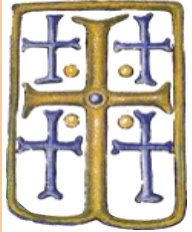
Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June. More details, including bus options: www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg All welcome.

Rosary at Tobernalt Holy Well: During the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed at Tobernalt Holy Well, Sligo each evening at 8pm. Prayers for Peace, our own personal intentions, and examinations are especially remembered. All are welcome.

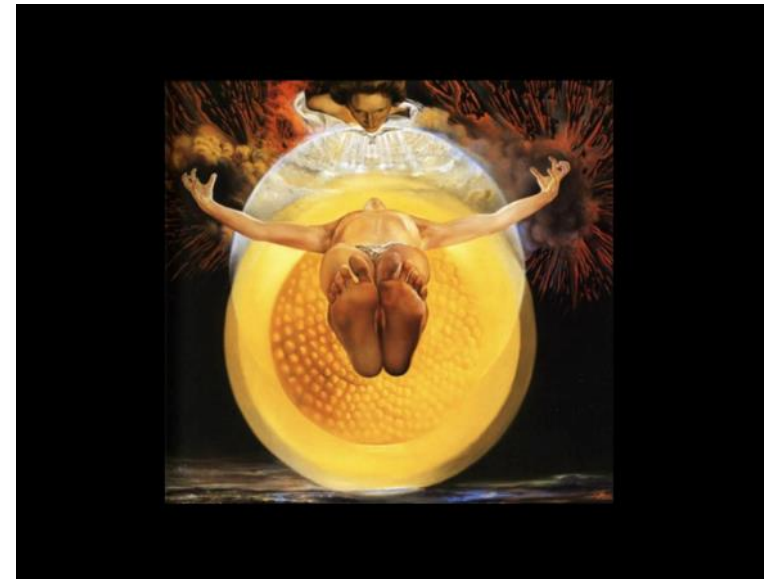
Mass at Tobernalt Holy Well: Annual Mass, organised by the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, will be celebrated at Tobernalt Holy Well, Sligo on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm. All are welcome. This year's Mass will be celebrated for students, and for world peace.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 17th May 2026



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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 - The Ascension of the Lord

Salvador Dalí's Ascension of Christ (1958)

Salvador Dalí was a Catalan surrealist painter who later in life, in 1950, became a devout Catholic. This was reflected in his paintings; these were often dramatic modernist depictions of Christ. His **Ascension of Christ** came out of a dream he had of a nucleus of an atom that was a sort of divine image of God's creation. He called this new style of painting **nuclear mysticism**. In his painting **Ascension of Christ** we see Christ ascending as the apostles would have seen him; his dirty feet are centre frame. There are no wounds visible on his feet but the dirt reveals to us Christ's human nature; some of the dirt of the earth is ascending with Christ to heaven. A woman is looking down from above which represents the Virgin Mary with tears in her eyes; below her is a dove suggesting the Holy Spirit. Surrounding Christ is a giant yellow halo but it is made of a series of concentric spirals. The pattern looks like a sunflower that was seen in Dalí's dream; the mathematic concentric circles suggest the divinity found in God's earthly creation. Surrounding Christ is fire and red clouds. It took Dalí eight years to complete and the reaction to it was mixed. Some see it as the connection of science and mysticism with Christ bridging heaven and earth; others find the positioning and "sunflower" too strange to relate to. What do you think?

7th Week of Easter, Monday 18th May

St. John I, Pope & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Bishop Christy Jones (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Bishop Christy Jones (Anniversary)

7th Week of Easter, Tuesday 19th May

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patrick Clarke (Anniversary)

7th Week of Easter, Wednesday 20th May

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Marc, Tess & Mimi Cushman (Anniversary)

7th Week of Easter, Thursday 21st May

Ss. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in thanksgiving

7th Week of Easter, Friday 22nd May

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Bernadette Kennedy (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Deceased Feeney & McGauran family members (Anniversary)

7.30pm: Holy Hour to Pray for Exam Success

7th Week of Easter, Saturday 23rd May

10.30am Mass: Florrie Dunne (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass: Josephine Burns (Month's Mind)

Sunday Readings for 24th May

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Gospel: Jn 20:19-23.

REST IN PEACE

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

Elizabeth Conlon

MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST IN HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND COMFORT AND CONSOLE HER FAMILY 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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