

FROM THE PARISH

The Padre Pio Hour will be held in the Cathedral next Friday evening (7th August), beginning with the Rosary at 6.30pm, which will be followed by Holy Mass and Benediction at 7pm. All are welcome.

Church Gate Collection: 8th & 9th August, Church Gate Collection on behalf of the "Bishop McGettrick Children's Leprosy Fund" by the Knights of St. Columbanus.

Cemetery Sunday: Cemetery Sunday Mass will take place in Sligo Cemetery on Sunday 9th August at 3pm. All are welcome.

Sligo Charismatic Prayer Group—Day of Healing & Renewal Retreat: will take place on Saturday 22nd August from 9.30am to 6pm approx. in Summerhill College, College Road, Sligo. Enquires contact 085-7765294, 087-6998397. All are welcome, bring a friend.

Parish Office: All Anniversary Masses are to be booked through the parish office Monday—Friday 9am to 5pm **071 9162670**.

Lough Derg: There will be a one-day parish pilgrimage planned for Monday, 31st August, to Lough Derg. The coach will depart from the Cathedral at 9am and return 5pm. The cost of the trip is €50 with tea & scones upon arrival, and soup and sandwiches for lunch. Please contact the parish office to reserve a seat on the bus!

Sunday Collection: Income 26th July - €4,053

Parish Expenditure - €2,762.99

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

Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: The Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday, 16th August with Bishop Kevin Doran the celebrant and homilist at 3pm Mass, speaking on the topic: "Rebuilding the City of God – Pope Leo XIV and the New Technology". There will also be a Family Day on Sunday 16th August from 11am to 3pm with activities for children and adults alike across the Shrine grounds – something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're coming with little ones, teenagers or grandparents, it's a great chance to relax, connect and share a joyful day together. The Dioceses extend a special invitation to altar servers and their families to join the pilgrimage.

St. Joseph's Young Adult Community – Applications Invited: The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin invite applications from young people aged 18 to 30 years who wish to live at St. Joseph's Young Adult Community, an intentional faith community in Sligo town, while going about their regular work or study in Sligo. To apply, email Sinead:

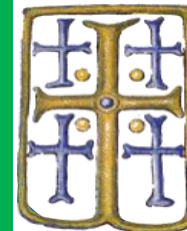
youth@achonryelphin.ie For further information: www.achonryelphin.ie

Jubilee of Marriages: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at www.achonryelphin.ie



CATHEDRAL OF THE
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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 2nd August 2026



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH

Have you ever heard someone say: "what the Catholic Church could do if it only had more resources!" You might say our Catholic Church was founded on the basis of little resources: five loaves and two fish. Jesus, distraught at the death of his cousin, John the Baptist, withdraws from the people in order to pray. When we are upset and disturbed it is an appropriate response to take time to be alone with our Father in heaven. However, he unselfishly removes himself from his self-care as it were, to be with his suffering people. The fact that the people only had five loaves and two fish is a sort of metaphor for a Church that always was under resourced. But Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven, by blessing the food and looking up to heaven; do we always remember to praise and thank God before we eat a meal? Through Divine intervention, in a situation of poverty, there was more than enough food. Even twelve baskets left over! What an auspicious number. There were twelve tribes of Israel and there were twelve apostles who, at Jesus' instruction, began the Church. Jesus instructed the disciples hand out the food; he did not do it himself. They would go on to hand out the Word of God to others just as we are all called to do. With God there will always be enough resources. St Teresa of Kolkata began her mission with nothing. So we must always invoke God in our mission and we will always have enough.

Picture on Front: Fifth Century Mosaic from the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Tagbha, Near Capernaum.

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 3rd August

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Michael Walsh (Anniversary)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 4th August

St. John Mary Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Mary Palmer and family members (Anniversary)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 5th August

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Joe Conway (Anniversary)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

8am Mass: Iris Doyle (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 7th August

Ss Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

St. Cajetan, Priest (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Rita Moloney (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Thomas (Tommie) Oates (Anniversary)

18th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 8th August

St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Joseph Cullen (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter
is sponsored for M.P.W.

Sunday Readings for 9th August

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; 2nd Reading: Rm 9:1-5;
Gospel: Mt 14:22-33.

REST IN PEACE

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

Paddy Dooney, John Scott

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.

THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.