

FROM THE PARISH

Cemetery Sunday: Cemetery Sunday Mass will take place in Sligo Cemetery on Sunday 9th August at 3pm. 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 12th July - €2,885

Parish Expenditure - €20,185 –Parish Insurance €15,019

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.



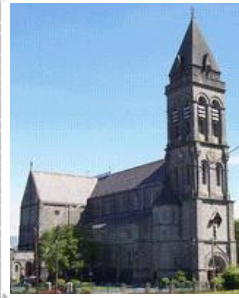
FROM THE DIOCESE

Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: The Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday, 16th August 2026. There will also be a Family Day on the same date offering various activities for families with children of all ages. The Dioceses extend a special invitation to altar servers and their families to join the pilgrimage.

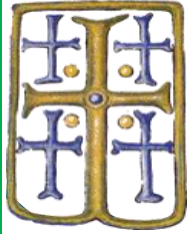
Garland Weekend Celebrations – Tobernalt Holy Well: The theme of this year's annual celebrations at Tobernalt Holy Well, Sligo is: Hope – Looking for New Light. The celebrations take place from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July. Friday 24th July: 10am Mass in Carraroe Church. Saturday 25th July: 7pm Evening Mass - Faith, A Gift. Sunday 26th July: 6am Dawn Mass – Religious Heritage; 10:00am Morning Mass – Sacred Soil, and 12 noon Mass – Healing Through Prayer.

Walk in Unite - Camino: A Camino from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo to Tobernalt Holy Well will take place on Sunday, 26th July, gathering at 4.30am, and from St. Anne's Church, Sligo at 5am, to arrive at the Holy Well for 6am Dawn Mass. All Welcome. Return bus will be available after Mass for all who have walked. Please note: The book, *Holy Well History and Heritage*, is available at the church bookstand in Carraroe or from Liber Bookshop, Sligo with a full account of the Holy Well down through the years. Mass Cards/ Bouquets also available.

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



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



SIXTEENTH 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 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why Did Jesus Teach in Parables?

Jesus wanted to be clearly understood but in the parables Jesus used to teach they often left people confused and misunderstanding. People often say priests should tell more stories in their homilies to make it easier to understand but Jesus was more often misunderstood when he told stories. Why did he do it then? Jesus gives an answer to his disciples when they asked him directly as recounted in last week's Sunday Gospel. Jesus tells the disciples: "This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." (Matthew 3:13) Those anxious to understand and believe in Jesus would be able to comprehend the meaning behind the parables. Others had already rejected Jesus and were listening politely only to find evidence to use against him. The parables in this way confounded his opponents as it is hard to convict someone of blasphemy or an attack on the Church when you are just telling stories that are make believe and not factual. This way Jesus could continue teaching without being detained by the authorities. It was also a way of Jesus testing whether people understood what he was saying when he was not teaching in parables. Jesus was able to test the motivations and convictions behind his audience. The German Lutheran theologian Joachim Jeremias called parables "weapons of spiritual warfare" that Jesus used to expose the spiritual blindness of his opponents.

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 20th July

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Joe Kelly (Anniversary)

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 21st July

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Lily Kelly (Anniversary)

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 22nd July

St. Mary Magdalene (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Dermot (First Anniversary) & Agnes Cawley (Anniversary)

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in memory of Dermot & Agnes Cawley

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 23rd July

St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast)

8am Mass: Annie Helly (Anniversary)

10.30am Mass: Sr. M. Rudolf M.C. (Recently Deceased)

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 24th July

St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest (Optional Memorial)

St. Declan, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Marie Finley (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Teresa Murphy (First Anniversary)

16th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 25th July

St. James, Apostle (Feast)

10.30am Mass: Philomena Carty (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 26th July

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; 2nd Reading: Rm 8:28-30;
Gospel: Mt 13:44-52.

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.
THANK YOU for your support of our Parish and Cathedral.