

FROM THE PARISH

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

Church Gate Collection: Next weekend 15th/16th there will be a church gate collection for the Lourdes assisted pilgrim.

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.

Novena in preparation for the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from Thursday 27th August to Friday 4th September, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays 6.30pm Rosary, Novena Prayer. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday 6.30pm Adoration, Rosary, Novena, 7.30pm Benediction. Feast Day Saturday 5th September 10.30am Mass.

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!

Parish Shop: The Parish Shop in the Gillooly Hall is open on Saturdays **from 11am to 2pm**.

Sunday Collection: Income 2nd August - €3,921

Parish Expenditure - €8,234



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.

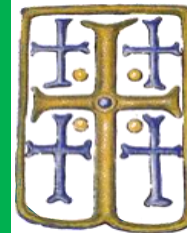
Summer @ Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Ballina, Co. Mayo F26 X884: Guided Prayer

Afternoon: Join the Fr Peyton Centre for Guided Prayer Afternoon on Thursday, August 13th from 2pm to 4.30pm. The afternoon will include rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 6816821.

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



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SLIGO NEWSLETTER Sunday 9th August 2026



NINETEENTH 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 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIGNS and WONDERS

The only thing that makes me nervous when I visit Marian pilgrimage sites is when people begin sharing the miraculous signs they have experienced. "I saw the sun spin; didn't you see it?" Now, I have no doubt the sun is truly spinning but I also know it is not healthy for your retina to look directly at the sun. The reason I am wary of people seeking signs is that in both the Gospels of Matthew (Mt 12:39) and Mark (Mk 24:34) Jesus is exasperated at people asking for signs and even goes so far as to call them wicked. In today's famous Old Testament reading from the first Book of Kings (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a) Elijah was told by the Lord to wait outside the cave on the mountain and to experience the Lord himself passing by. Wow, that would surely be a dramatic and powerful sight! A hurricane, an earthquake, a great fire perhaps? No, the Lord came in a tiny whisper. That is the way the Lord speaks to us today. Not in angels made of clouds but in the tiny divine thoughts that come into our minds when we read Sacred Scripture. He comes in the gentle words people share with us. Yes, God is all-powerful but he doesn't necessarily throw his weight around even if, perhaps, we might want him to. The psalmist, King David, says the Lord saved him not with firepower but with meekness: "You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your **gentleness** made me great." (Psalm 18:35). Let us pray that we all remain open to the whisper of the Lord as he passes by.

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 10th August

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Rita Sweeney (Anniversary)

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 11th August

St. Clare, Virgin (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Andy & Pat Kilfeather (Anniversary)

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 12th August

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Optional Memorial)

St. Muredach, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

St. Attracta, Virgin (Feast)

St. Lelia, Virgin (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Tommy & Betty McGowan (Anniversary)

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 13th August

Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)

St. Fachtna, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Tom Cullen (Anniversary)

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 14th August

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Mary Conway (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Seamus O'Boyle (Anniversary)

19th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

10.30am Mass: Dermot Layden (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

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memory of Joan Burke

Sunday Readings for 16th August

1st Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7; 2nd Reading: Rm 11:13-15, 29-32;
Gospel: Mt 15:21-28.

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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