

FROM THE PARISH

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 9th August - €3,675

Parish Expenditure - €5,939 (ESB €2,059)

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.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock continues at Knock Shrine until 21st August. The Achonry & Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place this 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 from 11am to 3pm with activities for children and adults alike across the Shrine grounds – something for everyone to enjoy.

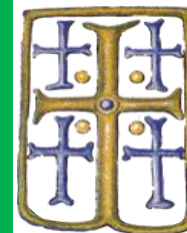
Whether you’re coming with little ones, teenagers or grandparents, it’s a great chance to relax, connect and share a joyful day together. The Dioceses extend a special invitation to altar servers and their families to join the pilgrimage.

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

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 16th August 2026



TWENTIETH 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 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Canaanite Woman

If anyone thinks Jesus is a dull character the reading from today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) might disabuse him or her. Wait!; did Jesus just call a woman a dog? Well, no he didn't, although the English translation of the text might make you think that he did. Speaking in metaphors and parables Jesus was letting the woman, and his own disciples, know what his ministerial priorities were at that point in time. You can't do everything at once. The Jews at that time referred to Gentiles as **κύνες (kuon)**, or wild curs (a type of dirty, scavenging wild dog). Jesus let the woman know that his priority in ministering was, at that time, to the people of Israel. It wasn't up to a non-Jewish woman to tell Jesus how he should be ministering! Jesus uses the Greek word **κυνάριον (kunarion)**, or little pet puppy, to explain that it would be like a father stealing food from his children to feed a pet dog. But the woman exhibited perseverance, exactly the thing Jesus says you must have when praying to the Father, which he taught about in the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8). Jesus is greatly impressed with the woman's faith and so her wish is granted. Jesus listens to her humbly and with great admiration of her faith changes his plans and heals her daughter possessed by the demon.

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 17th August

Our Lady of Knock (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Patrick Haran (Anniversary)

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 18th August

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Leo Donnellan (Anniversary)

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 19th August

St. John Eudes, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 20th August

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: John Mullaney (Anniversary)

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 21st August

St. Pius X, Pope (Memorial)

10.30am Mass: Allen Henry & Eileen O'Connor (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: John Devaney (Anniversary)

20th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 22nd August

The Queenship of Mary (Memorial)

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter
is not sponsored.

Sunday Readings for 23rd August

**1st Reading: Is 22:19-23; 2nd Reading: Rm 11:33-36;
Gospel: Mt 16:13-20.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Mary Conlon, Edmund O'Grady, John Fowley.

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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