

FROM THE PARISH

We welcome a delegation from Sligo's twin-town Crozon, Brittany, France which will visit Sligo next weekend to mark the 45th Anniversary of the town twinning. Our French visitors will join our parishioners at the 12 Noon Mass on next Sunday 20th September to give thanks to God for the success of this partnership.

Devine Mercy Eucharistic Hour every Friday at 3pm in the New Chapel in Nazareth House.

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 6th September - €3,555**
Parish Expenditure - €9,640

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

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

World Youth Day 2027 with Pope Leo XIV: Are you interested in travelling on the diocesan youth pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day in 2027? The diocese is currently seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who will be aged 19 – 30 at the time of the event. Travel dates are 27 July – 12 August 2027, approx. To register your interest, email Sheena at info@achonryelphin.ie with your name, age, and parish.

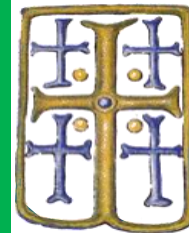
OCIA: Adults who wish to become Catholics, or to complete their Christian Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Communion), are invited to make contact with Irene Feeney, who co-ordinates the OCIA Programme in the Diocese, before the end of September. For further information, including contacts, see <https://achonryelphin.ie/the-journey-to-becoming-catholic/>

Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture



CATHEDRAL OF THE
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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 13th September 2026



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Matthew 18:21-35

FORGIVENESS

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 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor

The theme develops further in this allegorical Gospel story that is found only in Matthew. It is often called “**the parable of the unforgiving debtor**” which describes it rather well. As with so many parables, the opening question and the closing one-liner reveal the major point. It begins with Peter asking, “How many times must I forgive my brother [or sister]?” and Jesus answers that you must forgive them “seventy times seven!” In the in-between story, the Master is “moved with pity” and has cancelled the entire debt of a servant that would amount to nine million dollars! The parable ends with the invitational one-liner: “Each of you must forgive your brother [or sister] from the heart!” This is what the Master/God has just done.

The greedy and selfish debtor, who is owed a mere fifteen dollars, throttles his fellow servant, ignores his attempts and promises, and throws him into prison (as if that is going to help). And in his attempt to imprison the other, he ends up being “tortured” and imprisoned himself. This is a classic Middle Eastern wisdom story. It is both a gracious statement about what we can always expect from God and an honest warning about how any refusal to forgive actually destroys and imprisons the very one who refuses!

Jesus invites all of us in this rather easy-to-understand story into God’s nonsensical loving “from the heart” which is the final staccato phrase. The connection I make between the two readings is that praying to forgive serious injuries is like praying while burning in a fiery furnace, and if you do not pray to be released from your unforgiving heart, you will indeed keep burning. Sometimes, only God can release you from such a furnace.

Fr Richard Rohr, OFM

26th March 2019

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Peadar Mattimoe (Anniversary)

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 16th September

Ss. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 17th September

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Noel O'Rourke (Anniversary)

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 18th September

10.30am Mass: James O'Hehir (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Josie Mc Gauran (Anniversary)

This week's Newsletter is sponsored in memory of Dolores Rubio.

24th Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 19th September

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (Optional Memorial)

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass: Marie Reynolds (Month's Mind)

7.00pm Mass

Sunday Readings for 20th September

**1st Reading: Is 55:6-9; 2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27;
Gospel: Mt 20:1-16.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Mary Lucia Dolan, John Flanagan, Bridie Nicholson.

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.