

FROM THE PARISH

Church Gate Collection: The church gate collection this weekend is in aid of the Pro-Life Campaign Annual Collection.

Adoration Chapel: Would you like to spend 1 hour each week with Jesus? We are looking for someone to spend an hour in our Adoration Chapel each week from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday evenings. If you're free, why not gift yourself time away from it all and sit with He who is Love and Peace. If you can help us please contact Carmel on 087 600 6492.

Free Over 55's Climate Course will take place weekly for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning on the 15th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Abbeyquarter Community Centre. To book your place please email agefriendly@sligococo.ie

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 30th August - €3,192

Parish Expenditure - €5,323

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

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/>

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

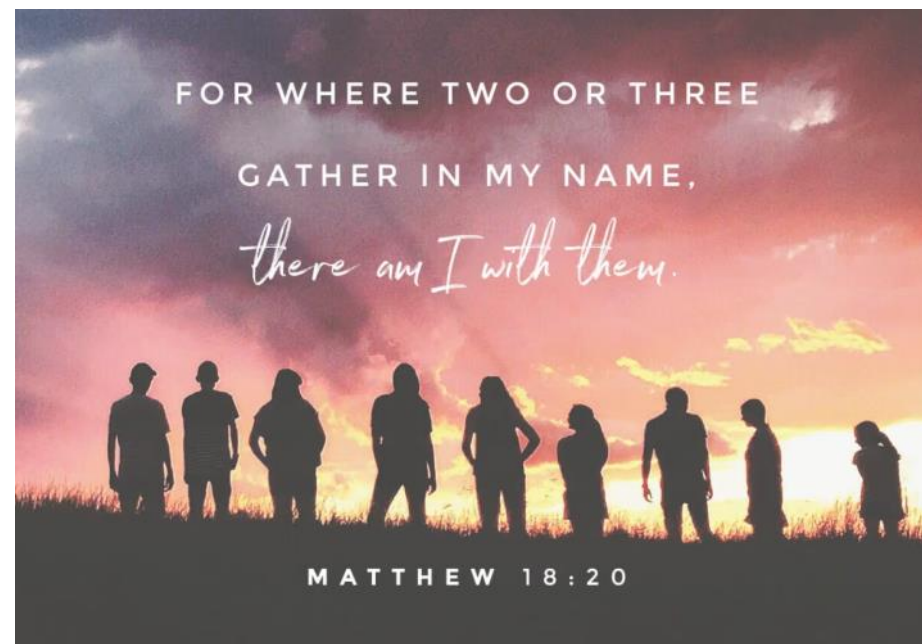


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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 6th September 2026



TWENTY-THIRD 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 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME

People often talk around the subject how do we get more people into Church? I listen carefully, but in a sense, I don't really care. It is not a numbers game like the attendance figures at a sporting match. It is not like you need a certain quorum for there to be a "legitimate" liturgy. After all, if two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, he has not told us he himself will be present with us? [Matthew 18:20] And if you have Jesus present with you what else do you need?

Fr Richard Roher writes: "Most people today, in fact, understand church to mean a building, rather than "where two or three gather in my name," where the Divine Presence is promised just as certainly as it is promised in the bread, in the Bible, in the Sacraments, or in any anointed leadership: "There I am in your midst." [Matthew 18:20]

Authentic leadership, I think, implies people who can spot, affirm, train, support, finance, and validate gifts and leadership wherever they see them in actual practice (think multipliers instead of monarchs). Then we are not all striving toward the top but striving toward supporting the supreme work of love flowing into the world."

Richard Roher, "Powering Down: The Future of Institutions," ONEING 7 no. 2, *The Future of Christianity* (2019): 46-47.

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 7th September

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Christine Hester (Anniversary)

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Wednesday 9th September

St. Ciaran, Abbot (Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday 10th September

St. Peter Claver, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8am Mass: Special Intention

10.30am Mass: Bernadette & Alec Miller (Anniversary)

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Friday 11th September

10.30am Mass: Thomas Hamilton & deceased members of Hamilton & Gallagher families (Anniversary)

7.00pm Mass: Jacqueline Fox (Anniversary)

23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Saturday 12th September

The Holy Name of Mary (Optional Memorial)

St. Ailbe, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30am Mass

7.00pm Mass

This week's Newsletter is sponsored by
Pro Life Campaign, please donate to
www.prolifecampaign.ie

Sunday Readings for 13th September

**1st Reading: Eccles (Sir) 27:30-28:7; 2nd Reading: Rm 14:7-9;
Gospel: Mt 18:21-35.**

REST IN PEACE

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

Jennifer Cassidy, Rosemary McCaffrey.

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.