#### Community Help -Helen Kilfeather 0872069310

Hi everyone, hope everybody is minding themselves, I know it's a difficult time we are all going through, but we will get through this. Times like these make us appreciate what we have and who is in our lives and we should be thankful for being here. I have been lucky in what I have and feel I need to do something for those who are struggling so I am putting this out there and if ye can help in any small way thank you. Families are under pressure especially this time of the year and the arrival of Santa in the next few weeks so I'm looking for donations of new toys and new children's clothing any age (not worn), even if you could donate something new for mums and dads (hope you understand they need to be new due to COVID) I will be giving them to local charity in Sligo. Thank you

### "How Long, O Lord"?

Join us for Four online Advent Reflections each Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm on www.elphindiocese.ie. First Sunday of Advent 29 November: Sr Moya Hegarty OSU: "By the Rivers of Babylon" The exile as a time sadness and a time of growth and conversion.

#### Advent Invitations for COVID Times Online Advent Retreat with Sr Finola Cunnane.

Amid the challenges of COVID and 2020 can we hear the words of Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing?" Can we hear God's invitation to listen, hope, uncover and discover the hidden treasures within our being? In this twopart retreat we will pay attention to how we are and open our hearts to Christ's life-giving invitations for Christmas and beyond. Part 1 recording available https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/ from November 30<sup>th</sup>. Part 2 – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am-1.00pm 'live' via Zoom. Cost €25 Details and booking: info@galilee.ie Dr. Finola Cunnane, SSL is a St. Louis Sister with wide experience in retreats and education. She has lectured in scripture, theology and spirituality in Ireland and internationally.

#### **SVP Annual Collection**

Due to Covid restrictions we at St. Theresa's Conference, Grange are unable to run our annual Church gate collections and food appeal this year, which is our main source of income at this needy time. Instead we have placed collection boxes in Grange-SuperValu, Londis and Post Office in Cliffoney - shop and Post Office in Rathcormac shop, in Carney shop and in Dunleavys, Maugherow. We greatly appreciate any donation you can make in these boxes or to any member of St. Theresa's Conference. The collection will run until Dec 20th and as always all monies collected will be spent locally where the need arises. Thanking you in advance for your generosity

Are you supporting someone who is grieving at this time? Online diocesan conversation next Wednesday, 8 - 9.15 pm, with grief therapist Brid Carroll & Fr. Tom Hever. More details: www.elphindiocese.ie/bereavement . All who are caring welcome to participate.

Elphin Diocese's Faith in Action series continues Wed. 9th Dec., 8 – 9 pm. Thomas J. Lynch, Boystown USA, will introduce the life, ministry and sanctity of Servant of God, Fr. Edward J. Flanagan, Ballymoe. More details

www.elphindiocese.ie/conversations. All welcome.

Elphin Diocesan-wide Prayer Support Initiative for our world's 25 million+ refugees and 4.2 million asylum seekers is under consideration. To find out more please visit: www.elphindiocese.ie/prayer4refugees

Way of Gentleness for Advent will be available online from St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, on Mondays, 8 - 9 pm, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th and Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at www.churchservices.tv/strandhill. All welcome.

Online Advent Scripture Sharing Groups meeting on Sundays of Advent 7.30 - 8.10 pm and Thursdays of Advent, 11 - 11.40

am. More details @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent All welcome.

Short Daily Advent Reflections for Busy People by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen & podcast @

www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections/

CREIDEAMH Syrian Refugee Committee (www.creideamh.ie) wish to thank everyone who contributed to recent appeal. €11,162 has been raised.

Comfort My People: The First Readings of Advent With Fr Noel Rooney (online programme) from November 23<sup>rd</sup>,

https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/

In Advent the Church selects readings to draw us more deeply into the mystery of the season. In these four short videos Fr Noel Rooney introduces each of the first readings, its context and characters, and helps us to connect it with our own Advent journey. 1.) The Work of your Hands. 2) Comfort my People. 3) Good News to the Poor. 4) Promises to Keep. Fr Noel Rooney is a priest of the Diocese of Elphin, currently serving in St Joseph's parish in Sligo town. Fr Noel studied Scripture in the Biblical Institute in Rome and graduated with a licence in Sacred Scripture (LSS).

All our Churches are open daily, so your very welcome to come pray. Always sanitise your hands as you enter and exit. Keep vour distance and wear a mask.

## Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

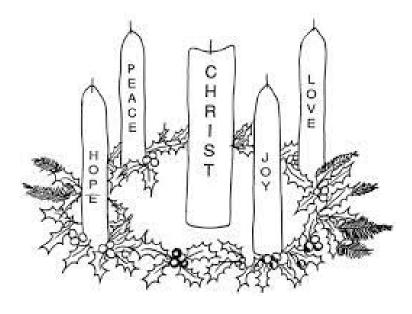
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



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## Ahamlish Parish Sligo Facebook Page.

Join us every Sunday 12noon for Mass through our FB Page.

Masses Cliffoney			
		First Friday Mass	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Devotion Prayers of St. Padre Pio	
		Enrolment Mass	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm	Baptism	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Ned Gallagher (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Edenreagh	
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	

The Annual Donation Box of Envelopes has been delivered. If you have not received one and would like to call me – 0877986602.

Thanks.

#### Season of Advent -

The word Advent comes from the Latin word Adventus meaning "coming" and marks the beginning of our Church year. It starts on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The most common themes for these four weeks are HOPE. PEACE, JOY + LOVE. The primary colour for Advent is Purple, which reflects the fasting + waiting in the build up to Christmas. The advent wreath adorned with evergreen foliage + holly with its three purple, one pink and one white candle draws us through these next four Sundays.

Prepare for the "coming" ... the Advent of Christmas + then you can truly celebrate it in joy.

#### Opening of Churches - Dec 1st 2020

We will be OPEN for public Mass from this Tuesday 1st Dec.

Also on our diocesan wbesite, see the latest advent prayers to journey the next three weeks of this holy season for you at home www.elphindiocese.ie/in-hopeful.expectation-prayers-at-home-for-advent-in-a-time-of-pandemic/

#### Please Remember All Those Who Died In Your Prayers For Month Of November

Bill Mc Dermott, Cloonty Cliffoney + Grange – Died 6<sup>th</sup> January

Teresa Feeney (Nee Leonard) Derrylehan, Grange – Died 24th January

Irene Oates (Nee Gallagher) Aughagad + Luton – Died 8th February

Hugh Brennan, Mount Temple, Grange – Died 20th February

Eileen Haran, Rinroe - Died 19th March

Fran Kennedy (Nee Tierney) Pine Grove, grange - Died 18th April

Mae Sheerin (Nee Bredin) Grange + Rossinver - Died 15th June

Patsy Foley, Carns - Died 25th June

Siobhan Drugen, Stockport, England – Died June 2020

Eileen Mulhern (Nee Waters) Peterborough, England + formerly Streedagh - Died 1st August

Vera Herron (Nee Flynn) Grange - Died 3rd August

Philomena Doherty, Sligo - Died 21st August

Robert Barber, Cashelgarron - Died 20th August

Nora Fitzpatrick, Moneygold - Died 25th August

Jurema Prezis, Washington, USA - Died 29th September

Canon Peadar Lavin, Knockcrockery - Died 17th April

Fr. Martin Mulvaney P.P. Rooskey - Died 8th June

Canon Kevin Early, Frenchpark – Died 10<sup>th</sup> June

Sean Dolan, Creevymore – Died 10<sup>th</sup> January

Adrian Tobin, London – Died 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mary Kate Harrison, Cartron, Cliffoney – Died 5<sup>th</sup> February

Marie Cleary, Ballyshannon - Died 8th February

Francis Brennan, Glenties – Died 20<sup>th</sup> February

John Harrison, Cartronkillerdoo, Cliffoney - Died 6th March

Joe Feehily, Sligo - Died 30th July

Chrissie Monaghan, Galway - Died 30th July

Rita Gormley, Omagh and Mullaghmore - Died 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Marguerite Travers, Bundoran and London

And All our Deceased Relatives + Friends

Rest in Peace

#### "Captain Francisco de Cuelar"

The Armada, Ireland and the Wars of the Spanish Monarchy 1578-1606. Francis Kelly. This latest book is now published and online. At www.fourcourtspress.ie/books/ and at every good bookshop. The untold story of the most famous Spanish Armada Captain.

Masses Grange			
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov		First Sunday of Advent	
		Tom Leonard, Augharrow + his parents Paddy + Mary Kate	
		The Kenny Family, Cliffoney	
	12.00	John + Brigid Kennedy - Breaghwy	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am	Feast of St. Andrew	
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Blessed Charles de Foucauld	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Missa Pro Populo	
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Feast of St. Francis Xavier	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8pm	Ellie Meehan-Brooks (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00	Dan Joe + Annie Gilmartin, Grogagh	
	1pm	Baptism	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00		
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#### Please remember in your prayers:

Fr. Raymond Browne P.P. Four-Mile-House, Co. Roscommon; died Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at Roscommon Hospital. Predeceased by his parents Patrick + Mai, and his siblings Nancy, Vincent, Rose and Larry. Our sympathy to his sister Louise Hanrahan, brother Aidan, cousins, nephews, nieces + parishioners. Funeral Mass took place at St. Brigid's Church, Four-Mile-House on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov with burial in the church grounds. Fr. Ray was born in Sligo 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1928, where his family ran the well known "Greys Inn" on Stephen St., Sligo. He attended the Model Boy NS (now the Model Niland Gallery and later Summerhill College, 1942 – 1947. He entered St. Patrick's College, Maynooth in 1947 and in 1954 he was ordained there with about 70 more, including Fr. John Greene, well known from Summerhill. Like many newly ordained in those days, he had to find a position as a priest which meant emigration as there were too many priests in Ireland. Ray went to Nigeria, to Calabar where he taught in three different teacher colleges. He returned to Ireland in 1958 where he was appointed to Drumboylan in the parish of Ardcarne, Co. Roscommon where he remained for 14 years until he was appointed to Roscommon Town for another 14 years. In 1986 he was appointed as P.P. of Four-Mile-House/ Derrane. It was during that time I worked alongside him 1988/89. Fr. Ray had a scholarly mind, which he applied practically to his parish work. He retired five years ago but for all who knew him, that never happened practically. He died with the same enthusiastic missionary zeal.

He admired Fr. Mc Dyer of Glencolmcille fame and brought that to bear on his work which can be easily seen in Four-Mile-Home where all were involved in parish. He was a big thinker and concerned for people + the church worldwide. A little story will tell it better -

As Curate in Drumboylan, he set out for Boyle in his Morris Minor and the car stalled in the Crescent Boyle. Fr. Tom Beirne stopped to give a hand + asked him where he was going so he could give him a lift. Fr. Ray responded "I'm on my way to Russia", Now in the late 60's, who'd be going to Russia – But Fr. Ray was going + bringing a Legion of Mary group there to stay for 2 weeks and bring the gospel to anyone willing to listen. He was well known as a Pro Life speaker especially in the 80's and had the BBC in Roscommon town at that time. He coordinated a history of the parish where he published and had a great knowledge of history. He was National Chairman of Muintire na Tire in the seventies and a great man to travel. He brought many people over the years on Pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Fatima . Lourdes + Mediugorie .

May his gentle caring soul rest in peace.

#### Prayers at Home For Advent in a Time of Pandemic

As the commercial world about us readies itself for the Christmas season, we are invited to take a step back and view the bigger picture. The Dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have produced a booklet to help us pray at home during the season of Advent. Download the booklet from www.elphindiocese.ie

Thanks for your donations which I really appreciate at the difficult time for many people. You can continue to give in the usual way or on at ahamlish.com or by direct debit or by handing it in to through the letter box, parochial house, Grange.