

“How Long, O Lord”?

Join us for Four online Advent Reflections each Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm on www.elphindiocese.ie Second Sunday of Advent 6th December: Monsignor Ciaran O’Carroll “If we lose our memory, we destroy our future” (Pope Francis): How the Irish Church can learn from its past, Models of Church in Ireland.

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 Wed, 8-9.15pm, with grief therapist Brid Carroll & Fr. Tom Hever. More details: www.elphindiocese.ie/bereavement . All who are caring welcome to participate.

Elphin Diocesan-wide Prayer Support Initiative for our world’s 25 million+ refugees and 4.2million

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. 14th at www.churchservices.tv/strandhill. All welcome.

Online Advent Scripture Sharing Groups meeting on Sundays of Advent, 7.30-8.10pm 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 adhern 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.

Catholic Bishops: “Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good”

The Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity. Read the message in full at www.elphindiocese.ie

A new priest for the Diocese of Elphin

It was with great joy that Bishop Kevin ordained John Mahony to the priesthood for the Diocese of Elphin on Tuesday 8th December in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. Fr John is Administrator of Ballintubber-Ballymoe Parish. Please keep Fr John in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday



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Masses Cliffoney

Sun 13 th Dec	10.30am	Patrick O'Connor (16 th Anniversary)
Fri	10am	Feast of St. Flannan Nuala Mohan (1 st Anniversary)
Sun	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Jimmy Mullaney + Michael Barry
Thur	6.30pm	Christmas Eve
Fri	10.30am	Christmas Day
<i>Cliffoney Sunday Collection: € 958</i>		

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 4th 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

All our churches are open everyday for private prayer and for public mass. Also on our diocesan website, 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/

“Captain Francisco de Cuellar”

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.

Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas – A message from the Irish Catholic Bishops

“We extend our sincere gratitude to parish teams throughout the country – including stewards and cleaners – who generously ensure that our churches are safe environments where people can confidently assemble for worship”. “The hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas inspire us to reach out to those in greatest need at this time. *Keep Christ at the centre this Christmas* by bringing the hope and joy of his birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor”. Read the message in full on www.elphindiocese.ie

Comfort My People: The First Readings of Advent with Fr. Noel Rooney (online Programme) from Nov 23rd , <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).

Masses Grange

Sat 12 th Dec	3pm 8pm	Baptism x 2 Michael Caraway Snr. + Jnr.
Sun 13 th Dec	12.00	Ursula Bruen (9 th Anniversary) Jim Haran, Rinroe + deceased of the Haran + Mullaney Families
Mon 14 th Dec	9.30am	Feast of St. John of The Cross
Tue 15 th Dec	9.30am	For the People of the Parish
Wed 16 th Dec	9.30am	John Herity, Baile na farraige (3 rd Anniversary)
Thur 17 th Dec	9.30am	
Sat 19 th Dec	3pm 8pm	Baptism Kathleen + Vincent Tivnan Patrick + Brigid Currid + son Pat
Sun 20 th Dec	12.00 1pm	Jim + Kevin Dolan + deceased family, Luton Baptism
Thur 24 th Dec	4pm 8pm	Christmas Eve
Thur 25 th Dec	9am 12.00	Christmas Day
<i>Grange Sunday Collection: € 635</i>		

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

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.*

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Tridium Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available at Grange P.O., Supervalu, Grange and Gala Shop, Cliffoney

Streedagh Beach – 12th Dec: 1770 – 2020

250th Anniversary of the Tragedy of the “Butterboat”. We see it clearly at low tide and its often mistaken as one of the Armada Ships. Its wood has been traced to a Norfolk Forest, Its story is an interesting one – recorded by the Irish Folklore Commission 1937 – the record of stories handed down from generation. All on board were lost in this tragedy except for one who stayed on board until the boat reached the shore. He being a doctor. The Underwater Archology National Museum Team have made this wreck of the month.

Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat: 18th – 20th Dec. Registration now free - www.youth2000.ie