

**"How Long, O Lord"?**

Join us for Four online Advent Reflections each Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm on [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

**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 20<sup>th</sup> and as always all monies collected will be spent locally where the need arises. Thanking you in advance for your generosity

**Bereavement Support**

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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/bereavement) . All who are caring welcome to participate.

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

[www.elphindiocese.ie/prayer4refugees](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/prayer4refugees)

**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](http://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/](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections/)

**CREIDEAMH Syrian Refugee Committee ([www.creideamh.ie](http://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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

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

**God With Us - A Prayer Guide for the Season of Christmas**

This year, the restrictions in place because of the Coronavirus mean that we *may* not be in a position to gather *as usual* for our religious services throughout the Christmas Season. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. It is hoped that this guide – from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany - will assist you in doing just that. The guide is also designed to help deepen your participation in online broadcasts and to assist you in getting the most out of them spiritually. Download the booklet from [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation

You have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great

You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, And raise up our thoughts of him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*Be it done unto me*

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*Ahamlish Parish Sligo Facebook Page.*

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

### Masses Cliffoney

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Jimmy Mullaney + Michael Barry
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Eve
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Feast of the Holy Family

**Cliffoney Sunday Collection: € 743**

#### 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/](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/in-hopeful.expectation-prayers-at-home-for-advent-in-a-time-of-pandemic/)

#### Prayer at the Crib

God our Father, you sent your only son, Jesus, as a little child

To love us and to be our Saviour.

Your Holy Spirit came down on Mary and gave wisdom to Joseph

So that they could prepare for His birth.

As we pray here around the crib, open our hearts to His love and to His gentle care.

Take away our fears and fill our hearts with joy. Guide and care for our families and

Help us to care for one another so that we can live as the people of God.

May we know His presence with us and find deep peace in our lives during

These days of Christmas and in the year ahead. Amen.

#### Blessing of the Tree

Lord God, we praise you for the light of creation, the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel, the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God-with-us, Prince of Peace who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord let your blessing come upon us as we illuminate this tree. May the light and the cheer it gives be a sign of the joy in our hearts. May all delight in this time and come to the joy of salvation. May the God of Glory fill our hearts with peace and joy.

#### 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**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

#### GAA

Sligo GAA Minors play Mayo in the Connacht Semi Final at Connacht Centre of Excellence this Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm. Five local lads are part of the Team and we wish them the best of good fortune on the day – Luke Casserly, Daniel O'Connor, Josh Fallon, Michael Langan, Marc Heraghty. Best of luck to their Manager Darragh Fallon, Moneygold.

#### Vincent de Paul Society – Contact 087 186 8490

#### Christmas Crib in Grange Church

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class at Grange Primary School annually construct mini cribs which are now on display in Grange Church for the next fortnight. Thanks to them for the many inventive constructions.

#### The Star of Bethlehem

One will be able to see the Star of Bethlehem, forty five minutes after sunset, on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Not seen since 1226.

### Masses Grange

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm 8pm	Baptism Kathleen + Vincent Tivnan Patrick + Brigid Currid + son Pat
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00 1pm	Jim + Kevin Dolan + deceased family, Luton Baptism
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am 7pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Ceremony
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass for People of the Parish
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4pm 8pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am 12.00	Christmas Day Mass
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8pm	Feast of St. Stephen Philomena Barry
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00 1pm	Willie + Una Neary Baptism
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Wedding – Paurice + Patrice, Ballintra Church

**Grange Sunday Collection: € 775**

#### Please remember in your prayers:

**Seamus Kelly** – The Diamond Bar, Tullaghan (died 16<sup>th</sup> Dec) peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Funeral Mass took place at St. Patrick's Church, Tullaghan on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec with burial in Kinlough Cemetery. Our sympathy to his wife Concepta, daughter Deirdre, sons Ciaran, Colin, Alan + grandchildren.

*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.*

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](http://ahamlish.com) or by direct debit or by handing it in to  
through the letter box, parochial house, Grange.**

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

#### Christmas Light Tractor Run – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 5pm, Grange Business Park

The fundraiser is towards North-West Stop-Suicide Prevention. See FB + there is a GoFundme option too.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be a public coming together in Cliffoney Church on  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 7pm and in Grange Church at 7pm on Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Only 50 allowed in.**

**No tickets needed.**

#### Tickets for Christmas Eve & Day Masses

We are required by law to have no more than 50 people in our church at any one time. Many people would like to be at Mass for either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, but unfortunately it will be impossible to accommodate our usual number. We have 2 extra Masses put on to try and accommodate as many as possible. There are 12 days of Christmas, if you can't get to Mass for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, pick another time over the next 12 days and come to that Mass. Come any day to our churches as they are open all day and bring your family with you to pray before the crib. **If you want a ticket to attend any of the Christmas Day/Eve Masses, tickets will be given out on a first come, first serve basis at 7pm this Sunday in Grange and Cliffoney churches simultaneously. Tickets for Christmas Eve/Day Masses for Cliffoney Church, will be given out in Cliffoney, and the same for Grange.**