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### 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/)

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### Sligo County Minors

Congrats to the Sligo County Minor Team who bet Mayo in the Connacht Final at Ballyhaunis last week. Today, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Dec they play Roscommon in the Connacht Final. We had 5 local lads on the panel:

1. Luke Casserly, Streedagh
2. Daniel O'Connor, Breaghwy
3. Josh Fallon, Moneygold
4. Michael Langan, Carns
5. Marc Heraghty, Grogagh

And their Manager Daragh Fallon. The result this afternoon was that Sligo lost by 3 points. Playing conditions were atrocious, with driving wind and rain and darkness setting in when the game started. Our best wishes to all of them for the future.

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You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you. Lord, and to others. We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous and generous self-denial. It is the life in the

Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves (**Pope Francis, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**)

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### Sligo Virtual Tree

Sligo.virtualtree.ie is a initiative of Sligo County Council to reach out to those far from home this Christmas. The Diaspora Tree, connecting Sligo to people around the world.

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### Level 5 Restrictions

Mass Times at Level 5 as from Dec 26<sup>th</sup> to unknown date as yet.

Level 5 means for us in church –

No public Mass, Mass online at FB: ahamlish parish sligo, 12noon every Sunday

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## Feast of the Holy Family



*Visit us on [ahamlish.com](http://ahamlish.com)*

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*Ahamlish Parish Sligo Facebook Page.*

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

### 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.

### Christmas Prayers

Lord,

As we celebrate another Christmas help us to live each moment gratefully. May we have the faith to trust in the gifts you have given us. May we have the hope that overcomes the dark thoughts that sometimes cloud our vision. May we have the love that makes our world a better place. We make this prayer through Jesus our brother, born for us again in Bethlehem. Amen.

Heavenly Father, Love came down on Christmas Day,  
And love brings us together now to share this holiday feasts.

We ask you to bless our food and all of us here.

We remember those we love who are not with us today, but who remain with us in spirit.

With grateful hearts, we thank you for all the blessings

You have given us this year and we pray for peace in families and nations around the world.  
Amen.

### An Irish Christmas Prayer

The Light Of The Christmas Star To You  
The Warmth Of Home And Hearth To You  
The Cheer And Good Will Of Friends To You  
The Love Of The Son And God's Peace To You

### 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.

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

### Altar Society & Sacristans

On behalf of our parish, I want to sincerely thank all those people who are constantly helping out and who especially put together a beautiful sanctuary in our three churches over the last few weeks.

Thank you.

### Covid Regulations

Funerals are now limited to 25, weddings to 6 after Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Baptisms to 6.

**Bishop Kevin has a Christmas message for everyone, click here to listen [www.dioceseofelphin.ie](http://www.dioceseofelphin.ie)**

**Masses during the Week are in Private but if you wish to have a Mass offered for an intention, I'll be happy to oblige.**

## Masses Grange

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00 1pm	Willie + Una Neary Feast of The Holy Family Baptism
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Wedding – Pauric + Patrice, Ballintra Church
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	12.00	Dan McGloin, Castlegal Sean McGowan (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Cloyspara Paddy Watters, Newtownward Anne Currid, Mount Edward – Months Mind
<b>Grange Sunday Collection: € 1060 &amp; Cliffoney Collection: €1052</b>		

### Please remember in your prayers:

**Mick McGrath (92)**, permanent resident of 92 years in Mullaghmore and the last of a family of eight. Predeceased by his parents Owen McGrath and Kathleen Conway and his brothers Kevin, Paddy (alias The Major) + Jim; his sisters Sally, Lena Price, Annie Bull, Bristol; Sara Adams, Dorset. On behalf of Mick, our sincere thanks to many kind neighbours who attended his funeral Mass in Cliffoney on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and his internment in Ahamlish. Also, thanks to Kathleen McCannon + Bernard Oates who were great friends, and to Nazreth House, Sligo who cared for him over the last 12 months.

**Kathleen Doherty (nee Gilmartin)** Chicago, Is, USA and formerly Drumfad; (95); died peacefully on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> in Chicago. Predeceased by her husband Bill (died 1979). Sadly missed by her children Noreen, Mary Ann, Jay, Johnny + Michael, grandchildren + greatgrandchildren. Our sympathy to her family in Chicago and to her brother Sean, Carns and her nephew Sean + Family, Drumfad; her brother and sister Seamus + Betty in Chicago and her sister Ita in Australia.

**Sr. Ruth**, First Superior + Founder of the first convent of the Home of The Mother in our diocese. A Dublin woman in her mid forties who succumbed to cancer. We had the first group of sisters here in Mullaghmore until their house was ready to move into in Roscommon Town where they created a ministry to young people and to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Myra Brennan** – Scardenmore, Strandhill, Sligo died 24<sup>th</sup> Dec formerly Dromahair, Co. Leitrim. Predeceased by her husband Jimmy (died 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1995). Our sympathy to her sons Arnold, Anthony of Roseyhol Furniture, Grange; daughters Teresa Dykes + Fidelma; and her brother Brendan, Perth, Australia; and grandchildren; nieces + nephews, relatives + friends. Funeral took place privately on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Dec at Ransboro Church with burial in Scarden Cemetery.

**Philomena Donnelly**, Rahara, Roscommon died 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (suddenly). Our sympathy to her brother Fr. Michael Donnelly formerly P.P. Rathcormac + Maugherow.

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

### Lockdown –

For us in church, that means no public Masses; so we revert to our Sunday Mass at 12.00 noon every week online @ Ahamlish Parish Sligo on Facebook.

Our churches remain open for private prayer, a visit to the crib, to light a candle, to pray for someone who may need support. It will do them good to know you prayed and it will do you no harm either. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.