

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 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.

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 two-part 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 30th. Part 2 – Saturday, 5th 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. 14th 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.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord

Visit us on ahamlish.com

&

Ahamlish Parish Sligo Facebook Page.

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

Masses Cliffoney		
Sat 5 th Dec	2.30pm	Baptism
Sun 6 th Dec	10.30am	Ned Gallagher (2 nd Anniversary) Edenrevagh Bridie Hargadon + Jackie O'Carroll
Tue 8 th Dec	10.30am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Fri 11 th Dec	10am	
Sun 13 th Dec	10.30am	Patrick O'Connor (16 th Anniversary)
<i>Cliffoney Sunday Collection: € 399 Missions: €20</i>		

The Annual Donation Box of Envelopes has been delivered. If you have not received one and would like one, 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 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 – Dec 1st 2020

We are OPEN for public Mass from 1st Dec.

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 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.

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

November 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 5 th Dec	12.00 8pm	Funeral Mass: Ann Currid (nee Leydon), Mount Edward, Grange Ellie Meehan-Brooks (7 th Anniversary)
Sun 6 th Dec	12.00 1pm	Dan Joe + Annie Gilmartin, Grogagh and deceased family John Patrick + Ellen Moffatt, sons Sean, James + P.J., Gortnaleck Baptism - Callie Anna
Mon 7 th Dec	8pm	Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tue 8 th Dec	12.00	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thur 10 th Dec	10am	
Sat 12 th Dec	3pm 8pm	Baptism x 2 Michael Caraway Snr. + Jnr.
Sun 13 th Dec	12.00	Jim Haran, Rinroe + deceased of the Haran + Mullaney Families
<i>Grange Sunday Collection: € 1014</i>		

Please remember in your prayers:

Ann Currid (nee Leydon), Mount Edward, Grange and formerly Glenn, Soeey, Co. Sligo. Died at Sligo Hospice after a short illness on Dec 3rd surrounded by her family. Funeral Mass took place at Church of Mary Immaculate, Grange on Sat 5th Dec at 12.00 with burial in Ahamlish.

Our sympathy her husband Joe, sons Pdraig + Kieran, daughters Caroline + Brenda, grandchildren, sisters Bridie + Mary, brother Josie, neighbours, relatives and friends.

Violet McGarrigle (nee Gilmartin) Drumfad, suddenly at her residence on 4th Dec.

Predeceased by her husband Paddy (2013) her parents John Gilmartin + Mary E. McGloin, her brothers Patrick Joseph, John, Brendan. Our sympathy to her sisters Teresa + Anna, nephews + nieces. Funeral arrangements later.

Nichola Pergande died 28th Oct 2020 (aged 53) Norfolk, UK, after a short illness. Predeceased by her parents Eric Pergande and Una Gilmartin (Drumfad). Our sympathy to her husband, son Jed (15), and sisters Valerie + Marcella, her uncle Sean Gilmartin, Carns and family.

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