

We are being asked to reflect on how we are to be organized as a Parish in the future. How would you see this being done? Please reflect on the following questions and send replies to ahamlishparish@gmail.com or directly to Fr. Christy.

i) "Is there a neighbouring parish with which you would say that your parish has natural connection or relationship? What possibilities do you see for closer pastoral co-operation between your parish and that neighbouring parish? Do you envisage a situation in which your parish might be amalgamated or otherwise joined with that parish? What would be the benefits and /or challenges of this?"

ii) "In the context of an aging clergy and fewer seminarians, what strategy would you propose and actively support to ensure that your parish continues to have diversity of ministry, including the ministry of priest, in the future?"

Please send replies by 01st April 2025

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry for Young People - Are you involved, or keen to become involved in church music in your parish, school, university etc? You are invited to attend 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry on Saturday 26th April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> . For further information please contact info@knightsostcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Message from Bishop Kevin Doran to the Faithful of the Diocese of Elphin

Dear Friends,

Today *Laetare* Sunday, I will be installed as Bishop of Achonry in the Cathedral of the Annunciation and St Nathy, Ballaghaderreen. This also marks the moment when our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin are united "*in persona episcopi*" which is a Latin term meaning "in the person of the Bishop". This term is used by the Catholic Church to designate the union of two or more dioceses, under one bishop. This has also happened in recent years in the dioceses of Galway and Clonfert. The dioceses of Tuam and Killala are on a similar path.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son that we heard in the Gospel, begins with the words: "a man had two sons..." The parable is really more about the Father than about the Sons. In telling this story, Jesus wants us to notice the love that the Father has for each of his sons. He loves them both, he loves them equally, but he loves each of them in a unique way. I think the image of the Father, who stands on the doorstep waiting for one son, and goes out into the field to be close to the other, challenges each one of us as sons and daughters, to grow into the image of the Father. As St. Paul says: "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here". As you will appreciate, the image of the Father who "has two sons", has a particular resonance for a Bishop who has two Dioceses. The mission of a Bishop, in the traditional language of the Church is to "teach" to "sanctify" and to "govern". I understand that, in order to do those three things, I must be open to "learning"; I must become more "holy" and "prayerful" and I must be "obedient", particularly to the Holy Spirit, to the Word of God and to the essential faith of the Church. As bishop I am called to be a sign and a means of unity. Like the Father with the two Sons, it will be my responsibility to gather together the people of God. Each diocese still retains its own unique identity, but gradually over the coming years, while respecting the culture and the history and the unique gifts of each, our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin will become one diocese. I would like to share with you a short message I received on behalf of Pope Francis last week which was not just for me but for all of us:

"His Holiness wishes to assure you of his prayers as you take up your episcopal ministry in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin, united in persona episcopi, and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to you and to the faithful of the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin".

As I renew my commitment today to serve you, the people of our two Diocese, I ask your prayers and your practical support in being the Bishop I am called to be.

Finally, on this Mother's Day, I would like to send my prayerful good wishes to all mothers across our two dioceses.

May God bless you all. +Kevin

30th March 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

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Sunday 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Sunday 29th March	6:30pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent Joseph McCluskey Months Mind
Saturday 5th April	10:30am	Holy Rosary
Saturday 5th April	06:30pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 30th March	10:30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday 04th April	10:00am	First Friday Mass
Sunday 6th April	10:30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Collection €649		

Grange Masses

Saturday 29th March	2:00pm	Baptism x 2
Saturday 29th March	8:00pm	Mary McGowan , Augharrow (25 th Anniv) Mary Feeney , Grogagh (8 th Anniv)
Sunday 30th March	12noon	Ann Healy , (16 th Anniv)
Wednesday 02nd April	9:30am	
Thursday 03rd April	9:30am	Mick & Bridie Boyle
Saturday 05th April	8:00pm	Kevin McCann Months Mind Eugene Feeney Months Mind
Sunday 06th April	12noon	Roger Gillen (7 th Anniv)
Collection €1025		

Cliffoney Hall Social Dance

Venue: Cliffoney Hall
Date: Friday 4th April 2025

@: 9pm

Music By: Brendan McGee
Admission: €10

~ Supper Served ~

Proceeds in aid of Cliffoney Men's Shed
Cliffoney Hall Committee have organised a social dance with proceeds going to **Cliffoney Men's Shed** in recognition of the work they helped out with round Cliffoney Hall and Village.

So put on your dancing shoes
for that night...

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2025

Direct Flights to
Monstar – Medjugorje

Knock to Medjugorje
in half the time

17th & 24th September 2025
€875

7 night Group Pilgrimage
Led by Anne Keadin **086 376 629**
Accompanied by
Spiritual Director.

**Sligo Cancer Support Choir will join us for Mass in St Molaise Church
on April 06th at 10:30am.**

Please remember in your prayers: Patrick (Paddy) Rooney, Surry, UK and Derrylehan, Died March 7th 2025 RIP. Predeceased by his parents John & Catherine Rooney, sister Teresa McKay, and Niece/Goddaughter Sharon Conway. Our sympathy to his sisters & brothers Philomena, Sean, Margaret, Catherine, Jimmy, Michael, Brendan, Christina & Noel, extended family & his friends in UK. Funeral Mass and Internment will take place in St Boniface Church Tooting, London, UK on Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 12:30pm.

Lisa Moore, Tonaphubble, Sligo. Our sympathy to his parents Michael and Marian, sister Emer and her late brother Marcus, Emer's partner John and Godson Oscar, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends. Funeral took place at St Anne's Church on March 28th with burial in Sligo Cemetery.

Mary Moynihan (nee Gilmartin) USA & formerly Cloontyprucklish, Grange. Died March 20th. Predeceased by her father Charlie (Gortnaleck) and mother Bella Gilroy (Ballinful). Our sympathy to her five children and grandchildren.

Mick Haran, Aughagad, Grange, died March 28th at SUH. Our sympathy to his wife Annie, sons Denis and John; daughters Monica and Ann, brother Tom, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, 13 grandchildren. Reposing at McGloins Funeral Home on Sunday March 30th from 5-7pm. Removal to Church of Mary Immaculate, Grange at 7:10pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11am with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.

Our Armada Visitors Centre continues to grow from strength to strength. We've had record numbers of visitors in recent years and there's a growing awareness of the De Cuellar story, particularly in Spain. We currently have about 25 members who ensure the centre stays open on weekends over the Summer. Would you be interested in lending a hand? We have a roster and each member volunteers once a month for 2 hours. We would also encourage TY students to get involved and gain valuable work experience. If you would like more information contact Eddie on **086 080 2623** or Seamus on **087 215 7114**.

Creative Writing Workshops - Creative writing workshops for adults will run each Tuesday, 7-9:30pm, in the Glencar TeaSHED, from 22 April to 10 June 2025. Led by award-winning author and poet Shane Leavy, the eight weekly workshops are €190, or €170 early bird if booked before 8 April. They are suitable for beginners or more experienced writers and poets, and tea and snacks will be provided! Book early to ensure a place; contact Shane at sligoleitrimwriters@gmail.com or **086 3525 988**.

Prayer for Mother's Day

We wish all mothers a very happy day and join in praying and thanksgiving for their love.

Gracious God,
we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace,
and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.
Today, loving God,
we pray for our mothers:
who cared for us when we were helpless,
who comforted us when we were hurt,
whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for
those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her;
those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love;
those families separated by war or conflict.
Lord, give them special blessings.
Keep us united with you and with each other,
so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.
Amen.