

The Sligo Champion Friday 24th May 1985 - SPANISH ARMADA DISCOVERY

The discovery of artefacts from the ill-fated Spanish Armada fleet off the North Sligo Coast at Streedagh is splendid news. It has been hailed by experts as one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the century, and everybody involved in that particular field is enormously excited by the find. So too are the people of the Sligo area, many of whom will have been only dimly aware, if at all, that such a treasure trove existed at a place more familiar to them as a destination for a family summer outing. Now a team of British & Scottish divers, working quietly and without the glare of publicity normally associated with such projects, have put Streedagh & Sligo firmly on the map with the discovery of a vessel believed to be the "Juliana", buried in sand in relatively shallow water on the seabed. Already the divers have retrieved three bronze cannons and a cannon ball, all in remarkably good condition. The "Juliana" was an Italian grain ship commandeered by the Spanish, four hundred years ago when they were assembling what was then regarded as the world's largest invasion force in world history. But the fleet encountered unusually rough weather and was wrecked off the West & North-West coast of Ireland. Three ships are thought to have floundered at Streedagh, and one of the survivors was Captain Francesco Cuellar who later wrote one of the best accounts of the Spanish Armada. The fact that he came ashore at Streedagh makes the find more intriguing. Out of the 130 ships which has cleared Corunna in July 1588, only sixty-eight returned to Spain, and out of the 30,000 soldiers & sailors, only 9,000 men returned. Its ill-fated mission had been to invade England. No doubt in the coming weeks, the tragic story of the Spanish Armada will be re-told as renewed interest in the saga fuelled by the Sligo discovery. Presumably, the search at Streedagh will continue, and there is every possibility that further artefacts will be found. As for the ship itself, it is too early yet to say whether it can be raised. The question which comes to mind immediately is what is to be done with the items already found – not to mention possible further discoveries. The aim must be to retain as many as possible in the Sligo area to be housed in a special Spanish Armada museum. Such a museum would prove a tremendous addition to the area, drawing people from all over the world. Ironically, while the diving operation was quietly in progress at Streedagh last week, a meeting was being held in Sligo to formulate plan for a major exhibition in the town to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Armada. Those attending the meeting had no idea that the diving team were searching off Streedagh. One of those at the meeting was County Librarian & Museum Curator Mr. John McTernan, himself a distinguished Sligo historian. He says the aim now is to ensure that there is further exploration of the wreck and the items salvaged are kept in Sligo. It's to be hoped that such a group will be formed to protect Sligo's claim and to ensure that the search continues.

Friends of Inishmurray – Information and Fundraising Event

27th September 2025 at 7.30pm, Ellen's Pub, Maugherow, Co. Sligo |

Programme: *The Inspirational Island of Inishmurray: Archaeology, Biodiversity & Creativity*

Welcome & Introduction | Brian Leyden and guests

Special Music Feature: Imogen O'Connor & Florrie Brady (recording)

Break – refreshments

Auction with Harry Moffit Manorhamilton Livestock Mart | Raffle | Music

*Helping to protect & promote the Island's rich cultural Legacy & Biodiversity

*Supporting the improvement of Access to the Island

*Encourage Research, Conservation & Dialogue

*Working with all Stakeholders to create a Shared vision & Plan

For more info: www.friendsofinishmurray.ie | Donations online warmly accepted

Eucharistic Healing Conference

"I will restore your health & heal your wounds, declares the Lord (Jeremiah 30:17)"

Venue: Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal

Friday 10th Oct 2025 10am – 9pm

Sunday 11th Oct 2025 9am – 9pm

Sunday 12th Oct 2025 9am – 3pm

Contact: 086 1546 099 | 087 784 7304

- **Registration from 9am Friday 10th Oct 25**
- **Registration Donation €45 per person**

*Holy Mass
*Confessions
*Adoration
*Holy Spirit Seminar
*Surrender to the Cross
*Baptism of the Holy Spirit
*Eucharistic Healing
*Personal Testimonies

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange ✠ Cliffoney ✠ Mullaghmore

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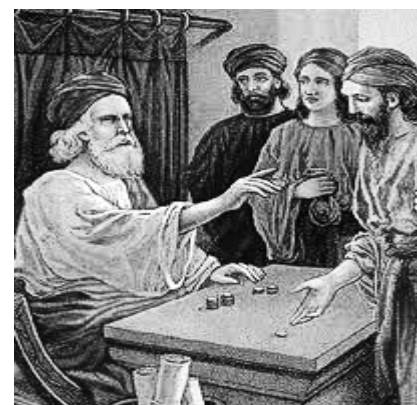
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Sunday 21st September 2025

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – Mullaghmore 6:30pm
Saturday - Grange 8:00pm

Sunday – Cliffoney 10:30am
Sunday – Grange 12noon

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 20th September	6:30pm	Martin O' Rourke
Saturday 27th September	6:30pm	Johnny Mooney & Emily Daily Paddy Wallace (2nd Anniv) Thomas O'Rourke
- Oct 13th - Nov 10th - Dec 8th	7:30pm - 9pm	Eucharistic Healing Service – Sligo - Monday 13 th October at 7:30pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo, F91 CC98. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. Free Event. All Welcome!

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 21st September	10:30am	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 25th September	10:00am	Feast of St Finbarr
Sunday 28th September	10:30am	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eucharistic Adoration Cliffoney Church		
Eucharistic Adoration 24th Sept 7pm – 9pm		
Collection €616 Diocesan Needs €85		

Grange Masses

Saturday 20th September	8:00pm	Helen Kilfeather - Kiernan , Months Mind Seamus Feeney (3rd Anniv) Carnamaddow Mary Brennan, Derry (14th Anniv)
Sunday 21st September	12noon 2:00pm	Larry & Winnie Leyden , Kiltykere Baptism - Seánna
Monday 22nd September	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd September	9:30am	Feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Wednesday 24th September	9:30am	
Friday 26th September	9:30am	Feast of Sts Cosmas & Damian
Saturday 27th September	8:00pm	Denny Haran , Aughagad, (22 nd Anniv)
Sunday 28th September	12noon	Dan Joe & Annie Gilmartin & daughter Agnes (5th Anniv)
Collection €1005 Diocesan Needs €25		

"Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st.
For further information, see www.breastcancerireland.com."

Dates for your Diary

- SACRAMENT OF Confirmation – April 30th Grange Church
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 9TH GRANGE CHURCH
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 16TH CLIFFONEY CHURCH

CLIFFONEY DAY CENTRE - Open Day And Coffee Morning In Cliffoney On Thursday Sept 25
11 – 1pm | Music | Prizes | Refreshments
New Members Welcome

For more information contact: 096 0854 493 | www.sligoleader.com

Social Dancing in Cliffoney Hall every Monday Night at 8:30 – 10pm

Dr Niall Hever retired on July 24th after many years of dedicated service to our community. The Grange Primary Care Practice are holding a gathering on **Friday Sept 26th @ 6:30pm** on their premises to celebrate his retirement. Everyone is welcome to join them for a cuppa & chat.

Bingo in Cliffoney Hall every Saturday Night. All Welcome

Please remember in your prayers: Agnes Forrest, nee Burns, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny and formerly of Moneygold, Grange. Died aged 95 on Sept 15th peacefully at her home. Our sympathy to her husband Jerry, daughters & sons, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren, brother Paddy & sisters-in-law Mary & Claire, nieces, nephews & extended family. Funeral Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, Slieverue on 18th Sept with burial in adjoining cemetery. Mass will be offered for Agnes in Grange Church on Sat Oct 18th at 8pm.

Jimmy Waters, Gorey, Co. Wexford. Our sympathy to his wife Maureen Gilmartin, Gortnaleck. Funeral Mass was celebrated in St Michael's Church, Gorey on 16th Sept, with cremation to follow.

Pilgrim Passport for Jubilee Year 2025 - As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, a 'pilgrim passport' will be available at each of the three designated national sites (Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg), detailing the unique elements of the pilgrimage experience at each destination. The passport will be stamped upon completion of the pilgrimage at each location. Those who complete a pilgrimage to all three sites will receive a commemorative lapel pin in recognition of this achievement.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference - Commencing November 21st to 23rd 2025 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. An Amazing event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check out Eventbrite for tickets & more information. Not to be missed!

Sowing Seeds of Hope - As we approach the 10th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Laudato Si', parish communities are invited to join in a conversation, with prayer and reflection, about the world we live in. This initiative is organised and delivered by the Partners in the Gospel catechist group. Please join them as they explore how we can support each other and our common home. The venues are: **St Joseph's Resource Centre, Boyle:** 17th at 8pm - contact Eithne Deane 086 2385649. **Summerhill College, Sligo:** Sept 9th, 16th & 23rd at 8pm - contact Fina Golden 087 6816821. **The Old Courthouse, Ballygar:** Oct 8th, 15th & 22nd at 8.30pm - contact Mary O' Brien Healy 087 6266597. **Culleen Hall, Kilkeenrevagh, Knockcroghery:** Sept 12th, 26th & Oct 3rd at 8pm - contact James Mullooly 087 9450314.

A Tridium in preparation for the feast of St Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rosstown, Co. Donegal from Saturday September 20th until Tuesday September 23rd. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing with his Mitten at 7:30 each evening. Preacher will be Fr. Pius McLaughlin, OFM who met Padre Pio. All are very welcome for these prayerful celebrations.

PTAA Dinner Dance- The Pioneer & Friends dinner dance takes place on the 17th October 2025 in the Sligo Park Hotel. Mass at 7.00p.m. for the deceased members followed by dinner at 8.00p.m. with live music by the Ferryman. Tickets available from Eamonn McGurinn 086-8354464 Mary Clancy 087-9070109 and Fr Pat Lombard St. Anne's 071-9145028. Cost €40.00. All are welcome.

Bible Foundation Courses for Beginners – Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore – [28th – 30th November 2025] and [6th – 8th March 2026]. Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness. Cost: €290. Price includes full board and accommodation. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get more comfortable reading and praying with the bible. Each participant will receive a free copy of the bible and resource kit on how to simply navigate and understand the big picture of salvation history.

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS IN GRANGE! - Lend a hand at Grange Foróige Club on Friday Evenings – Volunteer whenever you can, starting in October.

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Contact: Shane on 083 813 0298 | Jason on 0861084116 for more information!

See <http://www.facebook.com/share/p/FAforArmRX/>

Cliffoney to Mullaghmore - Anne Hoey Memorial Walk 2025

Join us on **Sunday 28th September** Starting at the Cliffoney Community Hall
Registration @11:15 | Families €10 | Adults €5
Complimentary Tea/Coffee at Ahoy Coffee Cart, Mullaghmore

*Funds to
Cliffoney
Community
Forum*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - Departing from Knock to Mostar, Oct 8th to 15th, 2025 with spiritual director Fr Michael Breslin. For more info: Tom 086 0815635 / Carol 087 9581495.