

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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5th Sunday of Lent ~ 22nd March 2026

MASSSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays Monday - Friday 7.30 & 10am Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 12pm - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

ADORATION: Thursday 10.30am - 10.00pm.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday - 12 noon & 1st Saturday of every month. To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Fridays between 10am & 12.30pm or by email stranorlarparish@gmail.com.

****Please give two weeks notice****

Penitential Service: Next Sunday March 29th at 7pm

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of Mary Lafferty, Donegal Road, Ballybofey, whose funeral took place on Monday. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

Months Mind: The 6pm mass on Saturday March 28th will be offered for the repose of the soul of John Holmes, Meenacarrigach. Ballybofey.

"Great": the documentary on Benny Gordon & his 100 years in the Twin Towns, is showing at The Balor Theatre on Monday March 23rd & Tuesday March 24th at 8.30pm.

Lenten Programme ~ Baptised & Sent: The last night of this programme will take place this Thursday at 8pm in the centre.

First Holy Communion: There will be a Service of light for the First Holy Communion children of the Parish & their parents in the Church on Thursday March 26th at 7.30pm.

Confirmation Parents Programme: The Sycamore programme for parents of children preparing for Confirmation this May will continue this Monday March 23rd from 8pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre & on Mondays March 30th. We look forward to seeing you there as you continue to prepare your children for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Ballybofey, Stranorlar & District Historical Society: The next meeting will take place in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar (F93 XV29) on Monday March 23rd. The Society's members will meet from 7pm to 8pm & at 8pm in the main hall Paddy Doherty retired Civil Engineer will give a talk on the subject of "The Turf" when people from around Donegal found good work during the emergency (1939-1945) in the bogs harvesting turf that was sent south to bigger Irish cities to heat homes when coal wasn't available. The talk is free & is open to everyone.

Donegal Pro Life AGM: will take place on Tuesday March 24th @ 7.30pm in The Vestry in the grounds of St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny F92 TD92. Guest speakers in attendance. New members welcome.

Epilepsy Awareness Day: For further information, visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day will take place on Thursday March 26th.

Choir practices for March: March 27th & April 1st. All welcome as we prepare for Holy Week & Easter.

Alzheimer Society: Every Tuesday in the Cloghan Day Centre from 10am to 3pm. For more information, please contact Katie on 086 145 0663 or email katie.kearns@alzheimer.ie

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at all masses next weekend. If possible, please bring your own palms. We would be grateful if those who provided us with extra palms last year could do so again this year. This will facilitate those who are unable to gather their own palms and also ensure we have enough left over to burn to produce ashes for Ash Wednesday 2027. Baskets will be placed at the top right-hand corner of the church during the week and if anyone can help by gathering extra palms and placing them in these baskets, we will be very grateful.

Walk of Witness on Good Friday: Join us this Good Friday, as we will come together as a united community of faith for our Walk of Witness. Starting at 11:00am at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, we will journey together to the Presbyterian Church and conclude at our own Church. Experience the significance of Good Friday as we witness our shared belief through a short service and reflection at each location. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre at the end, fostering faith, fellowship and connection in the Twin Towns. Let's stand together in faith and unity this Good Friday. All are welcome.