## Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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**MASSES:** Saturday - 6pm(Vigil). Sunday - 8am, 9.30am & 11am Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 7.30am & 10am.

Tuesday 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm. Saturday 10am.

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

**ADORATION:** Thursday 10.30am - Friday 10am

**BAPTISMS:** Every Sunday 12.15pm & 1st Saturday of every Month.

(Please give two weeks notice)

## 1st Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2018

**Recent Deaths:** We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Peggy McClean, Ard McCarron who was buried on Tuesday and Bridget McAuley, Dunwiley who was buried on Thursday. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Month's Mind:** The 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 20th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Shane Laverty, Hilltop Crescent.

**1st Anniversaries:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 24th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sr. Martha, Sisters of Mercy, Blackrock Drive.

The 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Rosie Devenney, Ard McCool.

**Trocaire Boxes:** Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches.

**Choir Practice:** Practice will be held on Friday 23rd at 8pm in the church.

**Envelope Boxes for 2018:** If you did not receive a box and would like one, please call to the sacristy after any of the Masses.

**Lenten Breakfast:** There will be tea after 10am mass on Monday mornings and breakfast after 7.30am mass on Friday mornings during lent in St. Mary's Parish Centre. Come along for tea and a chat. A small donation would be appreciated. All welcome.

**Parish Live Streaming:** Our Parish has live streaming from our church every weekend during the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 11am Mass on Sunday. You can find us on www.mcnmedia.tv

Coffee Morning: Rev Adam Pullen, Church of Ireland Rector is visiting Ethiopia in March and seeing the work and transformational power of Self Helps Groups that are lifting 1000's out of poverty. Join him at the Coffee Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Friday 23rd February from 10am to 2pm for Tearfund Self Help Groups, Ethiopia where you can give a donation and speak to Rev Adam about the work of Tearfund in Ethiopia. The goal is -Transform a Thousand - lift one thousand people out of poverty in Ethiopia via Self-Help Groups. The means: Self-Help Groups - small community-based savings & support groups. Your support would be appreciated.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** The Twin Towns Parade will take place on Saturday 17th March starting at 3pm in Stranorlar. The theme is Colour and Noise! Although community participation is high we have found that business participation in the parade has been low. This is the biggest annual community event in our towns and we want to see it continue to gain in strength and support! It's also a fantastic opportunity for you to advertise your business. We welcome any ideas for taking part You could bring a float or simply join the walkers with a t-shirt of your company logo. If you'd like help with ideas, to book your place in the parade, or for any questions, contact Holly at the Base Centre on 9190909 or Kathy on 086 3142886.

**Fostering**: Looking for a rewarding experience!? Would you be interested in becoming a foster carer? Five Rivers Ireland fostering agency are looking for people with a caring nature, who have a spare bedroom and would like to make a positive difference to a child's life. Children of all ages need foster homes, some for as little as a few days, others for months, or some children require longer periods in foster care. A comprehensive package of support is provided to carers. Families or individuals from all backgrounds are welcome to apply. If you would like to discuss your interest or get more information about fostering please contact Deborah Wilson, Five Rivers Ireland (Mobile) 086 023 4062. Five Rivers Ireland office, 01 8665290 or visit the website: **WWW.fiveriversireland.ie**