

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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MASSSES: Saturday - 6pm(Vigil). Sunday - 8am, 9.30am & 11am
Weekdays: Monday - 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)

5th Sunday of the Year - 10th February 2019

Monday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is also World Day of the Sick.

Friday 15th February is Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse.
At the 10am Mass on Friday a Candle of Atonement will be lit and the Atonement Prayer will be said. The simple prayer ritual for lighting of the Candle of Atonement is based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families in Phoenix Park.

1st Anniversaries: The 10am Mass on Monday 11th February will be offered for the repose of the souls of Albert McCauley & Bridget McCauley, Dunwiley.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 14th February at 8pm in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Irish Catholic: The Irish Catholic Paper is available in the porches every weekend. The price is €2. If you want to make sure you get one please give in your name in the sacristy as a few people have already done.

Eddie Stone's House of Prayer: A bus will be going from Letterkenny to Eddie Stone's House of Prayer, Clonfert on Saturday 23rd February. The cost of the bus is €20. It will be a beautiful day of prayer and healing. Places limited. To book please text your name to 086 0792655.

Friends of Kenya Charity Shop: The Friends of Kenya Charity Shop have moved from Main St., Ballybofey to a bigger premises on the road into MacCumhaill Park. The new premises is on the right. There will be a bigger range of goods including furniture in the new shop.

The Three Tenors in Concert: Sunday 24th February at 8pm in our Church. Tickets are €25 and are on sale in Alexanders Shop 074-9131007, The Book Centre 074-9592126 and Andies Superstore 074-9132238.

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Departing from Belfast on Sunday 26th May and returning on Friday 31st May. The package includes 5 nights full board in selected hotels in Lourdes, return flights from Belfast, all taxes, complimentary comprehensive travel insurance and costs €725.00 per person sharing. Optional transport to Airport is €25.00. Bookings and payments to Joe Walsh Pilgrim Tours Ltd, c/o Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Archive House, Bishop's Palace, Letterkenny. A deposit of €200.00 per person will secure a place. Anyone wishing to travel as part of the sick (assisted pilgrims) staying in the hospital in Lourdes should apply in writing to Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, c/o Brenda Barrett, Secretary, Archive House, Bishop's Palace, Letterkenny. You can contact Brenda on 9125090 Monday - Friday 12.30 - 3.30pm for more information.

Reflection on the Gospel:

Jesus invites Peter to put out the nets again, and Peter does so though he thinks it pointless. There are times in our lives when things get on top of us, when things don't go according to plan despite our best efforts. There are times when, like Peter, we can get frustrated, disillusioned and overwhelmed by all that life throws at us. When we are down in ourselves, feeling burnt-out, upset, annoyed by circumstances sometimes outside our control, we should take comfort in Christ's reassuring advice. 'Do not be afraid'. He is walking alongside us on our journey. We should put our trust in him, reach out to him in prayer, and experience a God who is very close to us, if we allow him into our lives. Are we brave enough to take that risk and see where it leads us?