

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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7th Sunday of the Year - 23rd February 2020

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

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Catherine (Kay) McWilliams, Drumboe Lower whose funeral was on Thursday and Margaret Patton, formerly Donegal Rd whose funeral was on Friday. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Month's Minds: The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 28th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Annie Gallagher, Meencarrigach.

The 9.30am Mass on Sunday 1st March will be offered for the repose of the soul of Margaret Grindel, Drumboe Ave.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 29th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Brendan McLaughlin, Mulreany Tce.

Low Gluten Hosts: Those wishing to receive low gluten hosts may do so by receiving from the priest. He will have a separate Ciborium with low gluten hosts in it. Anybody who would still like to receive from the chalice alongside the Eucharistic ministers are very welcome to do so.

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

Friday 28th February is Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses. Please note that the early Mass will be at 7.30am in order to give more people the opportunity to come to Mass for Lent.

What are you doing for Lent? This year why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his passion? **'No Greater Love'** is a Lenten programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over five weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The short films are presented by Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family in St. Mary's Parish Centre commencing on Tuesday 3rd March from 8pm – 9.30pm. There are 5 sessions – one for each week of Lent before we enter into Holy Week.

Temperance Sunday: The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is always designated as 'Temperance Sunday' when we honour the grace of Temperance, especially as related to the abuse of intoxicating drink. The Raphoe Diocesan Pioneer Council is again this year in keeping with the aim of the Association organising 'the Promotion of Sobriety and Temperance' where a person makes a private pledge to abstain from alcohol during Lent and say a special prayer.

Lenten Breakfast: There will be 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.

Service of Commitment : There will be a Service for all the Confirmation children and their parents / guardians on Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm.

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Historical Society: The next meeting takes place in the Henderson Hall on Monday 24th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Pancake & Coffee Morning: B&S Golf Club on Shrove Tuesday 10am - 2 pm. All proceeds to local charities. **Bingo on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm.**

Lenten Retreat in Ards Friary: Lent Has Come Again. What is the purpose of Lent? Is it still relevant? This weekend retreat from 28th February to 1st March will help you take a fresh look at Lent and offer you some inspiration for your Lenten journey. Facilitator is Philip McParland. Cost is €190 (Full board)

Bereavement Retreat in Ards Friary: Friday 6th March - Sunday 8th March. A weekend retreat at reflecting on the pain of loss and how to cope with it. Facilitator: Fr. Philip Baxter OFM Cost: €190 (Full board)