

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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15th Sunday of the Year - 12th July 2020

MASSSES: Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10am only
Thursday & Friday 10am & 7.30pm Saturday 10am
Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am

ADORATION: Thursday 10.30am - 7.30pm

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

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of every Month.
(Please give two weeks notice) Contact the Parish Office on 9131135
Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am - 12.30pm to book.

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Michael Roughan, Cappry whose funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Sessiaghoneill on Friday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Lough Derg: Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path reopens for visitors. Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org

Masses for the coming week: The opening of our church again for Masses continues to go very well. Everyone acted responsibly and kept their distance and we appreciate your cooperation. The 10am Mass will continue as usual this week Monday - Saturday. There will be two evening Masses this week at 7.30pm on Thursday and Friday. We will continue at weekends with Saturday 6pm (Vigil) and Sunday 9am and 11am. Please continue to follow the instructions regarding sanitation, social distancing and communion in the hand. We will continue to monitor and adapt accordingly.

Church Cleaning: With such an emphasis on safety, church cleaning will be very important. We would like to thank all those who have been cleaning the church so far. The church will be cleaned twice a day. If anyone would like to give a little of your time to help with the cleaning it would be very much appreciated.

Parish Envelopes: A sincere word of thanks to everyone who has given in their envelopes to Fr Kieran or Fr Anthony and to all of you who have made your contribution through the bank by direct debit or by using idonate. Now that Masses have restarted you will have the opportunity to put your envelope in the boxes provided either before or after any of the Masses on weekdays or weekends.

Reflection - Receiving the Word

The word of God is to the human heart
what a seed is to the earth.
However, just as a seed needs soil,
so the word needs a receptive heart.
The earth respond to the rain and sun
so that even the desert blooms.
But the arid human heart has the power to resist
so that it remains barren.
Lord, soften our hearts with your grace,
open them with your gentle love,
so that the precious seed of your word
may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit in our lives.