

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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21st Sunday of the Year - 23rd August 2020

MASSES: Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday
10am. Thursday & Friday 10am & 7.30pm
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.

1st Anniversary: The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 28th August will be offered for the repose of the soul of Gerry O'Murphy, Knocknacarra, Galway.

Month's Mind: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 29th August will be offered for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Quinn, Trenamullin.

Church Cleaning: With such an emphasis on safety, church cleaning is very important. We would like to thank all those who have been cleaning the church so far. The church is 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.

Masses for week: The 10am Mass will continue as usual from 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 guidelines in the porches regarding sanitation, social distancing and communion in the hand. We ask families to sit together in the side aisles in order to accommodate more people. We will continue to monitor and adapt accordingly. We appreciate your cooperation.

Church leaders urge worshippers to wear face coverings to reduce the spread of coronavirus:

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. This is, in part, due to the fact that as churches we are committed to maintaining the 2 metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, ventilation etc. It, however, remains our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe places for all who join with us. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc., is likely to reduce the spread of coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, we join with Christian church leaders all over this island in formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all services of worship, along with the ongoing maintenance of the 2 metre physical distancing from **Sunday 30th August** and earlier if practicable. We understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in the two jurisdictions. We also recognise that whilst it may not be appropriate for those who are leading from the front during worship, including preaching, to wear face coverings, they should at all times continue to maintain the 2 metre physical distancing from one another.

Sean MacCumhails GAA Club Bingo: Car Bingo in Navenny Street car park this Sunday 23rd August at 3pm. €1,400 in prizes. Everyone welcome.