Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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30th Sunday of the Year - 25th October 2020

MASSES: Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 10am. Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) & Sunday - 11am. All masses can be viewed on our live streaming - churchservices.tv/stranorlar

ADORATION: No adoration due to Level 5 restrictions.

CONFESSIONS: No confessions due to Level 5 restrictions.

BAPTISMS: No Baptisms due to Level 5 restrictions.

Private Prayer: The church is open for private prayer each day from 10.30am until 6.30pm.

October is the Month of the Rosary: We encourage all families to recite the Rosary during the month of October.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 31st October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Thomas Gallagher, Ash Meadows, Drumboe.

Ministers of the Word for November:

Saturday 6pm Vigil - Jimmy Phair. Sunday 11am - Ailish O'Donnell **November Novena:** The novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will start on Tuesday 17th November and continue until Friday 27th November at 7.30pm each evening excluding Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd. During the month of November the names of those who died since last November will be written on a scroll in the sanctuary. Envelopes for the Novena are available in the porches and can be dropped in to Fr Kieran or Fr Anthony.

Parish Envelopes: We are very disappointed that our churches have to stay closed for masses because of the Level 5 restrictions. None of us can predict the future. Some parishioners have begun to hand in their envelopes to Fr Kieran or Fr Anthony and this is very much appreciated. If you would be able to contribute the way you did during the first lockdown it would be great. Your loyalty and generosity is appreciated. We are aware it is a difficult time for everyone and we pray that normality will soon return.

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. If anyone would like to give a little of your time to help with the cleaning it would be very much appreciated.

Reflection - The total Gospel

To separate the two great commandments is a tragedy and goes clean contrary to the Gospel. Yet unfortunately this often happens. Those who have faith often have no love, and those who have love often have no faith. Thus the Gospel has been torn in two. Jesus spoke of two great commandments. The first - that we should love God. The second - that we should love our neighbour. He didn't say that they were the same thing, but that they are like two sides of the one coin. If we want the total Gospel we must have both. He himself showed us how to do this.