

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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2nd Sunday of the Year - 17th January 2021

MASSES: Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 10am.
Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 11am.

All masses can be viewed on our live streaming -
churchservices.tv/stranorlar

CONFESSIONS: No confessions until further notice.

ADORATION: No Adoration until further notice.

BAPTISMS: No Baptisms until further notice.

Private Prayer: The church is open for private prayer each day from 10.30am - 6pm.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd January will be offered for the repose of the soul of Seamus Doherty, Meencarrigach.

Parish Envelopes: A sincere 'Thank You' to all of you who contributed financially to our parish during 2020. It was such a different and a difficult year but you found a way. Our present lockdown could last for quiet a while. If you could continue to contribute as you did during last year it would be great. Your loyalty and generosity is very much appreciated. Let all of us continue to pray that we will soon be back in the church and some kind of normality restored.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th January 2021

(Christian Unity Week begins)

'Come and See'

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives. A common question we ask when we meet someone is where they live. It says something about them, gives us a clue how to find them. The disciples were the same with Jesus. After a short meeting with him, they wanted to know where to find him again. More than just telling him, he invited them to his home, and brought them there. They liked it and stayed for the day.

But there is more to it: the question in John's gospel is about where do you live in yourself? What is deepest to you? The 'all day' was that they would stay with him as disciples, always.

Something about Jesus attracted them and made them want to stay. We may ask the same of him, and we know from other things where his home is. 'We will make our home in you' is what Jesus later said. When we want to find him, we should look for him in each other. The gift of faith that stems from his love for us is nourished when we share that faith. It is also nourished when we share love in the ordinary relationships of our life and when we care for the poor and needy.

'Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life'. (St Ignatius Loyola).

Donal Neary SJ Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

Prayer for Christian Unity begins January 18th.