Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of the Year - 24th 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.

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Eddie Markey, Blackrock Drive who was buried on Wednesday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Ist Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th January will be offered for the repose of the soul of Margaret Grindel, Drumboe Ave., Stranorlar.

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.

Concern: Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the Twin Town's Christmas Fundraising Appeal. It was wonderful to see such a spirit of giving despite the challenging experiences of 2020. The church gate collection raised €3,020.00. The Bazaar Mile raised €3,270.00. The Christmas Fast raised €590.00. Donations raised through the Credit Union and the Bank of Ireland amounted to €1,890.00. The total raised was €8,770.00. This will go directly to Concern who are working tirelessly to support the poorest communities in the world who are not only struggling with Covid 19 but also the existing challenges of conflict, climate change and malnutrition.

Reflection Good news for sinners

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news.

Jesus began his ministry by announcing the good news.

What was this good news?

That the kingdom of heaven had come.

The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises,
the fullness of God's blessings,
in short, the new order of things.

Forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible.
God's love is unconditional
and is available to us in Christ.

All we have to do is recognise our need,
and seek his help with humility and sincerity.
Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.