

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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5th Sunday of Lent - 21st March 2021

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

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

Thursday 25th March is the Annunciation of the Lord.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at both masses and also if anyone who has palms at home they will also be blessed at the same time.

CONFESSIONS: No confessions until further notice.

ADORATION: No Adoration until further notice.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of every Month with limited numbers. 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 Mick Hogan, Dooish who was buried on Thursday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Parish Envelopes: A sincere word of thanks to all of you who continue to contribute financially to our parish. Let us pray that some kind of normality will be restored as soon as possible.

Help feed 100 hungry children for a Year: An online quiz to support Mary's Meals will be held on Friday 26th March at 8pm. Entry fee is €10. To enter: - log on to Mary's Meals website, go to start fundraising, click on search for friend's project, type in quiz. You can donate without taking part in the quiz. Contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Could it be You? Is God calling you to be a priest? "Jesus said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day." - John 1:39. Perhaps you're longing for something more in your life? Perhaps God is calling you to live your life as a diocesan priest? Perhaps you are uncertain, but would like to learn more? Just as Jesus invited his followers to "come and see" you are invited to a short virtual "zoom and see" on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm by logging on to the following link <https://vocations.ie/2021/03/02/virtual-discernment-evening/>

Reflection: A grain of wheat must die

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.
Just as a grain of wheat must also die so as to produce a harvest,
so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.
This dying to self is a gradual process
and happens in little ways.
Every act of humility involves dying to pride.
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.
Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.
Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.
Thus the false self dies, and the true self.
Made in God's image, is born and nurtured.
It is by giving that we receive;
it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;
it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.