

***Parish of Stranorlar***  
***Church of Mary Immaculate***

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***Palm Sunday - 28th March 2021***

**MASSES:** Weekdays: Monday & Wednesday 10am.  
Tuesday - 10am & 7.30pm. Holy Thursday - 7.30pm  
Holy Saturday - 9pm (Easter Vigil) Easter Sunday - 11am.

**All masses can be viewed on our live streaming -**  
**[churchservices.tv/stranorlar](http://churchservices.tv/stranorlar)**

**Easter Week Ceremonies:**

**Holy Thursday:**

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
9.30pm - Holy Hour.

**Good Friday:**

3pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death.  
9.30pm - Prayer Service around the Cross.

**Holy Saturday - 9pm Easter Vigil.**

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

**Month's Mind:** The 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 30th March will be offered for the repose of the soul of Pat Temple, Dunwiley.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of Month with limited numbers. Contact the Parish Office on 9131135 Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am –12.30pm to book.

**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.

**Confessions for Easter 2021:** Amidst these difficult and extraordinary times when we are unable to gather together to celebrate the great feasts of Holy Week and Easter, our obligation to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, is removed from us. Instead, we can make an Act Of Perfect Contrition to express our deep sorrow for our sins against the goodness of God. People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown can go to God directly, requesting pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness. "God welcomes every repentant sinner with open arms". The Pope says, "It's like going home. Do what the Catechism says: It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your Father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." Make an act of contrition, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterwards, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

**Reflection - Death of the Good Shepherd**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd;  
the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.'  
Jesus did not have to suffer and die.  
He had a choice.  
He chose to suffer and die because he cared  
about the flock God had entrusted to him.  
What Jesus wants from us is not our suffering,  
but a life of love and service.  
Such a life will inevitably bring suffering.  
But Jesus supports all those who follow him  
down the road of faithful love and generous service.