

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of Easter - 18th April 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: Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of Month with limited numbers. To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am - 12.30pm.

1st Anniversaries: The 10am Mass on Tuesday 20th April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Paul Gill, Blue Cedars.

The 6pm Mass on Saturday 24th April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Bridget Temple, Dunwiley.

Month's Mind: The 10am Mass on Saturday 24th April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Rita Markey, Blackrock Drive.

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.

Trocaire: If you have not already given in your donation we would ask you to give it in over the coming week.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 18th April :

Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.

There is something very ordinary about how Jesus appears after the resurrection. As the apostles were preparing a meal, Jesus comes into the room. We may wonder how he got in; they were surprised. Earlier the two disciples from Emmaus had said they recognized him in the breaking of bread. Now he would come and have a meal of grilled fish - maybe, St. Peter's fish, popular in Galilee. Later he would share another meal with them, break-fast on the lakeshore. At meals we share conversation, memories, friendship as well as food. Jesus liked that!

Jesus spent a lot of time in what we call table fellowship. It seems he spent more time having meals with people than in the temple. You can go through the gospel and find him at many meals especially the supper before he died.

These are the ordinary ways people gather and meet. That is how he meets us today. The Eucharist, whether online or present with the community, is a privileged meeting with the Lord where he speaks to us, first with words and also with food. It is an example of how he is with us all the time; in fact, he is the hidden presence at every meal we have. Where we gather at a table for food, the Lord is present.