

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday of Easter - 25th April 2021

Good Shepherd Sunday & Day of Prayer for Vocations

MASSSES: 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.

Month's Mind: The 10am Mass on Saturday 1st May will be offered for the repose of the soul of Denis McBride, Curraghmore.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st May will be offered for the repose of the soul of Michael Maguire, Liskeran.

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

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.

FitLine is a volunteer telephone line designed to help older people who want to feel a bit healthier, but perhaps don't have the motivation, confidence or information on where or how to take that first step. The service is completely free for over 50's. FitLine are encouraging people to **free phone 1800 303 545** and learn more. After you've made the first call, a FitLine mentor will arrange a time to ring you every two weeks until you're happy with your progress. FitLine mentors are volunteer older people who understand the challenges of getting active. They'll give you information, advice and encouragement to get moving. **Free phone 1800 303 545** or email fitline@ageandopportunity.ie. You can visit the website at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/active/fitline/>.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Today is a day of prayer to deepen our own sense of vocation, and to pray to the Lord to call men and women into a life of ministry and service within religious life.

The gospel today is a sort of a summary of the life of Jesus. He is the one who will lay down his life, the one who will protect the sheep, who knows them well, and he knows where he comes from. He cares for people outside his own group or flock. He knows that humankind, his beloved people, is one, and there will be one flock and one Shepherd. When he gathers people, it is that we listen to him, in his word. All that he does in his life is to fulfill what his Father, God, wants of him.

That is the way he deals with all of us. Jesus is the caring friend, the caring brother, the one whose heart reaches out to us, especially when we are in trouble.

The mystery of Easter reminds us that this is true forever. Jesus is now raised from death and this risen life is for now and will welcome us into eternity. The good shepherd can be called the good protector, the good guide, the good carer. Maybe as we see in Jesus the full time carer, we make a prayer today for all carers, especially those who care for the sick at home.