Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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Ascension of the Lord - 16th May 2021

MASSES: Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 10am. Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am.

All masses can <u>still</u> be viewed on our live streaming - churchservices.tv/stranorlar

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 12 -1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ADORATION: No Adoration until further notice.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of Month. To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am –12.30pm.

Envelope Boxes for 2021: If you did not receive a box and would like one, please call to the sacristy after any of the Masses.

Blessing of the Graves: These services will take place on Sunday 6th June in Drumboe Graveyard at 6pm and Stranorlar Graveyard at 7pm. Due to current restrictions and HSE guidelines the graveyards will not be open to the public for these services. They will be streamed live on the Stranorlar Parish Facebook Page.

Opening of Church for Masses: The opening of our church for masses has gone very smoothly so far. It is just great to see people back again. However, these are early days and we must make sure that we continue to take all the safeguards on board face coverings, social distancing, communion in the hand, hand sanitising etc. It would be awful to see another closure so it's important that each one take personal responsibility. Not alone do we have to ensure our own safety but we have to ensure that everyone else in the church is safe also. Normality seems a bit distant yet but how distant depends on each one of us playing our part.

Church Cleaning: We would like to thank all those who have been cleaning the church so far. If anyone would like to give a little of your time to help with the cleaning and sanitising it would be very much appreciated. Please give your name to any of the priests.

Funerals & Weddings: The numbers at funeral masses and weddings are capped at **50** regardless of the size of the church.

Reflection - Instruments of the Lord

'Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.'

This was the farewell command of Christ.

He has no body now on earth but ours.

He has no hands but ours to raise up the fallen.

No feet but ours to seek out the lost.

No eyes but ours to see the silent tears of the suffering.

No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.

No tongue but ours to speak a word of comfort to the sad.

No heart but ours to love the unloved.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples:

give us the courage to witness to you in the world,

and so the Gospel will be preached,

and people will find their way into their kingdom.