

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

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***Pentecost Sunday - 23rd May 2021***

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

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

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

**ADORATION:** Starting on 3rd June from 10.30am - 7.30pm.

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

**Month's Mind:** The 9am Mass on Sunday 30th May will be offered for the repose of the soul of Frances McLaughlin, Sessiagh View, Ballybofey.

**Blessing of the Graves:** These services will take place on Sunday 6th June in Drumboe at 6pm and Stranorlar 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

**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.

**Mary's Meals:** Mary's Meals feeds almost two million hungry children every school day in a place of education. An Online Quiz to support their efforts takes place on the last Friday of every month at 8pm. To join/donate go to [www.bit.ly/QuizforMM](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) or contact Martin Colfer on 087 2596159.

***Pentecost Sunday - Come Holy Spirit, Fill our Hearts:***

*The Fifty Days of Easter conclude with the celebration of Pentecost. Today we welcome the Holy Spirit to come into our lives afresh bringing gifts of hope, joy and forgiveness. There's a part of each of us we can't see or hear or touch - called our spirit or the soul. It's the space where we are temples of the Holy Spirit. There, deep down, the Spirit of God dwells. Jesus rejected the use of the temple for greed and for personal gain – it was there to bring life to his people. He hopes too that our faith brings life to us.*

*Paul calls us the temples of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately bad spirits or even the evil ones, can live in the soul; just as the temple was sometimes misused in Jesus' time.*

*God wants us to nourish and feed the good spirit within us. The spirit creates love in our soul, which nourishes us with hope, generosity and joy. The other spirit can wander round our temple with meanness, crankiness and just selfishness.*

*Like-souled people nourish each other's souls in love, in care and in forgiveness, in our prayer and our creativity like in music and art. Pentecost is the celebration of the day the Holy Spirit with tongues of fire reaches more deeply into our souls, to stay there.*

***Holy Spirit, give life of body, mind and soul to all.***