

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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11th Sunday of the Year - 13th June 2021

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

All masses can be viewed on churchservices.tv/stranorlar

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

ADORATION: Thursday 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.

First Holy Communion 2021: We are happy that we have dates for the First Holy Communion now. There will be three separate ceremonies because of social distancing. We will give more details nearer to the time.

St. Mary's N.S. - Saturday 11th September at 11am for the children in Ms. Sweeney's class and at 2pm for the children in Ms. Holmes's class.

Dooish N.S., Robertson N.S. & Welchtown N.S. will make their First Communion on Saturday 18th September at 11am.

Baptisms: The following children were received into the Christian community of Stranorlar this year :- Jadea Cardine Everleigh McGhee, Lilianna Denidziuk, Hannah Kate Gallagher, Ryan Mark McMonagle, Ellie-Mae Katie Barclay Bradley, Oscar Charlie Gallagher, Will Patrick McGlynn, Covin James Kennedy, Sofia Hannah McGlynn Calvo, Rían Dowds, Adam Thomas McGee McFeely, Margaret Philomena Stokes, Finn David Gallagher and Ruby Celilia O'Hara.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th June:

The presence of God in our world is not always visible and his kingdom grows slowly. We are invited to grow in the confidence that God is always with us, even in the face of trials and evils.

“The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower....”

We recall at Mass the loved ones we pray for – we know that they planted seeds within us, the seed of conception, seeds of life and goodness. We may never fully know the good they have passed on just as we may never fully know the good that we pass on to others.

All of us can sit back in silence and give thanks for the good we have done. The little mustard seed that becomes a big tree. The love which has given life to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, love for the extended family which has looked after nephews and nieces and many others. Our love, the ‘social love’ Pope Francis talks of, reaches out beyond our immediate circle to the world, especially the needy.

The call to be holy is the call to be helpers; we get the strength to be good people in our prayer also. Pope Francis says that love allows “social, cultural, and economic relationships to flourish, allowing us to construct a ‘civilization of love’” (September 9, 2020).

What mark can we leave on the world? Holiness leaves a mark. We remember what people said and did. The marks of the follower of Jesus are marks of true and self-sacrificing love. We want to leave a mark on the world – through prayer and the Mass God leaves his mark on you! He carves us on the palms of his hands; let us carve his name on everything we do in love, for all love comes from God.

May your kingdom come in me each day and be spread in my words and deeds among all I meet.