

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

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26th Sunday of the Year - 26th September 2021

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

MASSES: Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am. Friday 10am & 7.30pm
Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am.

All masses can be viewed on churchservices.tv/stranorlar

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 12 - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ADORATION: Thursday from 10.30am - 7.30pm.

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

Monday 27th September is the Feast of St Vincent de Paul.

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Mary Devenney, St Vincent's Close, Susie McHugh, Donegal St., Peter Wharton, Cappry and John McGranaghan, Trusk Rd who died during the week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversaries: The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 1st October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Agnes McNulty, Mullindrait.

The 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Dr Frank Mulrine, Donegal St.

Parish Draw: We are hoping to begin our annual Parish Draw in early October. This year, however, because of restrictions it will have a different format. It will take place on line. The draw has always been well supported over the years and we hope that it will be a success this year too. We will give more details in the weeks to come.

26th Sunday of the Year World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

The word of God cuts into our lives and challenges us to listen, even, if its message is tough. It is a word which promises a constant invitation in our lives to live more like Christ.

Pope Francis in his Message for Migrant Sunday 2021 writes:

Among those dwelling in those existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached.

To achieve this ideal, however, we must make every effort to break down the walls that separate us and, in acknowledging our profound interconnection, build bridges that foster a culture of encounter. Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about.

We can make our own his prayer:

*Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the "we" of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.*