

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **29th Sunday of the Year - 17th October 2021**

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

**All masses can be viewed on [churchservices.tv/stranorlar](http://churchservices.tv/stranorlar)**

**CONFESSIONS:** 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.

**October is the Month of the Rosary.** We encourage all families to recite the Rosary during this month.

**Friday 22nd October is the Feast of St John Paul 11, Pope**

**Recent Deaths:** We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Seamus Meehan, Sessiaghview and Hugh Flanagan, Meencarrigach who were buried during the week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Months Minds:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Susie McHugh, Donegal St.

The 6pm Mass on Saturday 22nd will also be offered for the repose of the soul of Charlie Kelly, formerly Ard MaCarron.

**November Novena:** The Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will start on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm each evening excluding Saturday & Sunday and continue until Friday 12th November. The names of all those who died since last November will be written on a scroll in the sanctuary.

**Parish Draw:** Our annual parish draw will take place on Sunday 5th December. Online entry can be found on St Mary's RC Parish Stranorlar Facebook Page or via <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysChristmasParishDraw> Envelopes are also available in Andies, Stranorlar and Alexanders, Ballybofey and in the church porches. You can return your money in the completed envelope to Fr Kieran, Fr Anthony or the church collection box. The draw has been very well supported over the years and we hope that it will be a success this year also in its new format.

### **Dooish N.S. School Admissions for School Year 2022 / 2023:**

Application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants / Other Mainstream Classes & Abbey Class – Special Class for pupils with Autism will be available on request from 18th October by emailing [dooish@hotmail.com](mailto:dooish@hotmail.com) or by phoning - 0749131471 or by writing to - Dooish N.S., Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. Closing date for receipt of Application Forms for Admission is 7th March 2021.

### **St. Mary's N.S. Admissions for the School Year 2022/2023:**

Enrolment Forms for admission for pupils beginning school in September 2022 are now available from the school secretary. Closing date for enrolments is 22nd December. Anyone wishing to enrol their child in the Special Classes for Autism is asked to arrange a meeting with the principal. For more information contact the school on 074 9131877.

### **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th October:**

There is no point in pretending before God: he sees us exactly as we are. If we place ourselves honestly and humbly in his presence then our prayer will be heard.

We all know people who are ambitious and their ambitions for top jobs, money, and possessions take over. Jesus challenges today the ambition of James and John to be at the top of the group of apostles, and he challenges the anger of the others at them. Not all ambition is negative. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, 'be ambitious for the higher gifts', and he lists how to be ambitious for love.

Jesus himself was an ambitious man! He says, 'I have come to serve and not be served'. This is his ambition fitting in with the mission in life given him by his Father.

We can see this in all he did and all he suffered. He challenges James and John that the calling would be to live as he did, 'to drink the cup he would drink'. To the others who were angry with them, Jesus gave the ambition for every follower of his, 'you must be the slave to all'.

This is a big part of the Christian life. Our faith leads us to the gospel of Jesus to hear his word and let that word fill us, and then to move us out in generous service of many. It is a vision of life well worth following, for the good of the world, and the good of Creation whose servants we are.