

## *Parish of Stranorlar*

### *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **World Mission Sunday - 24th 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.

**Copper Hunt:** Our annual copper hunt takes place from this weekend. Please bring along any jars of coppers or small change you have accumulated over the past year. There will be a drum at the back of the church into which you can put your coins. All proceeds will go to our parish Third World Projects. We thank you for your continued support.

**Parish Draw:** Our 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.

**November Novena:** The Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will start on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm each evening 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. Envelopes for the Novena are available in the porches.

### **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.

**World Mission Sunday:** Mission Sunday is the day we support in prayer, and in a financial contribution men and women who have given their lives for a few years or more in the service of faith and of justice all over the world.

Many missionaries were inspired by their love of God to go out and share that love. In their adopted countries many found poverty and lack of access to education and healthcare – their mission changed from being purely spiritual to a living ministry based on helping with the day to day needs of their communities. They worked not alone in the spiritual but in education and health care. Thousands are educated each year in Christian schools and thousands healed in Christian health centres.

We remember them this weekend: their commitment and love enrich our lives. We must remember that many in fact suffer still for their faith.

Many parishes throughout Ireland have small communities of returned missionaries. They often find it very hard to settle back. Often, they are forced to return due to failing health. They have something good to offer from another Church, but they find it very hard to settle back as they have given so much of their lives to their 'adopted' country.

They live out the real meaning of the call, like Mary and the apostles, to be 'missionary disciples', and a reminder and encouragement to us all in living out our mission in our locality and families.

*Lord, we pray this day for our missionaries; we thank you for them. Give them good health and may they know our thanks to them.*