

Parish of Stranorlar
Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday of Advent - 19th December 2021

MASSES: Weekdays: Monday - Thursday 10am.
Friday - (Christmas Eve) 10am, 6pm & 10pm.
Saturday - (Christmas Day) 9am & 11am. Sunday - 9am & 11am.

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CONFESSIONS: **This Sunday 7pm - 8pm**
Monday - Thursday 10.30am (after Mass)

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.

Advent Holy Hour: There will be an hour of quiet prayer and
adoration in the church this Sunday from 7pm - 8pm in preparation for
Christmas. **During this time confessions will also be heard.**

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and
friends of the following who died during the past week - Melissa
Darby, Silverwood, Marie McAteer, Hilltop Crescent, Eddie Farrah
Gallen, Navenny St. and James Magee, Cappry. May their souls
and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas annual appeal
collection will take place each weekend until Christmas. Your help
would be very much appreciated. Any family requesting help please
ring 087 9955351.

Christmas Mass Times:

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve) - 10am, 6pm & 10pm.

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day) 9am & 11am.

Sunday 26th December - 9am & 11am

For people /families viewing online - should they wish to receive Holy
Communion after any of the Christmas Masses - it will be distributed
after all masses within ½ hour of the end of the mass. We hope that
many will be able to avail of this arrangement. We urge everyone to take
personal responsibility and to ensure that others are kept safe as well.
Safety must always be the priority so don't forget to wear your mask.
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Envelope Boxes 2022: The Sunday Collection Envelopes for 2022 are
now ready. We ask all the usual distributors again to go to the Parish
Centre after any of the Masses this weekend to collect the boxes for their
area. We thank you for your help in the past and ask you once again to
do the necessary.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: *Mary's first journey after the annunciation
was to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who needed her help. Christmas
brings the question to each of us, "who needs my help?"*

*When Mary discovered that her cousin Elizabeth, in her old age, was six
months pregnant, she went "as quickly as she could" and stayed with her
three months until her child was born. Mary's first thought was not for
herself, even though she herself was now pregnant, but for an elderly lady
who might need some support and help.*

*During Advent, we wait for Jesus to come to us. But every day, Jesus
waits for us to come to him. When we, like Mary, reach out to help
someone in need, we encounter Jesus.*

*"Whatever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it
to me." In every act of kindness, in sharing or supporting those in need,
in visiting the lonely, or those in hospital, Jesus is present to us at that
time.*

*At Christmas, we remember Jesus coming to us, to share our human con-
dition with all its suffering. His love and compassion for us is the model
for our love and compassion for each other. We are called to grow more
and more like him. Every day offers us many opportunities to do that.*