

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of the Year - 23rd January 2022

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

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

ADORATION: Thursday - 10.30am - 7.30pm

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday - 12 noon & 1st Saturday of every month.
To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Mondays, Tuesdays
or Fridays between 10am - 12.30pm. (Please give two weeks notice)

Recent Deaths: We offer sincere sympathy to the families, relatives
and friends of Margaret Lafferty, Lower Main St., Stranorlar and Patsy
Devlin, Glenfin Rd., Ballybofey who were buried during the week.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Confirmation 2022: Bishop Alan McGuckian will confer the
Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of the parish on Saturday
28th May. We will confirm the time or times when we know how many
ceremonies we are going to have.

First Holy Communion 2022: The 2nd class children from St. Mary's
N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th May.
The time will be announced when it's decided if there will be one or two
ceremonies.

The 2nd class children from Dooish N.S, Robertson N.S. and Welchtown
N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at
11am.

Parish Envelopes 2022: A sincere 'Thank You' to all of you who contribut-
ed financially to our parish during 2021. Your loyalty and generosity is very
much appreciated. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19 pandem-
ic this is a good time to consider setting up a standing order. Some people
are already doing this and find it very convenient. In today's world it would
be very beneficial if more people would set up a standing order. If you
would like to do this please use **your name only and not your envelope
number** as envelope numbers can change and it is quite possible that you will
not get the same envelope number every year. All you need to do is take the
following details to your bank and they will set up the standing order for you -

St Mary's Parochial Account No 1

IBAN - IE66 BOFI 9047 1280 5060 43 BIC - BOFIE2D

Beginners Yoga Classes: Starting: Wednesday 27th January from 7pm -
8pm in St. Mary's Parish Centre for 6 weeks. Price: €50 for 6 classes.
To book please contact Finola: 0838958000

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Catholic Schools Week - Jesus preached
with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom is seen, not in
prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and love. The gospel
invites us to share in working for that kingdom.

Jesus, in this sermon presents his mission statement: • He is anointed by the
Spirit of the Lord. • He cares for the poor and those who are looked down up-
on. • And that the Lord is always loving, by proclaiming the 'year of the
Lord's favour.

LEARNED AT HOME - We can remember also that he learned all that at
home from Mary and Joseph. He would spend his life fulfilling his mission
statement. The word must become active and fulfilled. It is not just letters
on a paper, but energy in the heart, to proclaim and live out the love of God.
This will be his life.

Like oil seals in the flavour of food or sealing wax on a letter meant that no-
body could open it, the love of God is sealed in, and nothing you or I can do
can block that again. The secret of happiness is to know that we are loved.
This was sealed into the heart of Jesus and is still there in the love of his heart.

This love will be spread by his followers, and in our second reading we are
invited simply to recognise our own gifts and offer these to God. In this
Catholic Schools Week, we gratefully greet the teachers of our young people,
and particularly our religion teachers and chaplains who are among the im-
portant ones today for handing on the faith with the support particularly of the
parents and grandparents.