

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **Easter Sunday - 17th April 2022**

**MASSSES:** 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)  
The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

**Month's Mind:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Anna Bonnar, The Weavers.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** A Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the church at 7pm next Sunday 24th April.

**Trocaire:** If you have not already given in your donation we would ask you to give it in over the coming weeks please.

**Darkness into Light:** Darkness into Light is coming to the Finn Valley for the first time on Saturday 7th May starting at 4.15am. Registrations are now open online at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) Anyone who is interested in helping out contact the team at The Base on 074 9190909/ Email: [admin@thebaseenterprise.ie](mailto:admin@thebaseenterprise.ie)

**St. Mary's N.S. – Garth Brooks Competition:** The Parents Association of St. Mary's N.S. are delighted to announce an exciting fundraiser to raise funds for Sports and Science equipment for the new school. The fundraiser is a draw where one lucky winner will win all the following: - 2 x tickets to Garth Brooks on September 17th, PLUS 2 nights accommodation for 2 people in Bonnington Hotel, PLUS a €250 voucher for McElhinneys. Tickets are only €10 to enter and can be got from the following local businesses: - Alexanders, McElhinneys or St. Marys N. S. Online at: <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysNationalSchoolFundraise> or from any member of the PA email [stranorlarPA@gmail.com](mailto:stranorlarPA@gmail.com) for a list of names. The draw will take place on 31st May.

**Easter Quiz & Raffle:** Cloghan Day Centre on Easter Monday 18th April at 9pm. All proceeds in aid of Cloghan Day Centre & Motor Neuron Association. Refreshments served.

***EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION:*** *A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light. A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad. A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.*

*Fake news was what they thought it was. News of a risen body after a tortuous death that everyone knew about. The apostles refused to believe the women. It would take time for the truth to sink in, and then their world was never the same again.*

*For this they needed to remember what Jesus had said, that he would be put to death and rise on the third day. He said it so often that we might think they would have remembered and believed. Faith takes time. Faith is built on memory of the past and Presence of Jesus in the now.*

*The Easter vigil and Mass is a grace-filled joyful occasion, marked with colour, music, ritual and prayer. We look on it as the highlight of the Church's year. It is remembered at every mass and at funerals and baptism with the lighting of the Easter candle.*

*The resurrection of Jesus grounds our faith: it is what brings us through the worst of life, and makes even better the joy of life. His risen body is not limited by earthly space and because of this Easter mystery we can always sense and know the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.*

***We would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.***

***May the Risen Christ bring new life to all the people of our parish.***