

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2022

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am.
Friday 10am & 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7pm -7.30pm
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.

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of
Charlie Harper, Dunwiley who was buried on Thursday. May his soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Month's Mind: The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 6th May will be offered
for the repose of the soul of Sonny O'Donnell, formerly of Chapel St.
who died in Canada.

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

First Holy Communion 2022: The children from St. Mary's N.S. will
make their First Communion next Saturday 7th May at 11am. We hope
this will be a very joyous occasion for all concerned.

Lough Derg re-opens: Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August.
Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.
One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late
August through September. Booking essential. All booking information
at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone
0(0353) 71 9861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

Annual Concern Spring Sale: This year we are back with the Annual Concern Spring Sale on Saturday 14th May in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar from 10am to 1pm. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave them up to the Hall on Friday 13th May between 3pm and 8 pm, or you can give them to any member of the group. For help you can call 0866042727. Items for donation include books, bric-a-brac, small furniture, toys, curtains, bed linen, CDs/ DVDs/ Records etc, jewellery, pictures, plants, new clothing and shoes and other household items. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any used clothing, shoes or large furniture. Thank you for your continued support.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.*

After the resurrection Jesus really looked out for the apostles. How could he convince them he has forgiven them for their betrayal and running away? How could he get them to forgive each other? How could he strengthen their faith and show them he was now the same Lord as before Calvary? He got the idea of bringing them to familiar territory and engaging simply with them.

So he got the message to them to go to Galilee, where they had happy memories of meals, conversations, healing and friendship. When he knew they were there, he appeared to them.

He knew them – the usual apostles in a boat, fishing unsuccessfully. They did not know him immediately but allowed the stranger on the shore tell them where the fish were. The catch of fish reminded them of other times and with the dawn of morning light on the lake, the truth dawned on them – Jesus is risen.

What better way to get things back to love and mission than to have a meal. So he made the breakfast! Interesting isn't it to note that Jesus' last meal with them was not the supper, but breakfast – giving them energy and strength for their future mission of spreading the kingdom of God.

Risen Lord, I place myself at your service in the ordinary moments of life.