## Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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## 5th Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am Weekdays - Monday—Friday 10am Saturday 9.30am

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2022:** The children from Dooish N.S., Robertson N.S and Welchtown N.S will make their First Communion next Saturday 21st May at 11am. We hope this will be a very joyous occasion for all concerned.

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

Blessing of Graves – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: These services will take place in Drumboe Graveyard at 6pm and in Stranorlar Graveyard at 7.15pm. A one-way traffic system will be in place for Drumboe Graveyard again this year entering at Drumboe Ave. This hopefully will avoid traffic jams. To enable the smooth running of car parking etc. at Drumboe Graveyard the Graveyard Committee would like to hear from anyone who can offer their assistance with car parking and the gate collections. Anyone interested in helping out please contact any of the priests or the Graveyard Committee. Your help would be very much appreciated.

**Ceremony of Light:** The Confirmation children will have their ceremony of light in preparation for their confirmation this Monday evening 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** The Pilgrimage will take place on 7th September 2022 for 7 days with Spiritual Director. Cost €765 per person. For further information and to book contact Kathleen at 074-9121641 or 086-3721962

St. Mary's NS: Photographic Exhibition: – To mark the move to the new school in June, the Parent's Association is inviting members of the public, former students and staff of St. Mary's NS Stranorlar to dig out those old photos of events and classes from the 'old' school and display them for one weekend only in June. Venue: Parish Centre, Stranorlar. Set up time: from 2pm on Saturday 4th June. Exhibition Opening Times: After 6pm Mass on Saturday 4th June and after 9am Mass and 11am Masses on Sunday. Refreshments available, come along to exhibit your photos and view others' photographs. Please note that all exhibitors are responsible for their own photos. Please ensure name and contact details are displayed on back of each photo/album. Display pegs etc will be available for exhibitors

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** The call of the risen Lord to love one another is the call to all his people to hand on their faith to each other and promote justice in our society.

Jesus spent a lot of his time after the resurrection reminding the disciples of what he had said and done in his public life. His main reminder was 'that he would suffer, be put to death and be raised from the dead'.

Other times he reminded them of everything in the Scripture about him. He brought them back to places they had known before with him. He was jogging their memory so that their faith in him would grow.

Reminders about the best of life are ways of being grateful. It is good to remind ourselves often of the good things in our life, past and present: people who loved us and whom we loved, support and help at bad times, good family times. Gratitude gives joy and energy to life.

This can help us see what is good now. Pope Francis, talking to young people in Panama, (January 27th 2019) said: 'And do not forget, you are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime', you are the Now of God'.' God works for us and within us today. We can be grateful for the past, be confident of his care and protection in the future and open ourselves to receive him daily in different ways. The Holy Spirit, soon to be celebrated, is the One who reminds