

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday of Easter - 8th May 2022

Good Shepherd Sunday & Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

Friday the 13th May is the Feast of our Lady of Fatima.

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of
Margaret Thomspson, Dunwiley, who's funeral will take place this Sunday
at 11.00am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in
peace.

Visitation of the Sick: Tuesday Ballybofey Town & Country
Wednesday Stranorlar Town & Country

First Holy Communion 2022: We congratulate the boys & girls from St.
Mary's N.S. who made their First Communion yesterday. Many people
contributed to this ceremony making it a wonderful occasion. We thank all
concerned very sincerely.

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

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary will recite the rosary at Ard Mc Car-
ron on Friday 13th May at 7.00pm - Feast of Our Lady of Fatma

Meditating with Mary in the month of May: This is a 3-week programme
which provides an opportunity to come together to mediate on three joyful
moments in the life of Mary; the Annunciation and the Visitation and the
Magnificat. Reflecting on a selected number of texts, there will be an oppor-
tunity to understand more deeply Mary, as the model of discipleship for the
Church. This programme offers an opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures
and pray together. This programme will start on Thursday 12th May in
St. Mary's Parish Centre from 7pm to 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Bus Escort: Little Angels School, Letterkenny is looking for Bus Escorts in
the Ballybofey/Stranorlar Area. Anyone interested should contact the school
on 074 91 22456.

Annual Concern Spring Sale: The Annual Concern Spring Sale will take
place 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. Items for dona-
tion 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter: *Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special
prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Jesus died and rose
for people of every race and nation. His command to his Church was to go
out and preach to all people, we pray for people of faith to respond to that
command. The risen Lord was busy! His post-resurrection 40 days were
spent consoling and bringing others his joy after his passion and death. He
also resumed his calling of his disciples into a new following of him. Vocation
Sunday each year is the calling of the risen Lord to each of us in our lives.
The call is a gift of the guidance of the good shepherd of each of us in life. It
is the call that reaches the deeper space in our souls and bodies where love
dwells, a gift given by God, not just for myself, but for others. The call of
Jesus is lived out in loving as a spouse, parent, single man or woman, priest,
religious. It is lived out in the ordinary ways we try to spread the gospel in
our workplace, our parish, school, service of others in any way, and in our
families. It is lived out in our prayer. The ordinary is the place of call and of
holiness. The shepherd guides the sheep in the ordinary tasks of the day. He
calls each of us to be busy with him and to follow him through reading the
Gospels and in pondering them deeply in order to understand what his call
actually means for each of us: all is done in love.*