

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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Corpus Christi - 19th June 2022

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays - Monday—Friday 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 Fridays between 10am – 12.30pm. (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

Friday 24th June is the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Month's Mind: The 7.30pm mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Hugh Brogan, Drumboe Lower, Stranorlar.

Chapel Cleaning: The monthly cleaning teams are being set up again with the same teams and the same format. This entails 12hrs cleaning per year at a time suitable to the cleaner. If you were on a team or would like to join a team to help out with the cleaning, please contact Breda Mc Connell on 086 1585212

Divine Mercy Centre Letterkenny Short Retreat: Trust is an essential element of the devotion to Divine Mercy. But what does it mean to trust in God and how to do it? We look at this issue closer during this retreat. Start time 2pm and finishes at 5.30pm. Bookings are essential. To sign up please email us at: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or call at 074 916 9934

Mary's Meals Finn Valley: They are holding their annual Street Café on Saturday June 25th from 9:30am to 7:30pm and Sunday June 26th from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Old Parish Centre, with lots of lovely home bakes, treats and tea & coffee. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Student's Prayer: O, Holy Spirit, shower upon me the choicest gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Enlighten my mind and inspire me to work hard so that I may be successful in my examinations. Guide and direct me in all my undertakings and help me to especially discover my true vocation in life. Take away my fears and teach me always to live in your light, your love and your truth. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today is our celebration that Jesus is present always with us, in signs we can recognise but not understand. It is a feast of the mystery of his presence, always close to his people.

The Mass is a sacred meal as well as a sacrifice. Its elements are bread and wine. It nourishes the soul and spirit and is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. Wine symbolises celebration, joy, festivity. Bread is the staff of life. The aroma of fresh bread is the smell of healthy living. We hunger for it. Bread and wine bring people together around a table. Differences are set aside, at least for the time being! Goodwill prevails. Visions are shared. Individual kernels of wheat were crushed to become one loaf. Single grapes were crushed to become wine the life blood of celebration. These are symbolic elements that point towards what is meant to happen when the Eucharist is celebrated. Fresh bread and seasoned wine represent all that's good – a life with family and friends where the joy of love and being alive is celebrated. At Mass, bread and wine are held up to be blessed with a blessing deep enough to draw our attention to the presence of him who died and rose again so we might taste the very fullness of life. To taste the bread and drink the wine of the eucharist is to take into ourselves the body and blood and whole reality of Jesus Christ. The eucharist joins us to all believers, to the whole mystical body of Christ. Through it we are nourished and strengthened to care for one another. We are told in the Gospel today that "Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God." Because we are followers of Christ we are welcomers of others no matter who they are. Hospitality has been a hallmark of Christianity from the beginning. We are people who bring the kingdom of God to others by enacting it ourselves and showing to others what it looks like – through our kindness, goodness, gentleness and patience – cf. Galatians 5:22ff. People today, especially young people, want to see Christianity in action; they're looking for a believable Gospel.