

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th October 2022

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

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.

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

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Seamus Quigley, Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar who was buried on Friday and Eamon Mc Groarty, Dunwiley, who's funeral takes place today Sunday. May their soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Hughie Flanagan, Meencarrigach.

Months Mind: The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 14th October will be offered for the repose of the soul of James Murray, Ard Mc Carron.

Choir Practices for October: Choir practices will be held on Friday 21st, & 28th at 8pm in the Church. All welcome. Choir at 11am each Sunday morning.

Parish Draw: Our annual parish draw will take place on Sunday 13th November. Online entry can be found on St Mary's RC Parish Stranorlar Facebook Page or via <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysChristmasParishDraw> Envelopes are also available in Andies, Stranorlar and Alexanders, Ballybofey and in the church porches. You can return your money in the completed envelope to Fr Kieran, Fr Anthony or the church collection box. The draw has been very well supported over the years and we hope that it will be a success this year also.

Expectant Families: A mass for expectant families in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Tuesday 11th October at 7pm

Cursillo: The upcoming Cursillo weekends are as follows in the beautiful Ards Friary, Creeslough. **Mens:** Thursday 13th October - Sunday 16th October **Womens:** Thursday 20th October - Sunday 23rd October. All new and old members are welcome. CURSILLO- A walk with Christ... Have you lost your way? Have you lost interest in your faith? Why not come along to the beautiful Ards, meet up, make new friends and reignite your enthusiasm in your faith again. For all enquiries please text/call Martina on 0873749024 or email martinam1998@hotmail.com

Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 9th October

We come in thanks to God for his presence and care in our lives. The gospel is an invitation from Jesus to give thanks. If we think over all we can be thankful for, we often find more than we realised. Nine were cured, and one was cured and healed! Something about Jesus brought these sick people to him. They had heard of him and hoped for a cure. He gave more than a cure; he offered an interior healing. Jesus healed just by being who he was. His power to heal met the faith of the man or woman who came to him. He saw people as needing healing, without asking why. Pope Francis thinks of the church first as a sort of field hospital, being present for people ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. One of the greatest needs today is to be heard. Often all we really need is to be heard. Even when someone drives you mad, maybe then they need to be heard. Listening can be healing – both for the speaker and the listener. The lepers in the Gospel today were outcasts – they cried out from a distance. They needed Jesus to hear them and take pity on them. There is another part to this Gospel – the act of giving thanks. Only one among them remembers to give thanks. Pope Francis in his homily for this day in 2019 reminds us that being thankful is an expression of our faith: “A grateful heart is one that remains young. To say “Thank you, Lord” when we wake up, throughout the day and before going to bed: that is the best way to keep our hearts young...” Jesus embraced the people whom nobody wanted. He cured with compassion. Our challenge is to be compassionate when helping others. Like Jesus, we try to look others in the eye with love and care before asking anything of them, to bring mercy, healing and a listening ear to the cares of people and of the world. This is sharing in the saving mission of Jesus. As you heal and strengthen me, o Lord, may I do the same for others.