Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th February 2023

MASSES: 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 Fridays between 10am – 12.30pm. (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

1st Anniversaries: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 18th February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Maureen Temple, Tyrcallen.

Diocesan Planning: The Diocese of Raphoe is planning for the future; a future that it sees as very different form the present. An early step in the planning is to gather information from the Parishes. One piece of information needed is the numbers attending masses in our Churches on Sundays and week days. This survey will begin throughout the Diocese this Monday the 13th February and will continue for 3 weeks until Sunday the 5th March.

The members of the Legion of Mary have kindly agreed to do this count here in our Church and this is very much appreciated.

<u>Social Housing Vacancy:</u> Mary Immaculate Conference Stranorlar currently have a one-bedroom vacancy at St Vincent's Close, Ballybofey. If you are aged 55 years or older and in current need of permanent accommodation, please contact Lisa at NW Regional Office for more information and an application form, Tel: 086 138 6386/074 9173933. Closing date for applications will be Friday 17th February 2023.

Confirmation 2023: Bishop Alan McGuckian will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of the parish on Saturday 6th May. St. Mary's N.S & Robertson N.S. ceremony will be at 11am. Dooish N.S, & Welchtown N.S. ceremony will be at 2.00pm

First Holy Communion 2022: The 2nd class children from St. Mary's N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May at 11am The 2nd class children from Dooish N.S, Robertson N.S. and Welchtown N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May at 11am.

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 will depart from The City of Derry Airport on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 for 5 nights. The Pilgrimage will be led by Most Reverend Bishop Alan Mc Guckian, SJ, with Pilgrimage Director, Fr Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €879, fully inclusive. To book please contact Joe Walsh Tours DIRECTLY on 01 2410800.

Ballybofey & Stranorlar Woman's Group: We meet in the Parish Centre Stranorlar on the First Monday of the month (excluding July & August). We have a guest speaker each month there's also a Walking, Craft, Drama & Entertainment groups within the group. Membership €15 per year & €5 per meeting which includes tea/coffee & treats. New Members are always welcome, come along and join us.

Special Donegal Pilgrimage to Fatima: The last remaining places 9th to 14th June ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal. We will visit Saint Anthonys birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy on (061) 921470

Coffee Morning: will be held in Dymphna Sweeney's house, Aghasheil, F93 FHH9, on Saturday 18th February, from 11am to 5pm in aid of Marys Meals Finn Valley. All are welcome.

Car Parking at Funerals: As we have now recommenced providing reserved car parking for families at funerals, we are looking for volunteers to assist. It would simply mean putting out the cones & signs the night before a funeral and being in attendance for no more than 30 mins on the day of a funeral to assist with directing traffic and car parking for the families. Although the car park is not currently in use by the school, it is still a respectable gesture to ensure families have a reserved place to park on the day of their loved ones' funeral. Anyone who would be willing to assist, can give their name to any of the priests.