

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th February 2023

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

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7pm -7.30pm.

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

Month's Mind: The 6.00pm mass on Saturday 11th of February will be offered for the repose of the soul of Margaret Deeny, Ard Mc Cool.

Upcoming Retreats at Ards Friary: 10th – 12th February Contemplative Outreach. Give yourself the gift of quiet time that will enable you to better receive the gift of Christ's presence and action in your life. Join us for contemplative prayer, stillness, solitude and reflection in the peaceful surroundings of Ards Friary. Facilitators: Rev. Ruth Patterson & Michele Berry. 24th – 26th February Bereavement 1. A two part retreat for those who have suffered bereavement. The second part of the retreat will be held 17th – 19th March. Facilitator Fr. Philip Baxter. 24th – 26th February Lenten Retreat. Things That Matter - A weekend retreat at the beginning of Lent Facilitator: Philip McParland.

Finn Valley Men's Choir: New Members welcome. Open Rehearsal for anyone interested on Friday 10th February at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, Stranorlar.

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.

Church Environment Group: The Church Environment Group work to enhance the church space throughout the year through the use of flowers, plants, banners, etc. After many years of long and enjoyable service in this group, several of its membership have reluctantly announced that they are no longer able to continue. We thank them sincerely for their valuable and willing contribution to this parish ministry and wish them well. The group is now urgently seeking new members. Without new people, the remaining membership will struggle to continue. New people bring new life, new ideas and new energy. No special skills required. If you would like to help this group or if you would like more information, please contact Geraldine Friel at 087-983-5703

Diocesan Planning: The Diocese of Raphoe is planning for the future; a future that it sees as very different from 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 on 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.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland: We are looking for musicians to volunteer some of their time to enable people living with dementia to enjoy music and a sing song at the Ballybofey Social Club which takes place every fortnight on a Tuesday from 11am to 1pm. Contact can be made by email to patricia.mcmonagle@alzheimer.ie or phone Patricia on 0873586714.

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.