

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **3rd Sunday of Lent 12th March 2023**

**MASSSES:** Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am  
Weekdays - Monday - Wednesday 10am Thursday 10am & 7.30pm  
Friday 9am & 11am - 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.

**Friday 17th March is St. Patrick's Day. Masses will be at 7.30pm -  
Vigil (Thursday) and Friday 9am & 11am.**

**Recent Death:** We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and  
friends of Peter Anderson, Magherapaste, Drumboe, who's funeral took  
place on Friday.

**Twin Towns Concern Action Group:** As of the 27<sup>th</sup> February this  
year, the combined death toll in Turkey and Syria stands at 47,244 peo-  
ple. Those who survived the earthquake now face homelessness, lack  
of food and water, and freezing winter temperatures without adequate  
shelter, all while grieving the loss of loved ones. The World Health Or-  
ganisation estimates that 23 million people across Turkey and Syria  
could be affected by the earthquakes, including 1.4 million children. If  
you would like to make a donation please go to [concern.net](http://concern.net) or call 0818  
410 510. You can also donate via the Twin Towns Concern Action  
Group Emergency Account– No 13896 in B&S Credit Union

**What are you doing for Lent?** We launched our Lenten Programme  
'*Sycamore*' in our parish for Lent on Thursday 2nd March. We were de-  
lighted with the numbers who attended the first 2 sessions. Sycamore is  
an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today.  
It gives you space to meet people and share ideas. Each session involves  
a short film and time for discussion. You are invited to join us in the Par-  
ish Centre from 8pm to 9pm for the remaining 3 Thursdays of March  
(16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>) for a short film, conversation and food for thought.  
We hope you can join us.

**Note:** This Thursday night because of the vigil mass for St. Patricks day  
the Sycamore Programme will start at 8.30pm

**Finn Valley Community Health Forum AGM:** will take place on the  
21<sup>st</sup> of March at 7pm in the Finn Valley Family Resource Centre

**Knock:** A bus will be going to Knock Shrine on Saturday 25th March (Feast  
of the Annunciation) from Letterkenny and stopping in Ballybofey, Donegal  
Town and Ballyshannon. A priest will travel with the group and Mass is  
booked at the Shrine. Prayers of Healing will also be offered. For more infor-  
mation please call 087 7530132

**Divine Mercy in the Gospel of Luke (silent retreat):** Divine Mercy Centre  
Letterkenny. The retreat starts on Friday evening at 6 p.m. and continues till  
Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Bookings are necessary. To book or for more in-  
formation please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 916 9934  
or [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com).

Confessions *in Polish* and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place  
in the Divine Mercy Centre on March 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday) from 7pm-9pm by Father  
Bartholomew (Bartlomiej)

**Parish of Raphoe:** invite you to the placing of the Relic of St Maria Fausti-  
na Kowalska for permanent honour and veneration in St Mary's Church, Con-  
voy on Sunday, 19 March 2023 (2pm) as we try and understand and live  
God's message of Divine Mercy

**Shamrocks:** will be sold in the church porches this weekend in aid of Sr.  
Consillo's Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centre. Cuna Mhuire treats  
those suffering from the scourge of addiction to alcohol, gambling, drug etc.  
All donation go direct to Cuan Mhuire, all support is greatly appreciated.

### ***THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 12th March 2023***

***There is a thirst for the love, joy and meaning of the gospel in the  
hearts of our people today. It is sometimes ignored in the rush of  
modern consumerism. The readings today invite us to bring that  
deep thirst for life to Jesus and his gospel.***