

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday of Lent 19th March 2023

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

Monday 20th March is the feast day of St. Joseph.

Recent Death: We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Kathleen Banningan, 39 Woodlawn, Stranorlar, who's funeral took place on Tuesday. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 25th March, will be offered for the repose of the soul of Anna Bonner, 4 The Weavers, Ballybofey.

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 information please call 087 7530132

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

What are you doing for Lent? We launched our Lenten Programme '*Sycamore*' in our parish for Lent on Thursday 2nd March. We were delighted with the numbers who attended the first 3 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 Parish Centre from 8pm to 9pm for the remaining 2 Thursdays of March (23rd & 30th) for a short film, conversation and food for thought. We hope you can join us.

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

Finn Valley Community Health Forum AGM: the older person council AGM is due to take place in the Clanree Hotel Letterkenny on the 28th of March

The Annual Concern Spring Sale: takes on Saturday 29th April in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar from 10am to 1pm. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave them up to the Hall on Friday 28th April between 3pm and 8 pm, or you can give them to any member of the group. For help with any items you can call 0866042727. Items for donation include books, bric-a-brac, small furniture, toys, curtains, bed linen, CDs/ DVDs/ Records etc, jewellery, pictures, plants, new clothing and shoes and other household items. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any used clothing, shoes, electrical items or large furniture. Thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Vocations Retreat: Fr Stephen Langridge (former National Vocations Director for England and Wales) will lead this time of discernment for men considering a call to Priesthood at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne, County Antrim. The retreat will be co-hosted by the Diocese of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Raphoe. It begins on Friday 21st April at 6pm and finishes on Sunday 23rd at 3pm. For more information please email your local vocations director. Fr. Rory Brady - raphoe2011@yahoo.ie

4th SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 19th March 2023

Without faith we are blind to the ways of God. With the light of faith we can see the path Jesus laid down for us so that we may follow him and enjoy the glory of the resurrection when our time comes.