## **Parish of Stranorlar** Church of Mary Immaculate

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## 5th Sunday of Lent 26th March 2023

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

## **CONFESSIONS:** Penitential Service on Palm Sunday 7pm 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.

**Recent Death:** We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Brian Mc Dermott, Admiran, Stranorlar, who's funeral took place on Tuesday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Months Mind:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st April will be offered for the repose of the soul of May Griffin, Drumboe Cottages. Stranorlar

**1st Anniversary:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Willie Browne, Donegal Road.

## **Ballybofey & Stranorlar & Surrounding District Historical Society:** The monthly meeting of the Ballybofey & Stranorlar & Surrounding District Historical Society will take place in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar on Monday 27th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Sycamore Programme:** We will have our 5th and final night of our sycamore programme in the Parish Centre on Thursday night the 30th March from 8pm to 9pm. Your attendance during the programme has been very much appreciated and we hope to see you on the final night.

**Support Group for Family Carers of People Living with Dementia:** Are you caring for a loved one who has a diagnosis of Dementia? Are you a past carer for a loved one who is currently in long term care? You are very welcome to join our Support Group which is held on the last Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 28t March 7.30pm at: The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, Dunfril House, Chestnut Rd, Ballybofey F93 PY98. For further information please contact a member of the Dementia Adviser team: Dawn Thompson 087 3802957 <u>dawn.thompson@alzheimer.ie</u> Mena McGill 087 6294065 <u>mena.mcgill@alzheimer.ie</u>

**The Alzheimer Café:** is returning to the Villa Rose on Wednesday 12th April from 11am to 1pm & thereafter on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The cafe provides a warm and welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their careers and health & social care professionals. Contact Patricia McMonagle on 0873586714 for further information.

**Palm Sunday:** Going forward the Church Environment Group is unable to make palms available for Palm Sunday. Therefore please bring your own palms next Sunday. If anyone can provide us with extra palms we would be grateful. These will facilitate our elderly and frail parishioners and also allow us to gather up what is left over. These left over palms will be stored and burnt to produce ashes for Ash Wednesday 2024. Baskets will be placed at the top of the church during the week and if you can help by gathering extra palms and placing them in these baskets, it will be much appreciated.

**Community Clean Up:** Please support the B & S Tidy Towns COMMUNI-TY CLEAN-UP DAY next Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bags, Pickers and High Vis Vests will be available at the Old Parish Centre (at the entrance to the Chapel carpark) from 9am until 4pm. Tell family, friends and neighbours. Let us all take pride in our area and not just leave it to others. Phone: 074 9190909 or 087 6868438

**World Water Day:** was celebrated on 22nd March. Over 2 billion people are living without access to safe water on our planet Earth. Please conserve water in your home – take shorter showers, don't let tap run when brushing your teeth, install water butts around your house, fix leaking taps and pipes. Each of our small actions can make a big difference! Visit www.unwater.org/bethechange/