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

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent 5th 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.

Visitation of the Sick: Tuesday - Ballybofey Town & Country Wednesday - Stranorlar Town & Country

**Recent Death:** We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of May Griffin, Drumboe Cottages, 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 people. 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 Organisation 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 <u>concern.net</u> 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. We were delighted with the numbers who came. 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 4 Thursdays of March (9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Confirmation Service of Light:** There will be a Service of Light for the children of the Confirmation classes and their parents on Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm in the church.

**1st Communion:** There will be a talk for the parents of first communion children in St. Mary's National School Hall on Wednesday 8th March at 8pm. This talk will be given by Brian O'Driscoll Director of Pastoral renewal in the Raphoe Diocese.

**Lough Derg**: is recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season in 2023. The Application Pack is available on <u>www.loughderg.org/jobs</u> or please **email: hr@loughderg.org** or Phone: 071 98 61518. Closing Date Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3 pm.

**Table Quiz:** will be held in the B&S Golf Club on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in aid of the Alzheimer's Society starting at 9.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**A Eucharistic Healing Service:** will take place in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham on Friday 10th March, immediately after the 7pm Mass (7.45pm). Come and join us. Come and see!

**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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5th March 2023

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadness's and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.