Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday after Easter 30th April 2023 Good Shepherd Sunday & Day of Prayer for Vocations

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am Weekdays Monday - Thursday 10am Friday 10am & 7.30pm Saturday 9.30am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7.00pm - 7.30pm

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 Robert Hegarty, Meenavoy, Ballybofey, who's funeral took place on Wednesday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace

Confirmation: We welcome our Bishop Most Rev. Alan McGuckian, SJ to our church next Saturday 6th May at 11am & 2pm when he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on children from our parish.

Blessing of Graves – Sunday 4th June: These services will take place in Drumboe Graveyard at 6pm and in Stranorlar Graveyard at 7.15pm.

Darkness into Light: The event will take place on Saturday 6th May starting at 4.15am from the Finn valley AC centre. Registration is now open online at www.darknessintolight.ie

Ministers of the Word for May: Saturday 6pm – Roisin Mc Nulty. Sunday 9am – Eamon Mc Ginley. Sunday 11am – Jonathan Kelly.

Minister of the Eucharists for Nov: Saturday 6pm - Brian Mc Ginley & Marian Duffy. Sunday 9am - Bernard Walsh & Martin Bonnar. Sunday 11am – Leon Mc Granaghan & Nora Mc Glynn.

Fr. Kevin O'Hara's Coffee Morning: Sean Mc Cumhaills are having a coffee morning in the Parish Centre on Saturday 29th April after 10am Mass all day until after 6pm Mass and again on Sunday 30th April after both masses 9am and 11am. All proceeds in aid of Fr. Kevin's African appeal.

Fr. Kevin O' Hara: Fr Kevin is a native of Main St, Stranorlar, and has been working as a missionary in African for over 40 years. He has been involved in projects to better the lives of very poor people. Some of these projects have made a huge difference but they need ongoing funding. Fr. Kevin is currently on a break, but is returning to Africa in May. He is appealing for our help & support. These are two ways that help can be given. You can give a donation to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Kieran for him or you can donate through the bank at: -

Account Name: Fr. Kevin O'Hara, Allied Irish Bank, Ballybofey. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 23942109 SORT CODE: 937363 BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE11AIBK93736323942109

Any help we could give would be very much apricated and would make a real difference.

Antenatal Education Sessions: The Public Health Nursing Service is commencing Antenatal Education Sessions in the Finn Valley Family Resource Centre, F93 ET28, on Wednesday 17th May from 2-4pm for four weeks. Expectant mothers and partners welcome to all classes. Please contact Bernie on 0749133388 or 0749147317.

The Alzheimer Café: will take place on Wednesday 10th May in the Villa Rose Hotel from 11am to 1pm. Everyone is welcome. Our guest speaker is from Alone and music provided by Johnny Haughey.

Marian Movement (MMP) Retreat: will take place in Rossnowlagh Friary on Saturday 13th May from 11am – 5pm including Mass, Rosary, talks and Confession. Tea making facilities available. All welcome.

ACCORD: are currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01-5053112 for more information