

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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Easter Sunday 9th April 2023

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays Monday - 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 Seamus Mc Conalogue, 554 Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar, who's funeral takes place in Convoy this Sunday 9th April at 12.30pm. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace

Months Minds: The 6pm Mass on Saturday 15th April will be offered for the repose of the souls of Peter Anderson, Magherapaste, Drumboe Lower & Kathleen Bannigan, Woodlawn, Stranorlar.

Divine Mercy Sunday: A Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the church at 3pm next Sunday 16th April. There will be an opportunity for confessions during the service.

Safeguarding Children Training Session: will take place on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny.

Cancer Care West: A table quiz in aid of Cancer Care West will take place in Harkins Bar, Brockagh, on Easter Monday 10th April at 9pm. Raffle on the night. €5 per person entry teams of 4/5 people. Refreshments served. Raffle on the night.

Rainbow Inclusion Hub: are holding a coffee morning on the 20th April in the Parish Centre from 9.30am - 12.00am in lieu of Special Olympics Ireland. Everyone is welcome.

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.

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 9th April 2023

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light. A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad. A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death. The emotions of the women coming to the tomb were a mixture of joy and awe. Their awe was a wondering if what Jesus said was really true, that he would rise from the dead. He has said this often to them. Their sort of doubt and maybe unbelief turned to joy as they found faith in the resurrection. In the Vigil Mass we see that the message of the angel at the tomb restored their faith, and then their meeting with him as he sent them to Galilee. The message sums up the meaning of Jesus' resurrection. Resurrection was new life for Jesus, a life we will share one day. It was also a renewed mission. The time after Easter was a time where he went around consoling and instructing his new community of disciples. As he walks with us in life, he invites us the share in his mission of spreading his gospel. The gift of his risen life is a gift for sharing, and we have our part in that. This began at dawn, a special time of day. Morning prayer for the early visitors to the tomb helped them get commitment to follow him to Galilee and always. Morning prayer can be our time of a similar moments with Jesus and of offering ourselves for the coming day in his service. It can also be a time of gratitude for a new day and asking God's help for the day.

We would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

May the Risen Christ bring new life to all the people of our parish.