

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th June 2023**

**MASSSES:** 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.

**1st Anniversary:** The 10am Mass on Monday 26th June will be offered for the repose of the soul of Michael Kelly, Blackrock Drive, Ballybofey.

**Rally for Life:** Rally for Life will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Activities for both children and adults, a family friendly event! For more info or to book a place on the bus going up to the rally visit [www.thelifeinstitute.net](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net), or call 01 873 0465. There is also a special Mass for the Rally for Life that will take place at St. Saviours, Dominick Street Lower at 12 noon just before the Rally begins. It will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran & Bishop Alan McGuckian.

**Choir:** The choir, individual musicians and singers will be taking a well deserved break for July and August. Small groups and individuals will endeavour to provide music over the Summer. We thank all for their continued commitment and dedication and wish them a happy and restful holiday.

**B & S Golf Club:** Registration for Junior boys and girls golf will take place in B & S Clubhouse this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm to 5 pm. Registration fee is €75 and this will include insurance.

**Ministers of the Word for July:** Saturday 6pm – Michael Scanlan.  
Sunday 9am – Wendy Mc Nulty. Sunday 11am – Helen Kelly

**Minister of the Eucharists for July:** Saturday 6pm - Breda Mc Connell & Mary O'Connor. Sunday 9am - Evelyn Gildea & Tom Rowan. Sunday 11am – Nora Mc Glynn & Leon Mc Granaghan.

**Relic of John Sullivan S.J:** A ceremony of gifting a relic from the coffin where the body of Blessed John Sullivan S.J. was buried at Clongowes Wood 1933 – 1961, to the Parish of Mevagh (Carrigart) & the people of Donegal & Derry on Sunday 25th June at approx., 12.15 a.m. directly after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. Immediately after the gifting ceremony has finished the relic will be brought to the adjacent Parish Hall for closer viewing up to 2.30 p.m. There will also be copies of the Papal Bull of Pope Francis and other prayers, photos and records related to Blessed John Sullivan. Tea and Biscuits will be available

### **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th June 2023**

God is always with us. He knows our every thought, word and deed. He loves us and constantly cares for us. He looks upon us and says, 'Do not be afraid.' The readings this weekend are about good and evil, and the constant struggle in our world between these two forces. Jeremiah was denounced for his commitment to the good news of God, and then finds that this God saves him. Paul contracts Adam and Jesus for their roles in sin and grace in the world. The gospel gives us a picture of Jesus who is with us in all types of destruction in the world. He identifies each of us individually, caring all about us – he knows the number of hairs on our head, and we are worth more than the sparrows and all of creation which his Father looks after. This sort of energy fills us – the energy of knowing we are loved by God. We are asked then to bring Jesus into the world with our human energy. Many have died in the cause of witnessing to the Lord and today we can thank God for their witness and be proud of them. The martyrs of our country kept the faith alive in Ireland, as now, the witness of so many in different parts of the world enlivens the faith of us all. We might not know that every day, 13 Christians worldwide are killed because of their faith; every day, 12 churches or Christian buildings are attacked. and every day, 12 Christians are unjustly arrested or imprisoned, and another 5 are abducted. We bring our prayers in support of them and know that Jesus will 'declare' for them now in his place with his Father.