

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2023**

**MASSES:** Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am  
Weekdays Monday - Thursday 10am - Friday 10am & 7.30pm  
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 or by email [stranorlarparish@gmail.com](mailto:stranorlarparish@gmail.com). (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

**Month Mind:** The 7.30pm Mass on Friday 15th September will be offered for the repose of the soul of Helen Mc Nulty, Donegal Road.

**1st Anniversary:** The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 16th September will be offered for the repose of the soul of James Murray, Ard Mc Carron.

**The Alzheimer Café:** will take place on Wednesday 13th September at the Villa Rose Hotel from 11.30am to 1pm. Our guest speaker is Natalie Moore, Senior Occupational Therapist from the HSE. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there.

**Annual Hospice Coffee Morning:** will take place in the home of Mrs. Hazel Kee, Blackleas, Stranorlar on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 2.00pm in memory of the late Ailish Gallinagh. Everyone welcome, your support for this worthy cause is always greatly appreciated. Any queries contact Hazel on 087 6765271.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**Anthony Hartnett ~ Ordination to Diaconate:** Anthony will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at 3.00pm here in our Church. He would like to extend an invitation to all of us to take part in the ceremony. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. This is a very good news story. We wish Anthony every blessing on his final stage in his preparation for Ordination to Priesthood.

**Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock:** The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock 2023 takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaves the Church car park at 8am. The cost is €20 for adults and €10 for under 18's. To book call Anne on 087 2710621 or Bridget on 087 6491923

**Planet Youth:** John Paul Youth Club (now known as Planet Youth) was founded 40 years ago, and the first Committee Meeting was held in the Butt Hall on 7 October 1983. Planet Youth have decided to mark this milestone by holding a Celebration event in the Balor Theatre on Thursday 26 October 2023. It is intended to make a presentation that night to members of the first Committee who are living, and in the case of deceased to a family member. Regular updates will be provided.

**ALONE:** Provides many services to Older People in your area to enable them to stay living at home for longer within their own communities. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: We currently have older people in your surrounding area and all areas across Donegal looking for both of these services. Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People for 1 hour, once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Helena on [Helena.madden@alone.ie](mailto:Helena.madden@alone.ie) or on 086 0145829

**Drumboe Cemetery:** Antisocial behaviour and vandalism is ongoing at the rear of toilets & storeroom at Drumboe Cemetery. Drinking, littering & vandalism of the store room lock, toilet pipes, using the alcove as a toilet are some of the issues occurring at present. Gardai have been advised, but they also need the assistance of the public visiting the Cemetery to report anything or anyone suspicious to the Gardai, the graveyard committee or the priests, immediately. Drumboe Cemetery and the toilets & storeroom have been very well maintained over the years by our caretaker and it is a shame that is being marred and abused by a few people. We would hope with the assistance of the public and the co-operation of the Gardai that this issue will be alleviated before other measures have to be put in place. As a result of what has happened all gates accessing that side of the road have now been locked and will only be open on the day of a funeral.