

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 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 or by email stranorlarparish@gmail.com. (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

Month Mind: The 10am Mass on Saturday 23rd September will be offered for the repose of the soul of Stevie Toth, Strath Aoibhinn.

1st Anniversary: The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 23rd September will be offered for the repose of the soul of Bernie Doherty, Ard Mc Cool.

SAFEGUARDING: The Raphoe Diocesan Safeguarding Annual Report is now available on the Diocesan website. It is a comprehensive review of work in the Diocese 2019 - 2022. It can be located under the 'Safeguarding' tab in 'Forms and Policies'. Under the same tab is the detailed report issued in 2023 following the review of the Diocese conducted by representatives of the National Board. The Board was confident that all standards were being met.

Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock: The Legion of Mary annual pilgrimage to Knock 2023 takes place on Sunday 24th 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

Choir Practice: Practice for the Diaconate Ceremony on Friday 22nd in the Church from 8.00pm – 9.30pm. All Welcome

Anthony Hartnett ~ Ordination to Diaconate: Anthony will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian next Sunday the 24th 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 hope that many from our Parish will be able to participate in this lovely occasion. We wish Anthony every blessing on his final stage in his preparation for Ordination to Priesthood.

Children's Liturgy: A meeting of the Children's Liturgy Group will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 19th of September @ 8pm. New members are welcome. Contact Marlene on 086 8594077 or Paddy on 086 604 5991 for further information.

Finn Valley FRC: Presents Gambling & Gaming Addiction Awareness Evening. Jackson's Hotel on Tuesday 3rd of October at 7.00pm. Special Speaker Tony O' Reilly who has lived experience of a gambling addiction. All members of the community welcome. For more information contact Gertrude on 074 913 1245 or 086 067 5183.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Stranorlar Parish Pastoral Council had its first meeting of the year on Thursday 14th September. Among the items discussed was the upcoming celebration of the Ordination of Anthony Hartnett to the Diaconate which is a very special occasion in the parish and most especially for Anthony and his family. Also discussed were ways in which people's involvement in parish life can be reinvigorated. We look forward to working with everyone in the parish in this endeavour. Details of any planned initiatives will follow in due course. Mission Statement: We, the Parish Pastoral Council of St Mary's Stranorlar will, with the help of others, build a faith filled community where everyone is welcome, valued and encouraged to play their part. "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15;7)

CURSILLO: Cursillo is a movement of ordinary men and women who share their faith in friendship, rejoicing in the knowledge that we are each of us loved by God. The Cursillo weekends are held in Ards Friary, Creeslough and run from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. The programme consists of talks and discussions, liturgies and laughter. Lifts are available to and from Ards. For more information or to book a place please contact Pat on 0879374001 or Martina on 0873749024. Men's weekend 19th to 22nd October. Women's weekend 9th to 12th November.