

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2023**

**MASSSES:** Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am  
Weekdays Monday - Thursday 10am Friday 10am & 7.30pm  
Saturday 10am.

**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 or by email [stranorlarparish@gmail.com](mailto:stranorlarparish@gmail.com). (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

**1st Anniversary:** The 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 4th October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Frankie Gribben, South Shields, England. The 10.00am Mass on Friday 6th October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Eamon Mc Groarty, Dunwiley, and the 7.30pm Mass on Friday 6th October will be offered for the soul of Seamus Quigley, Ard Mc Cool.

**Men Over 50:** An evening for men over 50 from the Finn Valley area is being held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Finn Valley Centre from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. The evening will include a short reflection on the ups and downs of our lives to date and where we want to go from here on, walking football, use of the leisure centre, Finn Valley Men's Choir, comedian Andy Mc Granaghan, an input by Bill from Mental Health Ireland, followed by a bite to eat! There is no fee for this evening but booking is essential at the Finn Valley Family Resource Centre on 074 91 31345. All are welcome. The event is supported by the Donegal Sports Partnership, Donegal County Council, Mental Health Ireland locally and the FV Family Resource Centre.

**Farwell to Fr Anthony Briody:** We say farewell to Fr. Anthony after 4 years among us in Stranorlar Parish. Here was his first appointment as a Priest. He really enjoyed his time here and was very high in his praise of the people of the parish. He leaves with very fond memories as he goes to take up his next appointment in Fanad. We sincerely thank him for his dedication and commitment and wish him every success among his new parishioners. There will be a farewell function for Fr. Anthony in the Parish Centre on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. It will be an opportunity for him to say farewell and for us to meet him and wish him well. There will be a meeting this Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Anthony Hartnett Diaconate ~ Thanks:** A sincere word of thanks to everyone who helped to make Anthony's diaconate ceremony such a wonderful occasion last Sunday. A huge amount of work and energy went into the different aspects of the day and this was very much appreciated. There was very positive feedback from many people, lay and cleric and it was a real privilege for our own Parish. We wish Anthony every blessing as he prepares for Priesthood.

**Ministers of the Word for September:** Saturday 6pm – Hannah Rose Burke. Sunday 9am – Marie Mc Garvey. Sunday 11am – Jonathan Kelly.

**Minister of the Eucharists for September:** Saturday 6pm - Brian Mc Gintley & Anne Hogan. Sunday 9am - Mollie Marley & Evelyn Gildea. Sunday 11am – Nora Mc Glynn & John Patton.

**Choir Practice:** Choir practices for October, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the church at 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Confirmation 2024:** Bishop Alan McGuckian will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of the parish on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**First Holy Communion 2024:** The 2nd class children from St. Mary's N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am  
The 2nd class children from Dooish N.S, Robertson N.S. and Welchtown N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

**The Conwal Singers:** shall host an hour of reflective sacred music in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Saturday October 7th 8pm- 9pm. Come and enjoy some quiet time listening to music from Palestrina, Tallis and Mozart. No admission fee.

**Catholic Apologetics Course:** Would you like to be able to better understand and defend your Catholic faith? If so, this course is for you!! Course will take place on Wed 4th October 2023 at the Raphoe Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny, at 7pm. The course is free of charge. Places are limited so please contact [dpr@raphoediocese.ie](mailto:dpr@raphoediocese.ie) or 0874504873 to book a place.