

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023 **World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees**

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.

Recent Death: We offer our sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Damien Blake, Curraghmore, Ballybofey, who's funeral took place last Friday 15th September and Mary Kelly, 11 Townview Heights, Ballybofey, who's funeral took place on Saturday. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Ballybofey, Stranorlar & District Historical Society: reconvene at the Henderson Hall in Stranorlar on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm. This month's special guest is Glenfin Historian John Gallagher who will give a talk on John Pitt Kennedy who set up an Agricultural College in Cloghan in 1838 and his influence on the local area. John will also touch on Local Landlord Charles Styles who was Pitt Kennedy's father in law. This talk is free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend. Membership of this group is rising all the time, so if you are interested in local history come and join us. Meetings & talks take place on the 4th Monday of the month in the Henderson Hall.

Anthony Hartnett ~ Ordination to Diaconate: Anthony will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian today Sunday the 24th of September at 3.00pm here in our Church. He would like to extend an invitation to all of you 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.

Cub & Scout Registration: will take place on Wednesday 27th September from 7pm-8pm in the Scouts Den, Drumboe Avenue for Cubs (age 9,10,11) and Scouts (age 12,13,14) Our maximum numbers are tied depending on the number of adult volunteers we have, so more volunteers means more available places. Any queries or for anyone willing to help out please contact us either by email StranorlarScoutGroup@gmail.com or contact Martina on 0864010569 or Aisling on 0863624888

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.

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.

Season of Creation Event: The Diocese of Raphoe Justice & Peace Group invite you to a guided walk in Ards Friary to celebrate the Season Of Creation, on Saturday 7 October from 2pm to 4pm. Meet at reception. Led by Noel Foley from An Taisce, in the beautiful surroundings of the Friary, we will discover the many different trees to be found in the grounds and their many benefits to us. Weather permitting, we will enjoy the beauty of God's creation and consider how we can all take action to protect and enhance our natural environment. Refreshments after the walk. All welcome.