

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 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.

1st Anniversary: The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 21st October will be offered for the repose of the soul of Josephine Mc Auley, Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar.

Choir Practice: Choir practices for October, the 20th & 27th in the church at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Half Day Retreat: In the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny on Saturday 21st October from 2pm to 5.30pm, for more information, please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 916 9934 or dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com.

Knock Shrine: A bus will be going to Knock Shrine on Saturday 21st October from Letterkenny stopping at Ballybofey, Donegal Town & Ballyshannon. A priest will accompany the group, Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine for the group. For more information or to book please call 087 7530132

Children's Mass: The first Children's Mass of the new school year will be held on Sunday the 22nd October at 9am. The new parish children's choir will be singing at it, and all future children's masses. All families are encouraged to attend.

Welcome to Fr. Vincent: We welcome Fr Vincent Finnegan to the Stranorlar parish this week, he replaces Fr. Anthony who begins in his new parish in Fanad this weekend. Fr. Vincent is a Franciscan priest who has come from the Friary in Rossnowlagh. We pray that he will be happy among us here and we wish him God's blessing in his new ministry.

Farwell to Fr Anthony Briody: A farewell function for Fr Anthony will be held in the Parish Centre, this Sunday 15th of October from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome to attend. A presentation will be made to Fr Anthony on behalf of the parishioners on the night. If you would like to leave a card/donation for Fr Anthony a box will be placed at the back of the Church over this weekend 14th/15th October as well as in the Parish Centre on the night.

Parish Draw: Our annual parish draw will take place on Sunday 19th November. Online entry can be found on St Mary's RC Parish Stranorlar Facebook Page or via <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysChristmasParishDraw> Envelopes are also available in Andies, Stranorlar & Alexanders, Ballybofey and in the church porches. You can return your money in the completed envelope to Fr Kieran, Fr Vincent or the church collection box. The draw has been very well supported over the years and we hope that it will be a success this year also.

Dooish N.S. School Admissions for School Year 2024/2025: Application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants / Other Mainstream Classes & Abbey Class – Special Class for autistic pupils are now available on request. By emailing dooish@hotmail.com by phoning 0749131471 or by writing to: Dooish N.S., Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. F93N768. Further information is available in the Annual Admissions Notice & Admissions Policy on the school website – www.dooishns.scoilnet.ie/blog. Closing Date for receipt of Application Forms for Admission is 11th March 2024.

Parish Volunteers: We appreciate all of those who have been involved in our parish in the various ministries over years. We would like to extend an invitation to you all to a cuppa and a chat in the Parish Centre on Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Parish Copper Hunt: Our annual copper hunt will commence next Sunday, 22nd October (Mission Sunday) and will continue for three weeks. We will gratefully accept any copper or small change you have accumulated over the past year. Bins will be available in the church into which you can place your coins. This is our annual fundraiser for our Third World Projects and we thank you sincerely for your continued support.

SEEDS Community Employment: have vacancies for a general worker & GAA coach at Sean Mac Cumhail's. No Experience required as full training will be provided. Contact Shane on 0858631813