

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 12th November 2023

MASSSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays Monday - Friday 10am ~ 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 10am Mass on Tuesday 14th of November will be offered for the repose of the soul of Fidelma Gallagher, Railway Road, Stranorlar, and the 6pm Mass on Saturday 18th November will be offered for the repose of the soul of Jim Kelly, Cappry and Brian O' Donnell Jnr, 5 Riverside, Ard Na Greine, Stranorlar

Month Mind: The 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 18th November will be offered for the repose of the soul of John Flanagan, Tircallen.

November Novena: There was a very good response for the Novena. We would like to say a special word of thanks to those who prepared the sanctuary so appropriately for the Novena, the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, those who provided the music, those who provided the refreshments in the Parish Centre on Friday night and to all who helped in any way.

The Legion of Mary Retreat: will be held in Ards Friary on Sunday 3rd December. It starts at 10.00am with talks, confessions, dinner and Mass at 5.30pm. Bus leaving the Chapel Carpark at 8.30am. Price €10.00 for bus and €25.00 for Ards. Contact Ann on 087 2710621 or Bridget on 087 6491923 for more details.

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.

Annual RDS Mass for 2023: The mass will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town on Thursday 16th November at 7pm. To enrol a person in the RDS please contact Fr. Kieran or Fr. Vincent or email: rds@raphoediocese.ie. The enrolment fee is €15 per person living or deceased.

Ballybofey Stranorlar and District Historical Society: are launching their 10th Historical Annual on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7pm in the Library Room in Kee's Hotel. Everyone welcome.

The Twin Towns Concern Bazaar: takes place on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 3pm in the Finn Suite, Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. Please note the change of venue. Thank you for all your support over the past years and looking forward to seeing you all this year.

Children's Liturgy Group: had their 1st lesson at the 6pm Mass this weekend. We will be back at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 18th November. Children from 2nd to 6th Class are invited. Children who wish to participate must be registered with the Parish in advance. The registration forms have been sent out through the schools and are available by contacting Marlene O'Dwyer on 086 8594077 or marleneodwyer21@gmail.com.

Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian on the Conflict in the Holy Land

Dear Parishioners,

I ask for your continued prayers for peace in the Holy Land as we continue to see the horrific impact of war, terror, death and destruction in Israel and Palestine. Let us pray particularly for those who have been taken hostage, those who have been killed, those who have been injured, and are being driven from their homes. We also pray that people in positions of power and authority receive the wisdom to guide them into ways of peace and justice.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land you might also consider giving to Trócaire. Two years ago I witnessed first-hand the outstanding work of Trócaire and their partners in providing aid and advocating for the human rights of the people in Gaza and the West Bank. On the Trócaire website www.trocaire.org there are good guidelines for ways to help and advocate for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

May our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, through our prayers and solidarity, know our desire to remain close to them at this most difficult, terrifying, and testing of times. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.