

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### *2nd Sunday of Advent ~ 10th December 2023*

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 12 - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Next Sunday 17th Dec at 7.00pm

**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 10am Mass on Saturday 16th December will be offered the repose of the soul of Liam Mc Glinchey, Admiran.

**Advent Holy Hour:** There will be an hour of quiet prayer and adoration in the church this Sunday from 7pm - 8pm in preparation for Christmas. We invite you to join us in the church or on our live streaming.

**Liturgy Meeting:** there will be a Liturgy meeting on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**Parish Council Meeting:** there will be a PPC meeting on Thursday 14th December at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**Blessing of the Baby Jesus:** The crib scene is at the heart of Christmas. We invite all children & adults to bring their Baby Jesus figure to Masses next weekend, the third Sunday of Advent 16th & 17th December to be blessed. Following the blessing, families take their Baby Jesus home and wrap it up. Then, they open it as a family on Christmas morning and the youngest member of the family places it in the crib.

**Parish Draw:** Our Parish Draw took place last Sunday 3rd December. The Prize winners were - €500 - Maurice & Carmel Merritt, Chapel Close. €500 - Bridie Heeney, Dreenan. €1000 - Kathy Taaffe, Knockfair. €1000 - Katie O'Donnell, Cappry. €1000 - Patrick Bonar, Carrickshandrum, Killygordon. We would like to thank very sincerely all those who supported the draw and helped make it a success. A special word of appreciation to the organising committee.

**Envelope Boxes 2024:** The Sunday Collection Envelopes for 2024 are now ready. We ask the usual distributors again to go to the Parish Centre after any of the masses this weekend to collect the boxes for their area. We thank you for your help in the past and ask you once again to do the necessary.

**Support Your Local St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** If there is anyone in Stranorlar parish area who wishes to avail of the service the number to contact is 0879955351. Donations can be made after masses at weekends or online visit: [svp.ie/maryimmaculateappeal23](http://svp.ie/maryimmaculateappeal23)

**St Columba's College:** are holding their Christmas Craft Fair organised by the Transition year students on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8.30pm. A percentage of the profits made on the night go to the local St Vincent De Paul and Cunamh Charities. Admission is free and there are complimentary refreshments on arrival.

**Anam Cara Donegal:** are holding their monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more info call 01 4045378.

**Carols at Christmas with The Conwal Singers:** will take place on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Conwal Parish Church. Conducted by Karen Patton the singers will perform seasonal carols. There will be a voluntary retiring collection followed by mince pies and festive fare in Conwal Parish Centre.

**Alzheimer Café:** takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> in the Villa Rose Hotel from 11.30am to 1pm. Guest speaker is Brenda Healy, Local Garda followed by music by Alex and Sinead Black. There will also be a free raffle. Everyone is welcome.

**Ceol le Chéile Choir:** will perform a Christmas Concert in our Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Donations at the door with proceeds going to Stranorlar Parish Third World Projects. Everyone Welcome.

**Choir Practice:** Practices will be held on December 20th & 22nd at 8pm in the church. All welcome.