

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 17th December 2023

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve ~ 6pm & 10pm
Christmas Day ~ 9am & 11am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd 7pm to 8pm,
Saturday 12pm - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This Sunday 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. (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Daniel (Dannie) Mc Glynn, Curraghmore, Ballybofey, who's funeral took place on Monday and Katie Mc Conalogue, Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 10am Mass on Monday 18th December will be offered the repose of the soul of Brendan Mc Nulty, Donegal Street.

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

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

Remembrance: At our Christmas Eve Mass, we will light a candle to remember family members who cannot be home for Christmas. If you would like to remember someone, we have cards at the front of the church on which you can write their name. This card will hang on the Christmas tree beside the crib. Also available is a little card you can send to your family member letting them know that a light will burn for them on the altar on Christmas Eve and that they will be remembered in the prayers of the parish this Christmas.

Christmas Cleanup: will take place in the chapel on Thursday December 21st at 7.30pm. We would appreciate help from as many people as possible for this. Contact Breda on 0861585212.

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.

Rainbows Letterkenny: applications are now open for a new Rainbows programme beginning February 2024. Rainbows is a free nine-week programme for children (7-13 years) who have experienced a bereavement or parental separation. To receive an application form please contact the Pastoral Centre on 074 9121853 or email pastoralcentre@raphoediocese.ie. For more information on the Rainbows programme, please visit: www.rainbowsireland.ie

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2024 will take place from the **18th - 25th July** accompanied by a Spiritual Director. Early booking off - €100 off if booked by Friday 22nd December. For further details, please phone Mena on 0749121748/086-1655513 or Eileen on 083-1175135.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Easter 2024. Ex Dublin. March 27th for 7 days. Spiritual Director Fr Molloy. More info from Bernie McBride 087 935 3953.

CRIB EXHIBITION: For the next few weeks, in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe, we will have quite a substantial display of Cribs. The exhibition of cribs" is a lovely place to visit and all including children will enjoy these creations from the different countries and cultures. The "exhibition of cribs" will be present until 6 January and St Eunan's Church, Raphoe is open daily from 9am until 6pm.

Thank You: John, I and the Hartnett family want to say how grateful we are for your great love and kindness to Rev Deacon Anthony Hartnett. The prayers and practical support for him as he journeyed towards that amazing day September 24th 2023 for his Deaconate Ordination was so wonderful. A mass will be offered for all of you in thanksgiving for your incredible love and kindness. God bless John, Yvonne Hartnett and family.