

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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The Holy Family ~ 31st December 2023

MASSSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am
Weekdays Monday ~ Thursday 10am ~ Friday 10am & 7.30pm
Saturday 10am.

Sunday 31st December - New Year's Eve Service - 7pm

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7.00pm to 7.30pm
Saturday 12pm - 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.

Saturday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany. Masses will be on Friday 5th at 7.30pm (Vigil) and Saturday at 10am.

1st Anniversary: The 10am Mass on Monday 1st January will be offered the repose of the soul of Ellen Quinn, St. Vincent's Close and the 6pm Mass on Saturday 6th January will offered for the repose of the soul of Catherine Campbell, Curraghamone.

Baptism Service: Will take place on Sunday 7th January 2024 at 3pm in the church for all the children who were baptised in this church during 2023. Everyone welcome.

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.

Ministers of the Word for January: Saturday 6pm – Maureen Long. Sunday 9am – Philomena Mc Granaghan. Sunday 11am – Bernard Foy.

Minister of the Eucharists for January: Saturday 6pm - Ann Marie Sweeney, Eunan Laverty & Ann Hogan. Sunday 9am - Ann Mc Dermott, Eleanor Mc Ginty & Evelyn Gildea. Sunday 11am – Leon Mc Granaghan, John Patton & Peter Doherty.

Alone: would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to an older person in your area for 1 hour per week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Helena on Helena.madden@alone.ie or on 086 0145829

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

Thanks: At the start of 2024 we have much to be thankful for here in the Parish of Stranorlar for 2023. A sincere thanks to the many committed people who give of their time and talents to plan and organise. Many people put a lot of effort into parish ministries. The church is looking very well and this is due to the hard work of the Cleaners, Church Indoor & Outdoor Environment Groups, Altar Society and those who erected the Christmas Trees, the Indoor Crib and the Men's Shed for the Outdoor Crib. The Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Group, Choir Members Adults and Children, Eucharistic Adoration Committee, Building & Maintenance Committee, Graveyard Committee, Funeral Car Parking Group, Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Sacristan, Money Counting Team, Distributors of Envelopes, Finance Committee, Hospitality Group, Social Services & Care of the Aged Group, Foreign National Support Group and the Third World Group all continue to give great service. The St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, continue to provide a very important pastoral outreach. The Fund-raising and Parish Centre Committees have put in an enormous amount of work to keep the Centre running so efficiently.

On behalf of Fr. Kieran & Fr. Vincent thanks to you, the people of the parish for all your prayerful, financial and helpful support over the past year

At the start of this New Year we ask God to bless you and your families during the coming year.