

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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1st Sunday of Lent ~ 18th February 2024

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

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

ADORATION: Thursday 10.30am - 10.00pm.

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.

Trocaire Boxes: Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches.

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of, Jakub Dabek, Glenpatrick, Ballybofey, who was buried on Wednesday & John Mc Cool, Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar, who was buried on Thursday. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass for the Sick: There was a very good turn-out for the Mass & Anointing of the Sick last Sunday. We thank all those who organised it and those who helped with the refreshments in the Parish Centre. Let us continue to keep the sick and housebound in our prayers.

Choir Practices: Friday 23rd of February at 8pm in the Church. All welcome.

Volunteers Needed: The World Day of Prayer is held each year on the first Friday in March. Volunteers are needed from any of the five local Churches to prepare this service. Please contact Kathleen Lindsay on 087 238 6572 or Angela O'Malley on 085 853 3358

Invitation: There will be a mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Mc Guckian's, ministry as Bishop of Raphoe on Monday 26th February in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny at 7pm. Refreshments afterwards in Loreto Secondary School.

The Sycamore Lenten course: will begin this Thursday, February 22nd in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm. The title of this course will be Forgiveness, Healing and Mission. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Liturgy: continues at the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Children from 2nd to 6th are invited to participate in the children's liturgy. Lent is not always about giving up things, why not try something new. Registration forms are available on the parish website.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: A sincere word of thanks to Brendan Cleary for speaking to us last weekend. There has been a very good response and a good number of new people have committed to do an hour of adoration every Thursday. The adoration will now take place from 10.30am to 10.00pm each Thursday

Family Carers Ireland: are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Donegal ETB's 2024 Further Education and Training Fair: in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday 28th February, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and Thursday 29th February from 10am to 2pm. The Fair is free and open to everyone who would like information on the wide range of full time, part-time, evening and online education and training opportunities offered by Donegal ETB's FET Service. Tutors and advisers will be available to talk through the ETB's comprehensive range of opportunities.

Lent: Season of Well-Being – A Retreat led by Philip McParland. Lent is a suitable time to practice the things that are good for our physical, mental and spiritual health. Fri 23rd to Sun 25th February. €210 for Retreat, Accommodation and all Meals. Begins at 6pm on Friday with Supper and concludes on Sunday after lunch which is served at 1pm. Please phone 074 91 38909 on Mon to Fri 11am – 4pm or email info@ardsfriary.ie