## Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent ~ 25th February 2024

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays Monday ~ Thursday 7.30am & 10am. Friday 7.30am,

10am & 7.30pm ~ Saturday 10am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Thursday 7.00pm to 7.30pm

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 Sadie Arnold, Curraghamone, Ballybofey, who was buried on Thursday. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Months Mind:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd March will be offered for the repose of the soul of Aisling Lyttle, Shancreggan, Stranorlar.

**1st Anniversary:** The 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd March will be offered for the repose of the soul May Griffin, Drumboe Cottages, Stranorlar.

**Children's Liturgy**: continues at the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Confirmation:** There will be a Commitment Service for the Confirmation children of the Parish and their parents in the Church on Tuesday night 27th March at 7pm.

The Second Lenten Sycamore Course: continues this Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of February in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm. The title of this course will be Power of Prayer and you are welcome to attend. The Sycamore course helps to deepen your understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome and each session involves a short film with time for discussion and a warm cup of tea/coffee is also included.

Alone Donegal: Needs your support. Would you be willing to visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week, for 1 hour? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area to help older people who'd like extra social contact. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <a href="https://alone.ie/volunteers/">https://alone.ie/volunteers/</a> For more information, contact Helena on <a href="https://helena.madden@alone.ie">Helena.madden@alone.ie</a> or call 086 0145829 or 074-9321598.

**Ballybofey, Stranorlar & District Historical Society:** next meeting will take place in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. This month's special guest speaker is Dr Arlene Crampisie. This week's talk will be on **Exploring Life & Death across Stranorlar Union** during the Great Famine, 1845 – 1852. All are welcome.

**Alcohol Forum Ireland - Recovery Café:** If you are in recovery from an alcohol or other drugs addiction and would like to meet up for a chat with others in the same position then please come along to the next "3C's (Coffee, Chat & Courage) evening organised by Alcohol Forum Ireland on Wednesday 28th February between 5pm and 7pm in Chillout Café, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. Tea/Coffee provided free of charge.

**Diocese of Raphoe Irish Synodal Pathway Team**: After recent gatherings of each diocese throughout Ireland, the National Irish Synodal Pathway team has requested that each diocese facilitate another round of discussions based on the 'Conversations in the Spirit'.

There will be three upcoming sessions in the Diocese of Raphoe. The details are as follows:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh 7pm to 9pm.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Ards Friary 7pm to 9pm.

Thursday 7th March - Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny 7.45pm to 9.45pm.