Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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4th Sunday after Easter ~ 21st April 2024 Vocation Sunday

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

Weekdays Monday ~ 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

1st Anniversary: The 6pm Mass this Saturday 20th April will be offered for the repose of the souls of Johnny Patton, Glebe Hollow, Stranorlar.

Donegal Branch of The Irish Kidney Association: are hosting a Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving this Sunday April 21st in our Church at 3pm to remember our Donors and Donor families everyone is welcome. Organ Donor Awareness runs from the 20th to 27th of April. For more information, please visit <u>ika.ie</u>.

Retreat for Young Adults: at Lough Derg on Saturday 27th April from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg Or Email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Confirmation 2024: The children of the parish will received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 4th May at 11.30am.

The Annual Blessing of the Graves: will take place on Monday 3rd June, at 5pm in Drumboe Cemetery & 6.30pm in Stranorlar Cemetery.

Ballybofey Stranorlar & District Historical Society: meeting takes place this Monday 22nd April in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar at 8pm. Eveyone is welcome to this free event. The talk is on a man from Killygordon, he was a poet and storyteller. He lived to the old age of 87 and died in March 1934. This talk will be given by Rev Raymond Blair and should be of great interest to the people of the Finn Valley. So please come along and you might learn more about this man. His name is Samuel Seaton.

Letterkenny University Hospital: The Annual Remembrance Service for all those who have suffered the loss of their much wanted babies through Miscarriage, Still Birth, Neo-Natal death or the death of their deeply loved children will take place on Sunday 28th April in Conwall Parish Church (Church of Ireland), Letterkenny at 4pm. A warm welcome is extended to all families grieving the loss of their babies and children.

Alone Donegal: Alone 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: https://alone.ie/volunteers/. For more information, contact Helena on Helena.madden@alone.ie or call 086 0145829 or 074-9321598.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Day retreat at Ards Friary, Saturday 18th May. Led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30am and finish at 4.00pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, contact Ards on 074 9138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie

National Pilgrimage for Life: The 1st National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tue 14th, Sat 18th, Sat 25th & Mon 27th. More details can be found at <u>www.loughderg.ie</u>. €45 per person, booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.