

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 30th June 2024

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

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7.00pm - 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****

Drumboe Graveyard: The toilets at Drumboe graveyard are now opened every day.

Choir: The choir, individual musicians and singers will be taking a well deserved break for July and August. Small groups and individuals will endeavour to provide music over the Summer. We thank all for their continued commitment and dedication and wish them a happy and restful holiday

Lough Derg are recruiting a full-time Pastoral Programmes Coordinator. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying please contact Maureen at mboyle@loughderg.org or see advert on www.loughderg.org for further details. Lough Derg, Sanctuary of St Patrick, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

Rally for Life Dublin: will take place on Saturday July 6th. To book a seat on a Donegal Pro Life bus contact any of these numbers. Margaret 089 2469599, Teresa 086 2647235, Jim 087 2606595 or Brian 087 2913186

Bake Sale: in the Old Parish Centre, on Saturday 29th June from 4pm - 7pm & Sunday 30th June from 9am - 1pm. The Bake Sale aim is to raise funds for U13 & U15 teams representing Finn Valley Women's FC who are taking part in the Foyle Cup in July. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Art Exhibition: of paintings of old houses & buildings will take place in the Foyer of The Balor Arts Centre on Saturday June 29th to Friday July 5th from 10am to 5pm. These paintings were captured on camera last year during an outing by the Ballybofey Stranorlar & District Historical Society and painted by members of the Men's Shed Art group.

Miraculous Medal: Sr. Claire Sweeney of the Daughters of Charity (sister of Fr. Des Sweeney) will speak to us at the Masses next weekend about the Miraculous Medal. The Miraculous Medal was originally called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, but, because of the numerous accounts of miracles by those who wore it, people began to call it the Miraculous Medal and the name stuck. The Medal is a visual reminder of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

St. Thérèse International Day at Knock: is on Sunday July 14th. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Blessing with the Relic of St. Thérèse and veneration of the Relic from 10am to 5.30pm.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Matt Talbot: will take place on Sunday July 14th. Buses will leave Kilmacrenan & Ballybofey/Raphoe. Anyone interested in booking a seat please contact:- Brid Toner on (087) 120 0242 (Ballybofey/Raphoe) or Caroline Dorrian on 0876223036 Kilmacrennan. The cost of the pilgrimage including refreshments is €50 per person.

Providing compassionate care at the end of life: To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link:
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>