Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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3rd Sunday of Easter ~ 4th May 2025

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11amWeekdays: Monday ~ Friday 10amSaturday 10amCONFESSIONS: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**

Visitation of the Sick: Tuesday - Ballybofey Town & Country Wednesday - Stranorlar Town & Country

Recent Death: We offer sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Rose Patton, Trusk Road, Ballybofey, whose funeral Mass will take place this Sunday at 2pm in Sessiaghoniell. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 6.00pm mass on Saturday May 10th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Joan Doherty, Ard Mc Cool, Stranorlar & Philomena Mc Devitt, Ard Mc Cool, Stanorlar.

Choir practice: Friday May 9th at 8pm in the church.

Rosary Rally: Saturday May 10th at 4.00pm in the church car park

Church Collection: As a gesture of solidarity with the Parish of Gaoth Dobhair we will hold a collection in the church next weekend.

Confirmation: We congratulate the boys and girls from St. Marys National School, Dooish National School, Roberston National School& Welchtown National School, who made their confirmation yesterday. Many people contributed to this ceremony making it a wonderful occasion. We thank all concerned very sincerely.

First Holy Communion 2025: The 2nd class children from St. Mary's National School, will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May at 11.30am. The 2nd class children from Dooish National School, Robertson National School & Welchtown National School will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th May at 11.30am.

Encounters with the Heart of Jesus: A weekend retreat Friday 16th to Sunday 18th May that dives deeper into Sacred Heart Spirituality. Time for prayer & chat. Retreat £90 and is full board. Join us at the peaceful Termonbacca Retreat House in Derry. Led by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Email termonbaccaderry@gmail.com to register.

Annual Remembrance Service: For families who have suffered the loss of their baby through Miscarriage, Still-birth or Neo-Natal Death & for families who have suffered the death of their much loved child at Letterkenny University Hospital will take place on Sunday May 11th at 3pm in Conwal & Leck, Church of Ireland, Letterkenny. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

B & S Golf Club: A 6 weeks Ladies Beginners Lessons will start on Sunday Evening May 11th from 6pm to 7pm. Numbers are limited. If you have been thinking about getting into golf now is the time to give it a try, no obligation. Email Geraldine at <u>ladiesbsgc@gmail.com</u> for more information

Parish Meeting: Meetings have taken place around the Diocese following the gathering of the Synod in Rome. Our meeting is on Thursday May 8th in the parish centre at 8pm. During our meeting we will reflect on the key themes raised & explore how to support one another on our spiritual journey. Join us as we engage in open dialogue, share our experience & envision a vibrant future for our parish. We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jubilee of Hope 2025 (Lough Derg): The Stranorlar parish are organising a one-day retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday May 24^{th} 2025. The total cost is \notin 50 each. The bus will collect all pilgrims at the church car park. On arrival tea/coffee & scones are served. Lunch consists of soup & sandwiches followed by tea/coffee. This is a guided day of prayer & reflection beginning at 10.30am until approx. 4:30pm. The retreat is open to all adults, not suited to children. The retreat does not require fasting or walking bare-footed.