## Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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## The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 28th September 2025

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.

**Months Mind:** The 6.00pm mass on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> will be offered for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline Watson nee Mc Cafferty, formerly Drumboe Ave., Stranorlar.

**1st Anniversary:** The 6.00pm mass on Saturday October 4th will be offered for the repose of the soul of June Padmore, Blue Cedars, Ballybofey. The 9.00am mass on Sunday October 5th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Ann Comerford nee Ward, The Beeches, Ballybofey.

**First Communion:** a registration and information evening for Parents/ Guardians of children making their First Holy Communion in May 2026 will take place on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre, Stranorlar at 7.30pm. All Parents/Guardians are asked to attend.

**Confirmation:** a registration and information evening for Parents/ Guardians of children making their Confirmation in May 2026 will take place on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Centre, Stranorlar at 7.30pm. All Parents/Guardians are asked to attend.

**Scouts Den, Stranorlar:** We are currently seeking leaders to help run Scout programmes within our group. One hour per week. Training will be provided. For enquiries please contact Martina Flanagan 086 401 0569.

**Ministers of the Word for October:** Saturday 6pm – Roisin Mc Nulty. Sunday 9am – Marie Mc Garvey. Sunday 11am – Bernard Foy.

Ministers of the Eucharist for October: Saturday 6pm – Ann Mc Gloin, Mary Henderson & Liam Mc Cole. Sunday 9am – Laurence Devenney, Mollie Marley & Evelyn Gildea. Sunday 11am – Donal Sweeney, Anne Mc Gowan & Leon Mc Granaghan.

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** Harvest Thanksgiving Service this Sunday at 7:00pm. This is an ecumenical Service. The new Stranorlar Church of Ireland Minister the Rev. Johnny Lowden will be our guest preacher. We will be remembering the plight of those in Gaza as part of this Service. Retiring Collection for Gaza. Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

**The Diocesan Jubilee Year Committee:** are running an Art Competition for all Primary Schools & Secondary Schools in the Diocese. All the schools have been invited to take part with the closing date October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be prizes awarded for the top 3 entries in each category (Please see Poster in the porches for more information).

Copper Hunt: Sr. Deirdre Mullan United Nations wishes to say a sincere thanks for the very generous donation to our Mercy Reaches Mercy, outreach. The money from the copper hunt collection has been distributed for the work of the Sisters of Mercy who run a Young Mothers Club in the Motomo located in Eastern Kenya. The club provides mothers aged between 14 & 17 with a snack, postnatal care, and an opportunity to return to school. Transport is also provided back home to the various villages. Mass has been offered for your intentions & again thanks for all you do and have done over the years.

The Finn Valley Family Resource Centre: is organising an evening for Men over 50 in the Finn Valley Centre on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. The evening will include refreshments & food, the Finn Valley Men's Choir, input from Liam Cannon, Therapist and founder of New Dawn Counselling Service and Men telling Men (a chance to share what's going on in your area). It is open to all men in the Finn Valley Area from Cloghan to Lifford. To book your place please call the FRC on 074 91 31245

Missing Toy Snake & Care of Displays: As part of a recent floral display in the sanctuary in keeping with the Gospel of the day, a toy snake was kindly lent by a young boy from our parish. He had bought it himself on a visit to the zoo and even helped place it in the display. He was assured it would be returned to him afterwards, but sadly it has gone missing. If anyone has seen the toy snake or knows of its whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Kieran or Fr. Vincent, or return it to the sacristy. We also ask everyone to kindly avoid toughing the flower displays & decorations in the church. Some items have unfortunately been broken or have gone missing and we want to preserve the beauty of the displays for all to enjoy. (Parish Environment Group)