Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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<u>The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 19th October 2025</u> <u>Mission Sunday</u>

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

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Shay Quigley, Church View, Stranorlar, whose funeral took place on Monday & Seamus Mc Nulty, Main Street, Stranorlar, whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Months Mind The 6pm mass on Saturday October 25th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Bernard Dowds, Glenfin Street. The 9am mass on Sunday October 26th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Michael Murphy, Woodlawn.

Choir practices for October: Friday 24th at 8pm in the Church.

Rosary in October: The Rosary will be prayed every evening Monday to Friday in the chapel at 7pm during the month of October for peace in the world as suggested by Pope Leo. All welcome

Confirmation 2026: the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of the parish will take place on Saturday 2nd May. St. Marys N.S. at **11.30am** & Dooish N.S., Robertson N.S. & Welchtown N.S., at **2.30pm**

First Holy Communion 2026: The 2nd class children from St. Mary's N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May at **11.30am.** The 2nd class children from Dooish N.S, Robertson N.S. and Welchtown N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May at **11.30am.**

Family Mass: The first Family Mass of the new school term will take place this Sunday morning, October 19th at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

50th **Celebration of Dooish N.S.:** An evening of nostalgia will be held in Dooish N.S. on Wednesday October 22nd from 7pm to 8.30pm to celebrate the 50th year of the school. Old photographs, memories and memorabilia will be displayed. Refreshments served afterwards. Everybody Welcome.

Pilgrimage to Fátima: Organised by the Down & Connor Diocese led by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian will depart Belfast to Porto for 7 nights on May 29th 2026. Cost £850 per person sharing. Full board. Please contact Joe Catney on 00 44 77 7642 5631 for more information

An Autumn Cleanup of Drumboe Cemetery: will take place over the weekend of Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October. A skip will be provided for all users of the cemetery to dispose of all old wreaths, shrub's, bushes, plaques and any old or withered items from graves. Also, the committee would like to ask people to please refrain from erecting any surrounds. Anyone wishing to have their grave sown out please contact any of the committee or caretaker.

Caring for people with Dementia: A one-day retreat will take place on Wednesday December 10th from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Ards Friary. Cost is €50 which includes tea/coffee and a light lunch. For bookings contact Ards on 074 9138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie. For more information contact Caroline at carolinebrown268@gmail.com

Parish Draw 2025: Our annual parish draw will take place on Sunday December 7th with 30 prizes to be won. Online entry can be found on St Mary's RC Parish Stranorlar Face-book Page or via https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysChristmasParishDraw Enve-lopes are also available in Andies, Stranorlar & Alexanders, Ballybofey and in the church porches. There will be no ticket sellers going around the doors. You can return your money in the completed envelope to Fr Kieran, Fr Vincent or the church collection box. The draw has been very well supported over the years and we hope that it will be a success this year also.