

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### *Divine Mercy Sunday ~ 12th April 2026*

**MASSES:** Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am  
Weekdays: Monday ~ Friday 10am 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](mailto:stranorlarparish@gmail.com).

**\*\*Please give two weeks notice\*\***

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** A Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the church at 3pm this Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an opportunity for confessions during the service.

**Glenfin Area Council:** are holding a Mental Health Awareness Talk in Glenfin GAA Centre on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Guest speakers are Oisín McConville, Gavin Meenan and Christina Mc Eleney. This event is for all, from secondary school pupils to adults. Please let your family & friends know about this event & invite them along.

**St Vincent de Paul:** The collection next weekend April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> will go to Uganda.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Knock:** will take place on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. A bus will leave the Ballybofey Bus Stop at 7.15am. For more information phone Cáit on 086 307 4435 or visit [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

**Blood Donor:** Jacksons Hotel Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3.00pm to 5.10pm & 7.00pm to 9.40pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12.00pm to 2.00pm & 4.00pm to 7.40pm. Appointment is required. For bookings please call 1800 731 137 or check the [IBTS Clinic Finder](#) for updates.

**St Padre Pio Mass and Blessing:** Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Ards Friary. Healing Mass followed by blessing with the Relics of St Padre Pio.

**National Epilepsy Week 2026:** takes place on May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

**Dovida Donegal:** are currently recruiting caregivers in Donegal. Please contact Denise Mulrine at Dovida Donegal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Riverfront House, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, for more information or email: [denise.mulrine@dovida.ie](mailto:denise.mulrine@dovida.ie)

**Volunteers Urgently Needed:** Would you be willing to provide companionship through a weekly friendly visit to an older person seeking more social contact, just one hour per week? ALONE is currently seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and ongoing support are provided. To get involved, please sign up at: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, please contact Collette on 086 192 1505 or [Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie](mailto:Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie). Thank you very much for your continued support, this makes a real difference in helping older people stay connected in their communities.

### *Reflection - Cease doubting and believe*

*When Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.*

*But when Jesus was put to death,*

*he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.*

*The truth was, though he didn't realise at the time,*

*that it was the Master who was the oak.*

*He was a mere sapling growing in his shade.*

*When the oak fell he was defenceless.*

*All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.*

*We need to look at the Lord's wounds,*

*and hear his gentle voice saying to us:*

*'Cease doubting and believe'.*

*Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say;*

*'My Lord and my God'.*