

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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33rd Sunday of the Year - 14th November 2021 **World Day of the Poor**

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

All masses can be viewed on churchservices.tv/stranorlar

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 12 - 1pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

ADORATION: Thursday from 10.30am - 7.30pm.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday & 1st Saturday of the Month.
To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 10am - 12.30pm.

Recent Deaths: We offer sympathy to the families relatives and friends of Hugh McDevitt, Ard McCool and Martin Griffin, Silverwood, Ballybofey who were buried during the week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

1st Anniversary: The 10am Mass on Wednesday 17th November will be offered for the repose of the soul of Jim Tobin, Aisling Court.

November Novena: We would like to say a special word of thanks to those who prepared the sanctuary so appropriately for the Novena, the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, those who provided the music and all who helped in any way.

Copper Hunt: There has been a very good response so far and to facilitate those who may yet have any coppers or small change the drum will again be placed at the back of the church at all the masses next weekend. All proceeds will go to our parish Third World Projects. We thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Meetings - Upcoming Church Synod: In order that everyone would have an opportunity to come to an event if they chose the diocese is having centralised meetings in 3 locations where people will be able to participate - Ards Friary on 16th November at 7pm, Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlough on 17th November at 7pm and Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny 18th November at 7pm. The following questions will be discussed at the meetings -

- 1. To what extent do you experience companionship, togetherness and friendship in your parish?*
- 2. How can we, as Catholics, create a real sense of welcome, belonging and inclusion in our parish community?*
- 3. What opportunities are there within the church for you to speak freely about your experience, to be listened to and heard?*
- 4. How might new opportunities be developed for the voice of all people to be heard?*
- 5. What is your experience of active sharing in the life of your parish and / or diocese?*
- 6. How can the parish community invite people to a greater level of involvement and responsibility in the parish?*

The results of these considerations will be summarised and submitted to the Diocesan committee.

On-line participation - Through Facebook and the Diocesan Website an opportunity will be made available to anyone who wants to respond to the questions posed about the issue of Synodality.

Diocesan Website: <https://www.raphoediocese.ie/news/synod-pathway/>

Trocaire: The Irish Bishops Conference has asked parishes to hold a special Church collection to support Trócaire's response to a humanitarian crisis in East Africa. Any support our parish can give in this weekend's emergency collection will aid the urgent work of Trocaire and all those who work with them in East Africa to prevent heart-breaking suffering and tragic loss of life there. There are baskets in the church to make your donation.

Parish Draw: Our annual parish draw will take place on Sunday 5th December. Online entry can be found on St Mary's RC Parish Stranorlar Facebook Page or via <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StMarysChristmasParishDraw> Envelopes are also available in Andies, Stranorlar and Alexanders, Ballybofey and in the church porches. You can return your money in the completed envelope to Fr Kieran, Fr Anthony 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 in its new format.