

# *Parish of Stranorlar*

## *Church of Mary Immaculate*

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### **2nd Sunday of Advent 4th December 2022**

**MASSSES:** Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am  
Weekdays Monday - Thursday 10am Friday 10am & 7.30pm  
Saturday 10am

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

**ADORATION:** Thursday 10.30am - 7.30pm.

**BAPTISMS:** Every Sunday - 12 noon & 1st Saturday of every month.  
To book contact the Parish Office on 9131135 on Fridays between 10am – 12.30pm. (Please give two weeks notice) The Baptism Teams are available to visit families again.

**Thursday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**  
**Masses will be at 10am & 7.30pm.**

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

**Month's Mind:** The 7.30 mass on Friday 9th December will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mary C. Gallagher, Ard Mc Cool and the 6pm mass on Saturday 10th December will be offered for the repose of Jim Kelly, Cappry.

**Choir practices:** Choir practices will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 8pm in the church. All welcome.

**Donegal Pro Life:** The annual Mass will take place on Tuesday the 13th December in the Church of Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny @7.30 pm. All welcome.

**Concern Bazaar:** The Concern Bazaar will take place this Sunday 4th December in the Villa Rose Hotel at 3pm. All monies raised will go to Concern for their work with some of the poorest people in the world.

**St. Mary's Church of Ireland:** The Christmas Tree Festival will take place this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 5.30pm followed by A Community Carol Service at 6pm. Admission €10. Raffle in aid of the Donegal Hospice & Donegal Alzheimer's Society. Everyone welcome

**St. Vincent de Paul:** The annual Christmas appeal collection will take place each weekend until Christmas. Your help would be very much appreciated. Any family requesting help please ring 087 9955351.

**Raphoe Diocesan Safeguarding:** The Autumn Newsletter from the Raphoe Diocesan Safeguarding Committee is available on all the Notice Boards. The Diocese of Raphoe has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church to review current practice in the Diocese and you are invited to contribute. Details on how to do so are contained in that Newsletter.

**Finn Valley Family Resource Centre:** Are holding their annual Christmas Appeal this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the switching on of the Christmas Lights with a bucket collection or donations can be given to the Finn Valley FRC, Drumboe Avenue. Many thanks for your support.

### ***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 4th December 2022***

*The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God. John the Baptist preached repentance. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." Today, "to repent" generally means "to be sorry for our sins." Most of us can identify with that and examine our lives to see what adjustments (usually minor!) which we need to make. But "to repent" as attributed in the Gospel to John, was far more radical than that. It meant to turn your life completely around, to do a U-turn, to turn away from where you are going and turn back to God. Today, as we accelerate towards climate catastrophe, John's radical message is more apt than ever, particularly to those of us who live in the economically developed world. Our pursuit of continuous - but ultimately unsustainable - economic growth, as we seek to maintain, or even expand, our comfort zones, through our attachment to ever increasing consumer goods, and our need to obtain the money to pay for them, is destroying God's creation. We are called today to "turn around." to turn away from seeking more and more, to live much simpler lives, and to find our rest, not in our possessions, but in God.*