## Parish of Stranorlar Church of Mary Immaculate

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## 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ 23rd March 2025

MASSES: Saturday - 6pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9am & 11am Weekdays: Monday ~ Friday 7.30am & 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. \*\*Please give two weeks notice\*\*

Trocaire Boxes: Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available in the porches.

**Choir practices:** for March are Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm in the church. All welcome.

**Sycamore Lenten Programme:** We are offering an opportunity to deepen your faith this Lent. For the next 2 Thursdays. March 27th & April 3rd at 8:00pm for 1 hour. A video on aspects of our faith and a chance to share. Refreshments provided

**Children's Choir:** New members are welcome at any time of the year. Practice is in the Old Parish Centre on Wednesday evening from 6.15pm to 7pm. Registration forms are available at practices.

**The Children's Liturgy:** has moved to the 11am mass on Sunday. We invite you to bring the children from  $2^{nd}$  to  $6^{th}$  class. Registration forms are available on our parish website and from the team on Sunday mornings.

**Confirmation:** There will be a Commitment Service for the Confirmation children of the Parish and their parents in the Church on Monday night March 24th at 7pm.

**The Ballybofey ,Stranorlar & District Historical Society:** are holding their next meeting in the Henderson Hall, Stranorlar (F93 XV29) on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. They are delighted to announce that Convoy native Ray Bonner will give a talk on history of Convoy and their link with Convoy Ohio. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

A Public Information evening: will be held in the Parish Centre on March  $28^{th}$  at 8.30pm. Addiction professionals will be present as well as members of Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon. This meeting is open to all who think they may have a problem with alcohol & substances, their families & friends and the general public. There will be a cup of tea/coffee.

**Next Family Mass:** will be on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We are looking for parents to help with the tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. Please contact Marlene O'Dwyer on 086 8594977 or <u>marleneodwyer21@gmail.com</u>.

**Prayer Ministry run by Colum & Seosamh who are two nonverbal autistic men:** They spell to communicate. They have had a prayer ministry for some years now and have a Facebook page called Silent Servants of the Divine Mercy. They invite people to like the page and send their prayer intentions to them. They then pray and offer their sufferings for all the prayer intentions. They also recently started a sodality called Silent Servants of the Divine Mercy Sodality. The Sodality holds a monthly online prayer meeting on Zoom. The hope is that other people who cannot attend a prayer meeting in person can join them in praying for the intentions of the Silent Servants. They particularly invite other silent people or people with disabilities. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting will be held on Sunday March 30th at 7pm. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes. Please send a text to 086 4134847 if you are interested in attending the meeting. The day before the meeting we will send out a Zoom link for the meeting.

**Pilgrimage to Poland 2025:** Fr Eamonn Kelly will lead a pilgrimage to Krakow from August  $20^{th}$  to  $26^{th}$ . We will visit the Divine Mercy Shrine, Our Lady of Czestochowa, the birthplace of St John Paul II, Wawel Castle and Cathedral, Auschwitz and many other places. Accommodation in the beautiful medieval centre of Krakow will be €995. Please phone 057 935 5050 for more information or email: info@myriam.ie