

Parish of Stranorlar

Church of Mary Immaculate

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1st Sunday of Lent ~ 9th March 2025

MASSSES: 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

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

St. Patricks Days Masses: Sunday March 16th at 7.30pm, Monday March 17th at 9am & 11am

Months Minds: The 6pm mass on Saturday March 15th will be offered for the repose of the souls of Margaret & Hugh Walsh, Chapel Street, Stranorlar. The 6pm mass on Saturday March 15th will be offered for the repose of the soul of Lucy Mc Cafferty, Admiran Park, Stranorlar.

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

Choir practices: for March are Friday 14th, 21st & 28th, at 8pm in the church. All welcome.

Sycamore Lenten Programme: We are offering an opportunity to deepen your faith this Lent. For 4 Thursday's starting March 13th at 8:00pm for 1 hour. A video on aspects of our faith and a chance to share. Refreshments provided

St Marys Parents' Association: are organising a kids disco on March 14th in Jacksons Hotel Pyramid Suite from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets €5 per child or €15 per family. Tickets can be purchased from the school. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will go towards a Sensory Path & Maths Equipment.

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

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.

Quiz Night: Scoil Taobhóige are holding a quiz on Friday March 14th in the Cloghan Day Centre at 8.30pm. Entry fee is €5 per person teams of 4 -5 & Children are welcome. Raffle & Refreshments. All proceeds in aid of the schools team who will travel to compete in the World VEX finals in Dallas, Texas in May.

Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.