



## Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

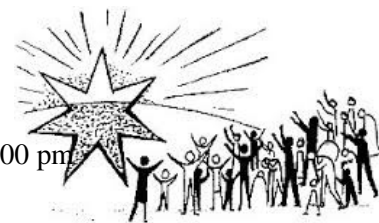
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### Masses

### Third Sunday of Advent December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Molly & Tommy Walsh	Islandeady
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Merci Molloy	Dublin / Straide
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm*</b>	Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 pm	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Julia and Pat Maloney & daughter Helen White / James and Bridget McDonnell & deceased family members	



\*Please note – the later time of Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 pm.

**We remember in our prayers** - the soul of Michael Maloney, Straide Road who was buried during the week. R.I.P.

**Christmas Confessions** – due to Covid 19 restrictions it will not be possible to have visiting priests for confessions this year. Fr. Martin is available for confessions before and after every Mass as well as by appointment.

**All Masses from Straide Church** - are now streamed online from the parish website – [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the Season of Advent** – continues this week after 7.00 pm Mass on Wed.

**Church Decorating for Christmas** – Many thanks to all who gave a socially distanced hand in putting up trees and cribs and decorating the church. Thanks, also, to those who donated replacement lights and decorations.

**Christmas Masses** – There will be an extra Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm (in addition to the usual 7.30 pm Mass) and, also, an extra Mass on Christmas Day at 8.30 am (in addition to the usual 11.00 am Mass). This will allow up to 200 people to safely attend a Mass over the course of Christmas Eve / Christmas Day. Tickets for all four Masses are now available at the back of the Church.

**Please note:** (i) Strictly no admission without a “ticket”, (ii) Doors close 5 minutes before Mass is due to begin, (iii) Possession of a “ticket” does not guarantee admission if arriving later than 5 minutes before Mass is due to begin, (iv) Only take a “ticket” if you are certain YOU will use it – not using “tickets” means you are denying others a seat, (v) “Tickets” are not interchangeable – i.e. a “ticket” admits to a *specific* Mass at a *specific* time.

**Please visit and support** - the 2020 Coolegrane Christmas lights at Coolegrane, Foxford. This spectacular display runs from December 8<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's proceeds are for the O'Dwyer Cheshire Home & Mayo Cheshire Transport fund towards upgraded accessible transport for the people they support. Coolegrane Lights are signposted from the Foxford / Callow road.

**Volunteers** – Thanks to those who have volunteered to act as stewards. However, as stewards may have some contact with churchgoers, it is not appropriate to task those with underlining medical conditions (or those of pension age) with such interaction. **Volunteer Readers** – needed for Christmas Masses. Thanks to those who have volunteered already. We do need some more. **Tickets** - for next weekend's Masses (December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>) are now available to be picked up from the back of the Church. Admission to weekend Masses is by “*Ticket Only*” and will be rigorously enforced.

**An amount of mangled steel** – has been left along the wall in the New Cemetery and is a trip hazard. Could owner please remove

**Western Care Association** - are going to travel around the globe virtually to raise funds to enhance services throughout the county, we need your help to complete this challenge. We are looking for 150 volunteers to walk, jog or run virtually around the globe in aid of Western Care Association, starting from 12<sup>th</sup> of January to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. For more information contact Michael by emailing [mflanagan@westerncare.com](mailto:mflanagan@westerncare.com) to find out how you can be involved in something big and help Western Care Association travel around the world virtually. Registration for the event is €10 per person, we look forward to hearing from you!

**The St Vincent de Paul Society** - annual collection will take place on weekend Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Many of you will have received the Blue Envelope in your post by now. There are a number of options for donation: by *Telephone to 0818 176 176*, by *Cheque, Postal Order, Credit card or Cash*. Please nominate your local Conference, *St Patrick's Conference, Foxford*, on the Flyer attached and insert into the envelope. Envelopes may be sent Freepost to the SvP National Office. If you wish to donate by Cash you may hand the envelope in at any of the following locations: *Straide Church, Gannon's shop, Foxford Woollen Mills, Foxford Pharmacy or Corcoran's Shop, Knockmore*. Please do not send cash by post. Thank you for your generosity, as always. (St. Vincent de Paul, Foxford Conference)

**Sincere thanks** – to all who dropped in Offertory Envelopes to the parochial house during the week and throughout lockdown. It is much appreciated. Offerings can also be made online for those who are in a position to do so.

**Altar Society December:** Kathleen Canning & Peggy Jordan

**Thought for the day:** Words are like medicine, they should be measured with care as an overdose may hurt!

**Newsletter:** Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email [pp@straideparish.com](mailto:pp@straideparish.com).

**Additional News Items** - are included in the online Newsletter on [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com)

**The celebration of Christmas** - will be different in our church this year. Under current government guidelines, attendance will be limited to 50 at each Mass. It seems likely that our church will not be able to accommodate all who would like to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Thus, families are asked to consider gathering together at home and praying the Mass via livestreaming from the webcam in Straide church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. In that way we can still be united in prayer as we mark the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Traditionally, Christians have celebrated the Twelve Days of Christmas and, so, people might consider attending Mass on one of those twelve days of Christmas to ease the situation on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We ask the patience and understanding of parishioners as we plan for the celebration of Christmas in this very different year.

**Western Care Association's Christmas Cards 2020** - are now on sale. Contact Teresa Ward on (087) 246 7857.

**Moy Davitt's News** - Congratulations to Tommy Byrne Bohola on winning €325 in the Moy Davitt's 50/50 draw. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

**Straide Community Development Group - Santa's Straide Stopover** - We are so delighted to tell you that we received official correspondence from the North Pole and Santa will be stopping in Straide on Sunday 20th of December!! This year has been a year like no other and Santa's Straide Liaison Elf's have been super busy reporting back to the North Pole about all our local children who have been magnificent this year - through the lockdowns and restrictions, home-schooling and missing their friends. So much so, Santa is going to stopover in Straide as he carries out one of his final checklists and hopes to meet some of the amazing boys and girls of the locality. We all know we have been very careful as we all try our best to live with Covid19 but we still want you to see Santa and say a quick hello and give him a wave....So...the Straide Liaison Elf's together with the North Pole Elf's have come up with a plan - a Drive thru Visit with Santa!! If you wish to have a quick chat with Santa in the comfort of your own vehicle on Sunday 20th of December 2020 email us at [straidesanta@gmail.com](mailto:straidesanta@gmail.com). Numbers will be limited, and you will be allocated a time slot from 4pm onwards. There is no charge per vehicle, but we would kindly ask for a donation based on your experience on the evening. Entry will be confirmed by email response and a confirmation letter which you will need to bring on the evening. Ho Ho Ho...Merry Christmas!

#### HELPLINES

**ALONE COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** 0818 222 024 (Every day, 8am to 8pm).

**Senior Line:** Ireland's national confidential service for older people. *Freefone 1800 80 45 91* (10am - 10pm daily).

**Foxford Friend on Phone Service:** For information, call Foxford Leisure Centre on 094-9257684

**You can now make your Offertory Donations** - simply, conveniently and securely online at our parish website – [straideparish.com](http://straideparish.com). Many thanks to those who use this new facility. Thank you for your ongoing generosity & support.

**Genealogy** – Are you interested in tracing your ancestors or have a relative overseas who would like to trace their roots? The North Mayo Heritage Centre, Crossmolina can help. Gift vouchers also available. Contact (096) 31809.

#### IF YOU NEED HELP

Many parishioners have volunteered to help those who may not be able to shop, collect medicines, go to the Post Office etc. during this Coronavirus outbreak. If, at any time, you need help with these chores call me on (094) 9031029 and I will liaise with the many volunteers within the community who are very happy to help out.

Keep safe, keep healthy and, at all times, follow HSE / Government guidelines. Say a prayer, too, for all who have caught the virus and for all medical staff, carers and volunteers who are working so very hard at this time. (Fr. Martin)

**St. Vincent de Paul (Foxford)** – can provide help for those in Straide who may be in need of food or fuel. Contact (085) 8887777

**CCTV** – operates 24 / 7 within the Church and in the Church car park. The parish policy concerning CCTV can be found on the parish website ([www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com)) – as can all parish policies.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** – has implications for parishes, one being that we can no longer publish names of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society or Collectors in Newsletters / Website without written permission. We hope to phase the regulations in throughout 2019. Forms are available on the altar rails. Please bring one home, fill in and return to the Church.

**Knock Counselling Service** – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling)

**Accord Counselling** - Challenging times can be rough on relationships. When it comes to protecting your most precious investment (your marriage), talk to ACCORD. Our services, based on your needs, not your ability to pay, can help you get the most from your marriage. Morning and evening appointments are available. Office hours are from 10 am to 1pm Monday to Friday, contact (094) 92 54944 or Lo-call 1850 201 878 or email [accordcharlestown@gmail.com](mailto:accordcharlestown@gmail.com).

**Pope Francis Prayer of Protection Against Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Human Race, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test -

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.