



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

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### Masses

### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

<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	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm*</b>	Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 pm	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (ticket holders only)	
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (ticket holders only)	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Christmas Morning Mass (ticket holders only)	
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Christmas Morning Mass (ticket holders only)	
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Feast of St. Stephen	
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Kathleen and Joe Earley & son, Thomas	Knocksaxon



\***Please note** – the later time of Mass on Tuesday at 7.00 pm – followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**We remember in our prayers** - the soul of Kathleen Hughes, Knockafall 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 Tues.

**Christmas Mass times** - are listed above. Due to HSE Covid 19 rules, the following restrictions apply: (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) “Tickets” are not interchangeable – i.e. a “ticket” admits to a *specific* Mass at a *specific* time, (v) Children of school-going age also need a “ticket”, (vi) Masses are scheduled so as to allow for cleaning / sanitizing and ventilation of the Church.

**If you are in possession of “tickets” you will not use, please return them to the Church ASAP and, thus, allow others to use them.**

**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.

**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 Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Thus, families who are not in a position to be physically present 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 celebrate the great Feast of Christmas in this very different year.

**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 more. Registration for the event is €10 per person. Please support!

**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.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society** - annual collection took place last weekend. Donations (in the St Vincent de Paul envelopes distributed to households via *An Post*) can be brought to Church this weekend to be forwarded to SVDP  
**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:** One kind word can warm three winters (Japanese Proverb)

**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)

**Moy Davitt's News** - Congratulations to Anthony Ruane Foxford on winning €292 in the Moy Davitts 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!

**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*

**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.