



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

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### Masses

### Feast of the Holy Family December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2020

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<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
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention
		Feast of Mary, the Mother of God / World Day of Prayer for Peace
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Kathleen Hughes (Month's Mind) Knockafall
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Bertie Rainey, his son Dominic and Dominic's wife Carmel, Blanemore
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community



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

Unfortunately, during this present level of lock down, it is not possible to have parishioners present at Masses. However, the Church remains open throughout the day for private visits and prayer.

### Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Liturgies so very dignified and so elevating, and to all who help out throughout the entire year and give of their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm in helping to run our parish. Without your help and support it would not be possible to have the very vibrant parish community we are so proud to have here in Straide.

Thanks to the Altar Society, the Choirs and guest Singers & Musicians, the Cleaners, the Collectors, the Counters, the Finance Council, the Fundraisers, the Ticket Sellers, the Grounds Men, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Musicians, the Pastoral Council, the Readers, those who pray the Prayers of the Faithful, the Safeguarding Children Personnel, the Staff of the Primary School, those who donated flowers, lights and decorations, those who decorated inside & outside of the Church for Christmas (especially the flowers, the lights & the trees), those who made, donated and erected the two cribs (one inside and one outside the Church), those who made and donated the three outdoor trees, the door stewards, the church cleaners / sanitizers, those who clean the brass, the silverware & altar linen in the Church and all those others who help quietly behind the scenes and whose good deeds are known only to God alone. Thanks, also, to those who donated replacement lights and decorations when needed. It meant no parish funds were, again this year, spent on decorating the church or grounds. May God Bless you all and reward you for your work.

**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!

### Parish Statistics for 2020:

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<b>Baptisms:</b>	5
<b>Deaths:</b>	13
<b>Marriages:</b>	1
<b>First Communion:</b>	9



**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.

**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.

**Altar Society January:** Mary Roche, Kathleen Bourke & Mary Lennon

**Offertory & Christmas Collections** - Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Offertory & Church Conservation and Christmas collections. Thanks, also, to those who donated online. Your great generosity is, as always, very much appreciated. Many thanks again. Happy New Year to all.

**Thought for the day:** 1 Year = 365 Opportunities (366 in a leap year!)

**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)

**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.