



## Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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### Masses

June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Private Mass Intention
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Private Mass - People of the Parish Community
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul - Public Masses recommence – Private Intention
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 pm*	Baby Isabelle Jordan Cloonconra
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Private Intention
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm*	First Friday - Private Intention
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	People of the Parish Community
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Tady & Bridie Hopkins

\*Please note - later time of Masses on Wednesday & Friday at 7.00 pm

**Church Live Stream** – is now operational. All Masses are available to be viewed live online on [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com).

**The Sick & Housebound** – will be visited (if they wish) on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Martin will be in touch, in advance, with all those on his visitation list to see if they would like the monthly Communion Call to be restored.

**New Offertory Envelopes** – New boxes of Offertory Envelopes are now available and can be picked up from the back of the Church. Many thanks to those who distributed those boxes in previous years. However, this year parishioners are asked to pick up their own envelopes (and perhaps those of their neighbour) from the Church. While the present corona virus pandemic continues, our regular distributors (many of whom have been cocooning) are not expected to undertake this task again this year

**Bishop elect Fr. Paul Dempsey** - will be ordained Bishop on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in the cathedral in Ballaghaderreen.

**Straide Church Reopening** – *From June 29<sup>th</sup> Churches will be able to reopen for public Masses again. The experience of attending Mass will be a little different from what people were used to previously. Many protocols will have to be introduced in order to guarantee the safety and well-being of those attending. The safety of Mass goers is a priority. Please note the following:*

- \* In order to facilitate Social Distancing, the Church will now have **ONLY 14 pews available for seating**.
- \* These 14 pews can accommodate either (i) 14 families or (ii) 28 individuals (from different households) or (iii) 28 couples (from different households) or (iv) any combination of these three possibilities - provided the total number does not exceed 50.
- \* It is anticipated that there will not be a problem accommodating the numbers attending daily Masses. However, this may not be true for weekend Masses.
- \* For some parishes, rather than having to choose 50 parishioners to be admitted, they have decided that they will not reopen until the end of July - when it is expected that 100 people can attend Mass.
- \* Here in Straide it has been decided to reopen for both daily and weekend Masses, while still observing social distancing and all HSE guidelines and government rules.
- \* Thus, we must plan attendance at weekend Masses very carefully and in advance.
- \* It is important that those who intend to be present at either Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses should decide, in advance, during the week which Mass they will attend.
- \* From midday on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, 50 admission tickets for the following Saturday evening Mass (July 4<sup>th</sup>), as well as 50 different admission tickets for Sunday morning Mass (July 5<sup>th</sup>) will be available from the back of the Church.
- \* Parishioners can, throughout the week, pick up these tickets on a first come basis. Tickets can not be “reserved” for individuals.
- \* One ticket is needed for each *person* – i.e. one ticket for a single individual, two tickets for a couple and as required for a family.
- \* Those who turn up without the appropriate ticket for that Mass are unlikely to gain admission if the quota of 50 is reached, but may wait in the car park where Holy Communion will be brought after Mass.
- \* Please remember that the Church Obligation to attend Mass at the weekend does not apply during this pandemic.
- \* For two days of the week, the daily Mass will be in the evening at 7.00 pm for those who may prefer to attend Mass with fewer people present than at the weekend.
- \* Our arrangements are put in place to facilitate our *regular* Mass goers. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to facilitate people from other parishes who would not normally attend Masses in Straide.
- \* The Church will be sanitised after each daily Mass and will be deep cleaned before each weekend Mass.
- \* Where possible, please leave a parking space free between each car in the car park.
- \* Face coverings are recommended by the HSE and government but (as of yet) are not compulsory.
- \* Sanitizers are provided in the Church and should be used on entry and on exit. However, it is also recommended that parishioners carry a small hand sanitizer on their person as well.

**Offertory Envelopes** - can be returned when Masses re-open to the public again or when your own finances allow. Sincere thanks to those who have already made returns. As previously stated, there is no pressure to do so at this time.

**Altar Society for July:** Mary Roche, Kathleen Bourke & Mary Lennon

**Thought for the Day:** As much of heaven is visible as we have eyes to see.

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

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

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** - ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**Moy Davitt's News** - Congratulations to Susan Heneghan on winning €407 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 <http://bit.ly/MoyDavitts50-50>. It might be you !!!

**RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS:** As we look forward in joy and hope to the re-opening of our churches for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, we offer this framework document to the dioceses and parishes of Ireland (available to read at <https://achonrydiocese.org/returntoworship>). At the end of the month we hope to slowly and cautiously resume public worship in our churches, knowing that it can only happen in a limited way. We will still need patience, perseverance and self-sacrifice. The prescriptions contained in the Framework Document will only be effective if we have the generous support of volunteers who will help to plan, implement and manage the transition back to full parish life and the celebration of the sacraments. Their energy, creativity and enthusiasm are gifts that our communities need now more than ever, since some of our older generation may be unable to offer their normal help in the current circumstances. (Framework Document, Irish Bishops Conference).

**Free online Self Care to Wellness Programme** - next programme commences on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.30 am to 1pm. If you are living with a long term health condition you may be interested in doing the 'Self Care to Wellness Programme' soon to be known nationally as the 'Living Well' Programme'. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. This Programme will commence on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July from 10.30am to 1 pm. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Olga on 087 7096443 or email: [olga.maguire@mayocil.ie](mailto:olga.maguire@mayocil.ie). You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

#### 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

#### 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.

**Are you finding it difficult to cope** - with life's problems? Perhaps GROW can help you. GROW is a free confidential support group, promoting positive mental health using a 12 step program. Meetings run weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Ballina Community centre. For further information on GROW or other GROW meetings across Co Mayo, you can contact Emily at 086 4183543, [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie) or the GROW information line 1890 474 474

**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.

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2020** - Fri. 25th / Sat. 26 Sept.; Fri. 30th / Sat. 31 Oct.; Fri. 27th / Sat. 28 Nov. Courses are held in McWilliam Park Hotel, delivered by ACCORD Charlestown Centre. Best to book online at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and there to see all the dates being offered by Castlebar, Ballina, Sligo & Roscommon ACCORD Centres

**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)

**Life after a bereavement** - can feel empty and lonely. A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine every Wednesday at 11am. Anyone is welcome to attend. Further information from Monica Morley on (094) 9375320.

**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).

