



## Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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### Masses

**November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Dominic & Bridget Corcoran and deceased of the Corcoran family
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Michael Bourke (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Grallagh / Seamus Ryan Enniscrone / Aughaward
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls / People of the Parish Community
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Service of Remembrance of the Dead & Prayer for the Bereaved
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Mort & Peig Kennedy and daughter-in-law Nora Kennedy Limerick
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Holy Souls / People of the Parish Community

**November Masses** – Masses will be said for the dead throughout the month of November. If you would like to include the names of your beloved dead, please fill in their names and put into the November Envelopes (available in the Church) and place in the sanctuary.

**Scheduled Masses throughout November** – In order to celebrate Masses for the “*Holy Souls*” during November, it is only possible to schedule an Anniversary Mass during that month if the Anniversary occurs in November.

**November Remembrance of the Dead** – A *Service of Remembrance of the Dead* will be held in the Church on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm. All of our dead (and, especially, those who died during the past year) will be remembered and prayed for. The event will be live streamed. Sadly, it’s not possible to have a congregation present.

**The Tree of Life** – is available in the Church again this November. Please feel free to write the names of deceased loved ones on the “leaves” and hang on the tree. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN PEN.

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

**The Finance Bill of 2020** - has an amendment in it that proposes to apply the standard rate of VAT to sales of *all* candles (certain candle sales are currently zero-rated for VAT purposes). The candles that are currently zero rated are church candles, shrine, vigil and devotional candles. It is proposed, from January 2021, to apply 21% VAT to these candles and then, in March 2021, to increase the VAT rate to 23%. This is the last thing that Churches need at this moment in time!! The additional cost will fall on the shoulders of parishioners who, ultimately, pay all bills / overheads. Maybe, it’s time to drop an email to Paschal Donoghue ([paschal.donohoe@oireachtas.ie](mailto:paschal.donohoe@oireachtas.ie)) or have a word with public representatives. However, time is of the essence as the *Finance Bill* was published on 22 October. It goes to Committee Stage on 17, 18, 19 November; to Report Stage on 2, 3 December and to Seanad Report Stage on 16 December. The President is due to sign the *Finance Act 2020* into law by 25 December 2020.

**To mark** - global “*World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims*” Mayo County Council's Road Safety Office, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, the emergency services, the RSA and victim support groups are asking you to ‘*Light Up for Road Safety*’ by placing a light in a window between 7pm and 8pm on the evening of Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to remember victims, and to recognise the work of the emergency services and hospital staff.

**November Rosary in the Cemetery** – No formal group rosary can be said this year. Private prayers are encouraged instead.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society** - annual collection will take place on weekend Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the Covid 19 epidemic we are obliged to broaden our normal procedures. Our main collection this year will be via a prepaid blue postal envelope that will be delivered to every household in our area. These envelopes will be delivered by *An Post* during the first week in December. For those who wish to donate, each envelope will contain a section for the donor to fill in, giving credit card or bank details together with amount and a separate section for the donors preferred Conference name. Some of our donors may wish to donate in cash. Provision will be made for such circumstances. All donations are very important to our Conference and we really welcome and appreciate them all. Thank you.  
(President & Members, St. Vincent DePaul Foxford Conference).

**Moy Davitt's News** - Congratulations to Lynda Kennedy 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>

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

**Altar Society November:** Eileen Doherty, Marian Walsh & Una McGreal

**Thought for the Day:** The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well (St. John Vianney)

**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)

**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. This facility, like the web cam, has been introduced for the convenience of parishioners

**The Mayo Recovery College** – are offering free online interactive sessions. Connect with us this winter using your phone or laptop as we explore different mental health topics This coming week includes ‘Stress’ on Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> Nov) & Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) 11am - 1 pm and Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>) 6-8pm ‘Mindfulness & Recovery’. Call / Text Karen McHale (086) 0294901 or email [recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie](mailto:recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie) and we’ll send you the link. Full Prospectus [www.recoverycollegewest.ie](http://www.recoverycollegewest.ie)

**Free Living Well Programme** - next programmes commencing on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November, & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of November. If you are living with a long term health condition you may be interested in doing the “Living Well” formally known as the ‘Self Care to Wellness Programme’. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions online where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. 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 (086) 6078950 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)

**November Pledge** – Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice in honour of their deceased relatives and friends. It is possible to take a short-term Pioneer Pledge for the month of November for this purpose. Further details are available on the Church notice board or from Fr. Martin or visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie). This can be a very good and appropriate way to commemorate the Holy Souls.

**Foxford Sports and Leisure Centre** - have launched a new “Befriending Service”. It is intended for anyone you know (or indeed yourself) who would like to receive a call once a week from a friendly voice, just to have a chat. All volunteers are trained by ALONE and are garda vetted. Thus, everything that is discussed stays between the two people involved . If you would like more information just call (094) 9257 684 / (087) 3830444 or check out the facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/foxfordsportsandleisure>.

**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. 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, 0818 222 024.

**A thought on how we should receive Holy Communion** - Writing in the fourth century, St Cyril of Jerusalem has this to say: ‘When you approach the altar, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the right hand into a throne for the left which will receive the King, and then cup your open hand and take the Body of Christ, reciting Amen.’ It’s a lovely image of the hand being a throne for the King, the risen Lord Jesus, with whom we quite literally connect when we come to this sacrament.

**Do you want to learn more about mental health?** Have you experience with mental health challenges? Are you a family member/supporter or health professional? If yes, then join the MAYO RECOVERY COLLEGE this Autumn Winter at our free Online interactive audio/video classes. Log onto [www.recoverycollegewest.ie](http://www.recoverycollegewest.ie) for our Prospectus. Please contact Karen McHale, Principal Recovery Educator 086 0294901 [recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie](mailto:recovery.educatormrc@hse.ie) to register.

#### **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

**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.

**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.