



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

Saturday 21st	7.30 pm	Mort & Peig Kennedy and daughter-in-law Nora Kennedy Limerick
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Souls / People of the Parish Community
Monday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Thursday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Friday 27th	7.00 pm*	Private Intention
Saturday 28th	7.30 pm	Ollie Flannery
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Charles & Bridget O'Malley and deceased of the O'Malley, Melia & Roache families



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

We remember in our prayers - the soul of Nell McHale (Knockmore) who died on Friday last. R.I.P.

Today's Feast Day - Pope Pius XI instituted the *Feast of Christ the King* in 1925 which, initially, took place on the last Sunday in October – before the Feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls*. Pope Paul VI moved the Feast to the new date of the final Sunday of the liturgical year (before the commencement of a new liturgical year) on the First Sunday of Advent. In doing so, he assigned to it the highest rank of solemnity. The Feast was instituted in response to the growing secularism throughout Europe in the 1920s and sought to assert Christ, as the Universal King, having dominion over all creation – the very opposite to secularist beliefs. The liturgical vestments for the day are coloured white or gold, in keeping with other joyous feasts honouring Christ.

All Masses from Straide Church - are now streamed online from the parish website – www.straideparish.com.

November Remembrance of the Dead – Many thanks to all who joined with us for our *November Service of Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved*. Hopefully, it brought some consolation to the many bereaved within our community and beyond. Thanks to our readers Frances and Kevin. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, it wasn't possible to have a full complement of readers this year. Thanks, also, to those who decorated the Church so beautifully for November. What a spectacular job they did. The *Service of Remembrance* can be viewed on the parish You tube Channel / Facebook Page - @straideparishchurch

We welcome into the parish community – Tristan Kieran Reid who was baptised recently. We wish him, his parents, and all associated with him, the abundance of God's blessings at this very special time.

Western Care Association's Christmas Cards 2020 - are now on sale in your local town and area. Pack includes 10 unique cards and envelopes for €6.00. Contact Teresa Ward on (087) 246 7857 for further information.

The St Vincent de Paul Society - annual collection will take place on weekend Dec 12th & 13th. 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).

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. Call daily (8am - 8pm), (0818) 222 024.

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

Moy Davitt's News - Congratulations to Catherine Kelly Bohola on winning €331 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>

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: You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. (Henry Ford)

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

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.

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) – 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

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.

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.