



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Straide

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Masses

October 24 & 25th 2020

Saturday 24th	8.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 25th	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community
Monday 26th	10.00 am	Private Intention
Tuesday 27th	10.00 am	Private Intention
Wednesday 28th	10.00 am	Private Intention
Thursday 29th	7.00 pm*	William and Nora Sheerin, daughter Breege, husband Vincent Deacy & all deceased of the Sheerin family, Ardcloon
Friday 30th	10.00 am	John (10 th Anniv.) & Kate Knight (8 th Anniv.) & son Jimmy Cloonconlon
Saturday 31st	7.30 pm	Pat Foy, Currane
Sunday 1st	11.00 am	All Saints Day

*Please note - the later times of Mass on Thursday at 7.00 pm.

Winter Time – begins on Saturday night at 2:00 am. Clocks go back by one hour. Masses from Sunday morning will be at the new winter time. Also, Saturday evening Vigil Masses will be at the earlier time of 7:30 pm.

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.

November Remembrance of the Dead – We hope to hold a *Service of Remembrance for the Dead* in the Church later in the month of November - tentative date is Wednesday, November 18th 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. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to have a congregation present on the night.

Online Masses - All Masses from Straide Church are now streamed online from the parish website – www.straideparish.com. Hopefully, you will be able to join us for at least one of our Masses each week as we continue to worship God, as best we can, in these difficult times. I encourage families to set aside thirty minutes each week, perhaps on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, to be together online. You could light a candle and join all of us across the community in prayer. You could also let family members who are away from home know of the online service. They might like to join you and us also.

Senior Line - If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning *SeniorLine*. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 804591 or visit www.thirdageireland.ie/seniorline for more information.

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>.

New Online “Offertory Collection” Donation Facility – You can now make your Offertory Donation simply, conveniently and securely online at our parish website – straideparish.com. Many thanks to those who use this new facility. The feedback has been very positive and very encouraging. Thank you for your ongoing generosity & support. This facility, like the web cam, has been introduced for the convenience of parishioners

Moy Davitt's News - Congratulations to Karen Dunne on winning €357 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. Many thanks to all who already use this facility. Thanks, also, for a generous donation (received during the week) towards the costs incurred in cleaning / sanitising the Church.

Thought for the Day - Not everything is cancelled: *Sunshine* is not cancelled, *Spring* is not cancelled, *Family time* is not cancelled, *Relationships* are not cancelled, *Reading* is not cancelled, *Creativity* is not cancelled, *Prayer* is not cancelled, *Music* is not cancelled, *Hobbies* are not cancelled, *Imagination* is not cancelled, *Kindness* is not cancelled, *Conversation* is not cancelled, *Hope* is not cancelled. Time to appreciate everything that has *not* been cancelled.

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

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. This can be a very good and appropriate way to commemorate the Holy Souls.

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 for our Prospectus. Please contact Karen McHale, Principal Recovery Educator 086 0294901 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) – 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.