



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

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### Masses

### Second Sunday of Advent - December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Dominic, Bridget, Anne & Joe Corcoran / Billy & Maisie Higgins
<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00 am	Lena (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) and Thomas (58 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Lynskey Knocksaxon
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Special Private Intention
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Special Private Intention
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Feast of Immaculate Conception - Special Private Intention
	7:00 pm*	Feast Day – Nora McHale (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) Oughtoosce Ballylahan
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm*	P.J. and Annie Ruane Knockshanbally
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm*	Patrick, Eileen and Thomas Mulroy
<b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Annie Kate & Paddy McKeown & decsd. of the McKeown / Dempsey fams. Currane
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00 am	Tom and Julia Fallon & their son Thomas Ballindooley, Co. Galway



\*Please note – the additional evening Mass on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and the later times of daily Masses on Thurs. & Fri at 7.00 pm.

**We remember in our prayers** – the souls of Ann Reddington-Cleary, Blackrocks Nursing Home Foxford, and late of Balla & Knockmore (sister of Kathleen McHale, Loughkerrane). Also Martina Beattie, Ballina (sister of Kate O'Hara, Blanemore) who died recently. Also Sean Walsh Tralee (brother of Kathleen Canning, Ballylahan) who died on Thurs.

**Church decorating for Christmas** – will take place on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Many hands make light work. Thanks to those who have already done much of the preparatory work already. A big *Thank You*, in particular, to the Rural Social Scheme for helping out during the week.

**Silence is Sacred** – Please make sure mobile phones are turned off while in the church, especially during Mass times. Please, also, refrain from talking at any time while in church. Remember, while in church we are in God's presence.

**The Coolegraine Lights** - were switched-on on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Due to Covid 19 there was no official switch on. Proceeds this year will go to Foxford and District Alzheimer Trust Charity.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** – ALONE Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**We look forward** - to welcoming Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers back when it is deemed appropriate and safe to do so. Hopefully, this will be sooner rather than later. However, it is safer to err on the side of caution.

**Many thanks** – to the donor of the new outdoor nativity figures. They are dedicated to the memory of a loved one. What a lovely thought & gesture. Thanks also to the parishioner who made the new crib to accommodate all 11 figures

**Ideas / Suggestions** – on the colour scheme for the church (to be painted in January) – are now being sought. If interested in advising please remain behind for a few moments after Sunday morning Mass.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - October 2022** - 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434 510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal** - donations of non-perishable goods can be dropped off in Turlough Stores XL. You can help people in need in your community by supporting the Castlebar SVP Christmas Food Appeal and providing festive foods for someone struggling this Christmas. Your kindness can provide practical support to get them through Christmas and beyond and ensure they don't go hungry. Thank you for your support.

**St. Vincent De Paul Annual Collection** - will be taken up at Masses on the weekend of Sat 11<sup>th</sup> and Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Envelopes are available at the exit doors. Please be as generous as possible. Many thanks for your support in the past.

**Lough Derg online shop** offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop) Telephone 071 9861518. Delivery nationwide. Click & Collect also available

<b>Offertory Collectors:</b>	December:	<b>Saturday Evening:</b>	Denis Canning & Paddy McHale
		<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	Michael Jordan & Peadar Lennon

**The Castlebar Rotary Club Christmas Tree of Remembrance** will run online again this year throughout the month of December in partnership with Western Care Association, you can access the Tree of Remembrance here <https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance>

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw** - Congratulations to Áine Healy on winning €360 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. 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>

**Thought:** What you bring away from the bible depends, to a large extent, on what you bring to it (O.W. Holmes).

**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)

**The HSE Living Well Programme** - The HSE are running a health programme free of charge for people living with a long term health condition (mental & physical). This programme helps people develop the skills and confidence to live a healthy and happy life. For more information or to book your place please contact Olga on 086 6078950, or email [olga.maguire@mayocil.ie](mailto:olga.maguire@mayocil.ie) or visit [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

**Bereavement Support Group at Knock Shrine** - Life after a family bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. A *Bereavement Support Group* meets every Wed at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. More information from Monica Morley Knock 094-9375320.

**Easing of Covid Restrictions** – The government / HSE have advised that restrictions on indoor religious services can be eased from October 22<sup>nd</sup>. From the weekend of October 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup>, the following will apply for the time being:

- \* Every second pew / seat will remain sealed off. This allows up to 100 to be present and socially distanced.
- \* Additional pews / seats can be made available for larger numbers, if required, on any given occasion.
- \* Holy Communion will be distributed at the appropriate time (as in pre-covid days).
- \* Readers can read from the lectern in the sanctuary or from the gallery if they so wish.
- \* No hand shaking at the Sign of Peace.
- \* Keep sanitizing the hands on entering and leaving the Church.
- \* Wearing a face covering is still obligatory.
- \* Newsletters are single use items. If you take one upon entering the Church, please bring it home – do not discard it.
- \* Standing at the back of Church during Mass continues to be prohibited.
- \* Collections will be taken up in the same manner as in recent weeks – i.e. baskets will not be passed about.

*Many thanks for your co-operation over the past months. Your actions have kept yourself (and others) safe & healthy. Please continue to observe the guidelines. Do not let your guard slip.*

**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 email [accordcharlestown@gmail.com](mailto:accordcharlestown@gmail.com).



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**Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service** - Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on 094-9005150 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (Monday - Friday) or email [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie).

**Knock Counselling Service** – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling)

#### 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 extremely hard at this time. **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.

**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.