



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11th & 12th 2021

Saturday, 11th	7:30 pm	Annie Kate & Paddy McKeown & decsd. of the McKeown / Dempsey fams. Currane	
Sunday, 12th	11:00 am	Tom and Julia Fallon & their son Thomas	Ballindooley, Co. Galway
Monday 13th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday, 14th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Wednesday, 15th	7:00 pm*	Tom & Bridget Jordan, Castlelucas / Jim & Bridie Jordan, Breaaffy	
Thursday, 16th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday, 17th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday, 18th	7:30 pm	Molly & Tommy Walsh	Islandeedy
Sunday, 19th	11:00 am	Merci Molloy (9 th anniv.)	Dublin / Straide



*Please note – the later time of daily Mass on Wednesday 15th at 7.00 pm.

Christmas Masses – Thankfully, Churches (at the moment) are not as restricted for numbers this Christmas as last year. However, cleaning and social distancing remains a priority in churches. To ensure the church remains a safe and comfortable environment for all who wish to attend Mass this Christmas, additional Masses have been scheduled. Thus, **Christmas Eve Masses will be at 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm and Christmas Day Masses will be at 8.30 am & 11.00 am.** Tickets will not be required for any Mass. However, should the church become full (100 max. allowed), it will be necessary to close entrances and ask people to attend another Mass. The 5.00 pm Vigil Mass may suit the younger children who want to be in bed before Santa arrives! Additional Readers, Stewards & Collectors are needed.

Church decorating for Christmas – A huge *Thank You* to all who helped complete the Church decorating for Christmas on Monday evening last. What a wonderful job was done in making the church so welcoming & inviting.

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 3rd December. Due to Covid 19 there was no official switch on. Proceeds this year will go to Foxford and District Alzheimer Trust Charity.

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 again for a few moments after Sunday morning Mass.

Christmas Confessions – Sadly, due to pandemic restrictions, we are not in a position to hold our usual *Advent Service of Reconciliation* again this year. Fr. Martin will be available for Confessions after every Mass from now until Christmas. Confessions can also be arranged for other times by appointment.

Monthly Visitation of the Sick – continues this month. Contact Fr. Martin if you wish to have him visit this month.

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

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Collection - will be taken up at Masses this weekend (Sat 11th and Sun 12th) Dec. SVdeP while envelopes are available at the exit doors. Please be as generous as possible. Many thanks for your support in the past. Envelopes can be placed in either the offertory collection basket or in the special SVdeP container at the back of the church. Loose coins/notes for the SVdeP should only be placed in the SVdeP container and not in offertory basket.

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. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 071 9861518. Delivery nationwide. Click & Collect also available.

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.

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

The Castlebar Rotary Club Christmas Tree of Remembrance - (<https://visufund.com/2021-mayo-tree-of-remembrance>) runs online throughout the month of December in partnership with Western Care Association.

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw - Congratulations to Kathleen Doherty on winning €393 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. Tickets are available in the usual outlets & by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

Thought for the Day: He who does not pray when the sun shines will not know how to pray when the clouds roll in.

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

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.

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 or visit 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 22nd. From the weekend of October 30th / 31st, 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.



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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.

Knock Counselling Service – available at (094) 93 75032 or log on to 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) – 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.