



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

Saturday 20th	7.30 pm	Micheál Killeen (7 th Anniversary)	Straide
Sunday 21st	11.00 am	Michael Smyth & deceased of the Smyth family	Wood Cottage Blanemore
Monday 22nd	10.00 am	Violet Jordan (Month's Mind)	Frenchpark
Tuesday 23rd	10.00 am	People of the Parish Community	
Wednesday 24th	7.00 pm	Evening Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 pm	
Thursday 25th	10.00 am	Private Intention	
Friday 26th	10.00 am	Private Intention	
Saturday 27th	7.30 pm	Private Intention	
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	People of the Parish Community	

February 20th & 21st 2021



The Season of Lent began on Wednesday last. Please join with us online for daily Mass if in a position to do so.

Holy Hour – will be held one evening a week throughout Lent after Wednesday evening Mass.

Trocaire Boxes – are available at the exit doors. Please take one home. A significant amount was raised last year.

Lenten Pledge – Those who wish to take the Pledge for Lent can find further details on www.pioneerassociation.ie

Volunteer Readers Sought – for Holy Week & Easter. It may not be possible, again this year, to have churches open to the public for Holy Week and Easter. However, it is permissible to have a minimal number of readers present for each service. This would add greatly to the Holy Week / Easter liturgies. Please contact Fr. Martin if you can help out.

Reading Resources for Lent – produced by the dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert are available on our parish website <http://www.straideparish.com/sample/wp-content/uploads/Lent2021.pdf>. Well worth a read and ideal while churches are closed for public worship.

Level 5 Coronavirus Guidance for Churches

Under Level 5 restrictions all Masses are online. The church will be open, as usual, for private visits.

During this period, all Masses from the church will take place as usual, but without a congregation present.

Mass Intentions (Anniversaries etc): Those already booked will take place as originally scheduled unless the family wishes to postpone. Due to the uncertainty surrounding church reopening, it is not possible to offer a rescheduled date. All Masses are available to watch online at www.straideparish.com

Baptisms: These can go ahead with minimum numbers (the baby, parents, godparents, and celebrant).

Weddings: are allowed with numbers limited to 6 people.

Funerals are limited to 10 people.

Please Keep Safe in the church: Use sanitizer gel; wear face covering and keep a safe distance from one another.

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 COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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 by calling 0818 222 024.

St. Vincent DePaul Foxford – are seeking volunteers from Straide to be part of their management committee. The organisation does a lot of very good work in Straide and would like representation from Straide on their management team. Please consider getting involved. Call (085) 8887777 in confidence for further information.

Living Well Programme - is a HSE workshop for adults living with a long-term health condition. The workshop is delivered over six workshops (2.5hrs x6) and is free of charge to those diagnosed with a mental or physical illness. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health condition. To avoid disappointment please book your place early by calling 086 6078950 or visit www.hse.ie/LivingWell.

All Masses from Straide Church - are now streamed online from the parish website – www.straideparish.com. Unfortunately, during this present level of lock down, it is not possible to have parishioners present at Masses. However, the Church remains open throughout the day for private visits and prayer.

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.

Offertory Collections – Sincere thanks to all who continue to drop in Offertory Envelopes to the parochial house at regular intervals and to those who make online donations through the parish website. It is much appreciated.

Altar Society February: Nora McNicholas & Marian McHale

Thought for the day: Kindness is the only investment that never fails!

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

Straide Cemetery Maps – are now due for updating. Updating takes place every three years. The existing maps have now been removed and will shortly be replaced with the new updated ones.

Bealach Nua - is a recovery oriented family peer support service which offers families / friends of people with mental health challenges an opportunity to engage with family peer supporters through individual, group work, wellness days and information evenings. For more information call (094) 9049392 / Fran (086) 0450835 / Noel (087) 9749288.

St Angela's College, Sligo - invites applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2021: *Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery*. The course is open to qualified primary school teachers; qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 14th May 2021. This date may be extended. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo. E. mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie or visit www.stangelas.nuigalway.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. (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

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.

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.