



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

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### Masses

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Evening Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 pm	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Private Intention	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	People of the Parish Community	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Michael Peyton (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Brownhill



**February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**The Season of Lent** - Please join with us online for daily Mass if in a position to do so – [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com).

**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](http://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.

**Ss. Peter & Paul National School Now Enrolling** - Ss. Peter and Paul N.S. is now open for enrolment for the school year 2021/22. If you would like to enrol your child, please enrol online or contact us and we will send you the relevant registration forms. Phone: (094) 90 31267, (087) 1508840. Email: [info@straidens.ie](mailto:info@straidens.ie). Website: [www.straidens.ie](http://www.straidens.ie)

**Prayer Reading Resources for Lent** – produced by the dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert are available on the parish website <http://www.straideparish.com>. Well worth a read and ideal while churches are closed for public worship.

**Charity Tax Rebate for 2020** – Thanks to all who supported us in our **Tax Rebate on Charitable Donations Scheme** for 2019. The amount this scheme raised for the parish on the 2019 returns was very significant. Many thanks to all who co-operated and to all who helped administer the scheme. The CHY3 forms, which were signed by participants one year ago, are valid for a five-year period. New forms need only be signed by those who did not do so last year and who now wish to be included in the scheme.

Forms are available at the exit doors. Tax rebate will continue to be sought by the parish on the donations of all who were included in the scheme last year, unless the parish is advised otherwise. The parish can claim back the tax already paid by parishioners on the contributions they have made to the Church (as a charitable institution) during 2020. This arrangement does not affect the amount of tax you pay, but allows the Church to claim back some of the income tax already paid by you.

**So, if you pay income tax (PAYE or Self Employed) and contribute to the Church, please help us with this Tax Rebate Scheme. Remember, the scheme allows us to get an extra €0.45 for every €1 you donate to the Church.** This applies to all collections for which there is an envelope in the Offertory Envelope Box – green, yellow and purple. Unfortunately, loose money put in the collection basket does not qualify for this scheme.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign** - this year focuses on the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. There is particular reference to South Sudan where conflict and poverty are a reality for many families. Find out more by visiting <https://www.trocaire.org/>. **Trócaire Boxes** - are available and can be collected in the church. Donations can also be made online. Please make whatever sacrifice you can to help *Trócaire's* great work throughout the world.

**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.

**Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service** - Helping people to stay at home is the new role of Local Link Mayo rural transport services. 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).

**You can now make your Offertory Donations** - simply, conveniently and securely online at our parish website – [straideparish.com](http://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 March:** Marian Tighe & Kathleen King

**Thought for the day:** One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.

**Newsletter:** Items for inclusion to be handed into the Parochial House by 12pm on Thursday or email [pp@straideparish.com](mailto:pp@straideparish.com).

**Additional News Items** - are included in the online Newsletter on [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com)

**All Masses from Straide Church** - are now streamed online from the parish website – [www.straideparish.com](http://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.

**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.

**Straide Cemetery Maps** – have now been updated and returned to their original locations.

**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.

### **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](http://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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie) or visit [www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.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. (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](http://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](mailto:accordcharlestown@gmail.com).