



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

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### Masses

### First Sunday of Advent - November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

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| <b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup></b> | 7:30 pm  | Ollie Flannery (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)                                | Straide            |
| <b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | 11:00 am | Julia & Pat Maloney / daughter Helen White / James & Bridget McDonnell | Ummoon             |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>    | 10:00 am | Holy Souls   |                    |
| <b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10:00 am | Holy Souls   |                    |
| <b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup></b> | 10:00 am | People of the Parish Community   |                    |
| <b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | 10:00 am | Private Intention  |                    |
| <b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>    | 7:00 pm  | Kathleen Hughes (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)                          | Knockafall         |
| <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 |



**Many thanks** - to all who attended the *Service of Remembrance for the Dead & Prayer for the Bereaved* on Tuesday evening last. We continue to remember all the souls from our community (and those connected to it) who have passed away. Thanks to our readers and to those who decorated the church so very beautifully for November.

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

**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.

**Fr Eugene Duffy** - will present a talk entitled, "*The Gospel Truth about Christmas*" via Zoom on Wednesday evening, December 1st at 8.00 pm. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89396823099?pwd=M25vRVBGaFJyWWtqVXdvTGxkDUG43dz09>. Meeting ID: 893 9682 3099 ; Passcode: 455382

**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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**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.

**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

### Rosters for December 2021

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| <b>Ministers of the Word:</b> Nov:   | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Claire Doherty & Shannon Maloney     |
|                                      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Kathleen Canning & Myra Deacy Keenan |
| <b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> Nov: | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Shannon Maloney                      |
|                                      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Myra Deacy Keenan                    |
| <b>Offertory Collectors:</b> Nov:    | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Denis Canning & Paddy McHale         |
|                                      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Michael Jordan & Peadar Lennon       |



**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.

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw** - Congratulations to Carmel Devaney on winning €320 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw on Saturday, 13th Nov. and to Shane & Rachel Heneghan who won €367 last Saturday's draw. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw. Tickets available-usual outlets and <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

**Thought for the Day:** Thanksgiving, to be truly thanksgiving, is first thanks and then giving. (An Old Proverb)

**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)

**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.

**Mayo Public Participation Network (PPN)** – Virtual Community Information Evening Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm. Evening to include: Funding Opportunities available to Community Groups. PPN FREE Training & Events. Talk on Staying Safe in our Communities by Community Garda. Mayo PPN 2022 Budget and Workplan. To round off the evening – a presentation on your Mental Health and Wellness. Booking essential – to register visit: [www.mayoppn.ie](http://www.mayoppn.ie)

**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).

**Viatres Christi invite you to our Free Online Conference:** Sharing of Key Learnings on Inclusive Volunteering; ensuring the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. You are invited to attend the Free Online Conference of the VIVID:T EU AVI Funded Project on Disability-inclusive Development, to be held Wednesday 1st Dec starting at 10:00am GMT (Dublin time). This project was focused on ensuring Inclusion of persons with Disabilities in volunteering. The conference will include a roundtable discussion about the role of leadership in disability inclusion, a showcase of free accessible training resources that anyone can use in their day-to-day work to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. You can register for the event through [link] <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vivid-t-project-sharing-of-key-learnings-at-accessible-online-conference-tickets-205641498257>

**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.