



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

October 2nd & 3rd 2021

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| Saturday, 2nd | 8:00 pm | Martin Walsh (4 th Anniv.), his wife Marian, brothers Joe & Tony, sisters Philomena & Mary and all the deceased of the Walsh & Lavelle families Ballylahan / Westport |
| Sunday, 3rd | 11:00 am | People of the Parish Community |
| Monday 4th | 10:00 am | Private Intention |
| Tuesday, 5th | 10:00 am | Private Intention |
| Wednesday, 6th | 10:00 am | Private Intention |
| Thursday, 7th | 10:00 am | Special Intention |
| Friday, 8th | 7:00 pm | John and Celia Walsh Blanemore |
| Saturday, 9th | 8:00 pm | William and Nora Sheeran, daughter Breege & Vincent Deacy & all deceased Sheeran fam |
| Sunday, 10th | 11:00 am | Josie Mooney (3 rd Anniv.) Aughaward |

We remember in our prayers – the soul of Elizabeth Stacey (nee Nolan), Ullard, Co. Carlow (sister of Josie Neary, Knockshanbally) who died during the week. May she Rest in Peace.

Many thanks - to all who made last Saturday's Confirmation ceremony so very special for everyone who attended and for all who watched online. First and foremost, thanks to the boys and girls who prepared so very well for the sacrament. Thanks to their teachers and, especially, Mrs. Murrhy. Thanks to those who cleaned and sanitized the church (and toilets) made it a safe and clean environment for all to enter. Thanks to the Altar Society for decorating the sanctuary so beautifully with flowers. Thanks, also, to the Rural Social Scheme who put up bunting and made sure the church grounds were looking so well. Last, but by no means least, a big Thank You to Bishop Paul Dempsey.

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.

Parish Loan – Many thanks to all who have been contributing so faithfully to the yellow *Church Conservation* envelopes over the past number of years. The generosity of parishioners and “friends of Straide Parish” at home and abroad has been truly remarkable and second to none. Although the pressing conservation works are now complete, the parish still has a debt of €15,000 to pay off. It was envisaged that fundraising would have cleared this debt by now. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, it has not been possible to do any fundraising over the past two years. The regular green envelopes cover the day to day running costs of the church (oil, electricity, insurance etc.) but they were never envisaged to be able to cover the costs associated with major structural works, like those that were needed in the parish church in recent years. Thus, the green envelopes had to be supplemented with yellow *Church Conservation* envelopes - earmarked specifically at defraying the costs associated with very significant structural repairs. Thanks to your generosity, those *Church Conservation* envelopes (along with significant fundraising) have been very successful in financing the works done to the church. However, we must now focus on the debt of €15,000 which remains. In the absence of fundraising, the parish has no option but to issue weekly “*Parish Loan Repayment*” envelopes. These specifically target the outstanding loan and replace the more generic “*Church Conservation*” envelopes. The new envelopes begin on October 3rd when the *Church Conservation* envelopes end, and they will extend over a NINE month period to July 1st 2022. We know that Covid 19 has left many people with reduced incomes. But, as always, we rely on the generosity of parishioners to support this appeal and to consider contributing whatever they *can* afford (and *only* if they can afford it) whenever they can. This will greatly improve the parish debt situation. It is important that the running costs associated with the church (including paying off its debts) is not left to *some* so that *all* can benefit. Everyone likes the parish church to be a comfortable, safe, clean, warm and inviting space for parishioners and visitors alike to attend for Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals, Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses etc. Bishop Dempsey put it very well last weekend when he said that Straide Church does not belong to him or to the Parish Priest of Straide but, rather, belongs to the entire people of Straide Community. Thus, anyone who is in a position to contribute should consider doing so - according to their means. Envelopes at back of Church. Donations can also be made securely and conveniently online at www.straideparish.com

Mass Intentions – for weekend Masses are now being taken again. This is possible due to the larger numbers allowed.

Altar Society for October – Marian Tighe & Kathleen King

Offertory Collection Rota for October

Saturday Evening: Maureen Maloney & Julia Molloy / **Sunday Morning:** Pdraig Doherty & Kevin Bogue

Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw - Congratulations to Michael Carroll on winning €252 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. Tickets from the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

Thought for the Day: Never look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness (James Thurber).

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

| Readers for October: | (First Reading / Psalm) | (Second Reading / Prayers of the Faithful) |
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| Saturday Evening: | Michael Kelly | Mary Kelly |
| Sunday Morning: | Imelda Canning | Katie Barrett |

Medjugorje Pilgrimage (40th Anniversary of Apparition) - Dates: 29th Sept-6th Oct 2021. From: Knock to Mostar (just 20 mins from Medjugorje). Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Cost - €765, includes flights, luxury coach transfers, Travel insurance, Accommodation & meals. Further details: Please contact Anne Keadin 086 - 376 6293

Bereavement Support Group- 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 Wednesday at 11am at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Monica Morley at Knock Shrine: 094-9375320.

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. The Season of Creation (or Creation Time), is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is '*Restoring Our Common Home*'. During this season we are asked to celebrate creation together and to protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action.

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path - will be offered on Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information call (071) 9861518.

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.

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.

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The Newman Institute in Ballina - plans to run the *Foundation in Counselling* course again this Autumn. It is a one-year part-time course which will begin 7th October and will run for 26 Thursday nights from 7pm to 10pm until 20th May 2022. There are also two Saturdays from 10am to 5pm to attend. Some people complete the course as a first step to train as a counsellor while others participate for their own self development or to help them to cope better in their workplace or family life. The cost of the course is €1,200 which can be paid in instalments. There is a deposit of €100 required to secure a place on the course and this will be deducted from the full price. Please email reception@newman.ie for enquiries or phone (096) 72066 for further details.

Western Care Association's Annual Door To Door Collection - is now taking place during September. To donate, find us on Facebook "Western Care Association" or on www.idonate.ie/wcador or on www.westerncare.com.

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.

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.

Revised Coronavirus Guidance for Churches – from September 6th to October 22nd

Masses: Churches can now have up to 50% capacity. In the case of Straide Church, this means 100 people (who must be seated) can be present. Thus, there is no longer a need for a ticket system to be in operation for weekend Masses.

Every second pew - will be taped off as opposed to two in every three pews taped off at present.

Livestreaming: All Masses will continue to be live streamed from the parish website (www.straideparish.com) for the time being. With restrictions on capacity loosening further in October, this facility may no longer be needed.

Baptisms: are subject to 50% church capacity as above. Gatherings in homes afterwards are subject to HSE guidelines

Weddings: Max of 100 people can be present in any Church. Hotel receptions afterwards subject to HSE guidelines.

Funerals: Up to 100 family members / friends / neighbours can be present in Straide Church .

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

Socially distanced seating – must be observed at all times in the Church.

Readers – can, again, read from the lectern in the sanctuary (as in pre Covid days) if comfortable doing so.

Offertory Collection – will be taken up by baskets as per pre Covid situation.

All attending Mass – must wear masks and be seated. Under no circumstances can people stand at the back of the Church throughout Mass. People standing at the back of Church are not socially distanced from those in the back seats

Tickets - for the weekend Masses are no longer necessary from September 6th.

Anniversary Masses at Weekends – It is possible, once again, to have Mass Intentions for Weekend Masses.

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.