



Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Straide

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Masses

September 4th & 5th 2021

Saturday, 4th	8:00 pm	People of the Parish Community	[Ticket Only]
Sunday, 5th	11:00 am	Private Intention	[Ticket Only]
Monday 6th	7:00 pm*	Eamon & Agnes McNicholas	Tavna
Tuesday, 7th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Wednesday, 8th	7:00 pm*	Special Intention	
Thursday, 9th	10:00 am	Private Intention	
Friday, 10th	7:00 pm*	Private Intention	
Saturday, 11th	11:00 am	First Holy Communion	[Family Only]
	8:00 pm	Mary and Jim Jennings	Blackfort
Sunday, 12th	11:00 am	Willaim and Annie O'Donnell (Grallagh) & daughter Maureen Barnacle (Sligo)	

The Harvest Collection – Many thanks to all who contributed to this collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Donations can still be made. There is an envelope for this purpose in the Offertory Box of envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available at the exit doors. Donations can also be made online at www.straideparish.com

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound – has recommenced for those who have been fully vaccinated (for at least two weeks) and who would like a visit. Contact Fr. Martin if you wish to be added to the monthly Visitation List.

First Communion & Confirmation Dates - Subject to Public Health Guidelines they are as follows:
First Communion on Saturday, September 11th at 11.00 am; Confirmation on Saturday, September 25th at 12.00 pm.

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.

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.

***Please note** - the later time of Masses on Monday 6th, Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th at 7:00 pm.

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.

A Big Thank You – to our stewards who helped out at the back of the Church for the past several months. Well done.

Offertory Donations – can be made entering or leaving the church by using the Offertory Boxes at all entrances/exits. Basket collections (as in pre Covid days) will recommence next weekend (September 11th / 12th).

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path - will be offered on Sunday 11th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & 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.

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/wcdoor or on www.westerncare.com. If you would like to donate in any other way, we would be very happy to talk to you. Contact Teresa Ward on 094 90 29174.

Altar Society for September – Nora McNicholas and Marian McHale

Thought for the Day: There are far far better things ahead than any we leave behind (C.S. Lewis).

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

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.

Anam Cara - would like to invite you to join us for an *online* Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. This events will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

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.

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.

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.

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.