



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

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### Masses

September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

<b>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 pm	Deceased of the Maloney and Ruane families / Michael O'Malley Tavna
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00 am	People of the Parish Community
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 am	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 am	Private Intention
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7:00 pm*	Private Intention
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Special Intention
<b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	12:00 pm	Confirmation Ceremony with Bishop Dempsey [Private to Families Only]
	8:00 pm	Private Intention
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00 am	People of the Parish Community

**\*Please note** – the later time of Mass on Thursday at 7.00 pm.

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

**The Season of Creation** has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** (40th Anniversary of Apparition) - Dates: 1st Week - 22nd Sept-29th Sept 2021. 2nd Week - 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. Accommodation: 2 mins from St James Catholic Church. Further details: Please contact Anne Keadin 086 - 376 6293

**Confirmation Congratulations & Best Wishes** – go to Aoife, Clodagh, Conall, Daniel, Emma, Eoin, Isabel, Liam, Lilly, Padraig and Tia who will be confirmed by Bishop Dempsey on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. God's Blessings to all.

**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.

**Banking at the Post Office** – Ballyvary Post Office is pleased to offer the following services:

**An Post Current A/C's** – Cash / cheque lodgements and withdrawals. An Post credit card payments.

**AIB** - Cash lodgements / withdrawals and credit card payments.

**ULSTER BANK** - Cash lodgements and credit card payments.

**BOI** – Cash / cheque lodgements and withdrawals.

**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. Further information from Monica Morley at Knock Shrine: 094-9375320.

**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](http://www.idonate.ie/wcdoor) or on [www.westerncare.com](http://www.westerncare.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](mailto:olga.maguire@mayocil.ie) or visit [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell).

**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** - will be offered on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Altar Society for September** – Nora McNicholas and Marian McHale

### Offertory Collection Rota for September

**Saturday Evening:** Denis Canning & Paddy McHale / **Sunday Morning:** Michael Jordan & Peadar Lennon

**Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw** - A huge thank you to everyone who supports the draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

**Thought for the Day:** Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one in front of you!

**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)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October and will run for 26 Thursday nights from 7pm to 10pm until 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:reception@newman.ie) for enquiries or phone (096) 72066 for further details.

**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](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie).

### **Revised Coronavirus Guidance for Churches – from September 6<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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).

**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.