



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

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January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

### Masses

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| <b>Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | 7:30 pm  | Special Private Intention   |            |
| <b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>    | 11:00 am | Eileen Stephens (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)   | Grallagh   |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>     | 10:00 am | People of the Parish Community  |            |
| <b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | 7:00 pm* | Mary Murray / Bridget & Liam Devaney  | Ummoon     |
| <b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b> | 7:00 pm* | Vigil Mass – Feast of Epiphany  |            |
| <b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10:00 am | Feast of Epiphany - Private Intention   |            |
| <b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>    | 7:00 pm* | Mary Ellen and James McHugh & daughter, Breege Reilly,  | Blanemore  |
| <b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7:30 pm  | Bertie Rainey, his son Dominic and Dominic's wife Carmel<br>and deceased of the Rainey family | Blanemore  |
| <b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | 11:00 am | John Lynskey (died 11/01/1922)  | Knocksaxon |



\*Please note – the later time of Masses on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Priest's Christmas Collection** – Many thanks to all who contributed to this collection over Christmas – either by way of envelope or online. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you have overlooked the matter, contributions can still be handed in. A special envelope is included in the Offertory Box of envelopes. Loose envelopes are also available at the exit doors for those who do not use the Offertory Envelope system.

**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.

### Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Liturgies in Straide so very dignified and elevating, and to all who help out throughout the entire year and give of their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm in helping to run our parish. Without your help and support it would not be possible to have the very vibrant parish community we are so proud to have here in Straide.

Thanks to the Altar Society, the Choirs, the Cleaners, the Collectors, the Counters, the Finance Council, the RSS workers, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Pastoral Council, the Readers, those who pray the Prayers of the Faithful, the Safeguarding Children personnel, the Staff of the Primary School, those who donated flowers, lights and decorations, those who decorated inside & outside of the Church for Christmas (especially the flowers, the lights & the trees), those who made, donated and erected the three cribs (one inside and two outside the Church), those who made and donated the outdoor trees, the door stewards, the church cleaners / sanitizers, those who clean the brass, the silverware & altar linen in the Church and all those others who help quietly behind the scenes and whose good deeds are known only to God alone. Thanks, also, to those who donated replacement lights and decorations when needed. It meant no parish funds were, again this year, spent on decorating the church or grounds. May God Bless you all and reward you.

**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.

**Readers** – can pick up their January readings from the back of the Church. Many thanks to all our readers.

### Rosters for January 2022

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| <b>Ministers of the Word:</b>   | Jan: | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Fiona Bogue                     |
|                                 |      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Deirdre Coleman & Sarah Canning |
| <b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> | Jan: | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Fiona Bogue                     |
|                                 |      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Sarah Canning                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors:</b>    | Jan: | <b>Saturday Evening:</b> | Maureen Maloney & Julia Molloy  |
|                                 |      | <b>Sunday Morning:</b>   | Kieran Jordan & Kevin Bogue     |
| <b>Altar Society:</b>           | Jan: | N/A                      |                                 |



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

**Donations to all collections** - can be made securely and conveniently online at [www.straideparish.com](http://www.straideparish.com).

**Turlough Stores XL** - would like to thank all who generously donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas food appeal. We were delighted to drop off all the donations to the Castlebar SVP office for distribution. Your support was much appreciated and greatly received.

### Thought for the Day:

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

**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 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).

**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.

**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.